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Horst Zingraf 24.3.1939 – 26.12.2020

Horst Zingraf, former AEFCA 1st. Vice-President (2004-2013), President German BDFL (2003 – 2012) and Honorary President of BDFL, died on December 26, 2020 at the age of 81 in his home in Saarland after a long illness.

For nine years as President, Zingraf made a decisive contribution to shaping the AEFCA (former UEFT) and the BDFL and making it fit for the future.

We will always remember him and his merits. We mourn Horst Zingraf. With him, the AEFCA loses one of its greatest personalities. He was an outstanding and widely respected colleague as well as a functionary.

Despite his impressive sporting and professional career, Horst was always a helpful person who was always available to everyone with advice and action.

He leaves a huge void and his loss makes us infinitely sad.



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Our thoughts are with his wife Inge and his family, to whom we would like to express our deepest sympathy and condolences. "

Born in Saarland, he played as a goalkeeper in the former Oberliga Südwest (1st German league) at the clubs Sportfreunde Saarbrücken, Röchling Völklingen and 1. FC Saarbrücken.

The educated elementary school teacher resisted lucrative offers from the newly founded Bundesliga in order to complete a degree in German and Sports Science at the University of Saarland.

He then worked as a lecturer at the Sports Science Institute of Saarbrücken University, where he trained sports teachers until 1993.

This was followed by more than ten years as Senior Sales Director Europe at *adidas* in Herzogenaurach, until he retired in 2004.

The A-license holder had his most successful time as a soccer coach in the early 1970s at 1. FC Saarbrücken, where he replaced Otto Rehhagel as head coach.

With Horst Zingraf, we are not only losing an outstanding and formative functionary who has worked intensively with high professional competence for the interests of AEFCFA and BDFL, but also a popular trainer colleague and sincere friend.

We will always keep an honorable memory of him!

Jürgen Pforr

AEFCFA-Secretary General

