



Dear SUDS friends

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It is with a deep sadness that we inform you of an enormous loss to our sporting community.

On Thursday 26 March 2020, the President of SUDS, Dr Geoff Smedley sadly passed away following a battle with Corona Virus.

Geoff was involved the very first event for athletes with Down Syndrome and SUDS from the start in 2002, right up until the most recent event in Portugal, December 2019, as well as the preparations for the 2020 Trisome Games in Turkey.

In addition to his devotion to his work, our cherished athletes and to the improvement of disability sport globally, Geoff's passion, work ethic, energy, commitment and integrity shone through in everything he did.

He was a caring and beloved family man, an esteemed colleague, a scholar, mentor and friend. Geoff will be missed by many, but never will he be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to have known him!

We are thinking of his family, who graciously shared him with us, in this difficult time.

It was a privilege to call you a friend. We salute you Geoff - may you rest in peace.

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