

## **John Dunn**

### **ISA Board Member Nominee**

Whilst many of you may have seen me at various competitions and National Championships you may not be aware of my past experiences and I appreciate the opportunity to share those with you.

I have been involved in skating for 27 years. Having represented Great Britain at the international level I then moved into coaching. I was appointed National Ice Dance Coach in Spain where I implemented an Ice Dance program which saw the emergence of Spain on the International circuit with my team Sara Hurtado and Adria Diaz. As part of my coaching role with the Spanish Federation I also worked with the singles skaters such as Javier Fernandez to assist in the continued development of skating. I also assisted with the development of coaches and officials in Spain.

In 2011 I was a guest speaker for the British Olympic Committee at a pre Olympic training camp and in 2013 Nikolai Morozov invited me to Moscow to assist in the preparation of Elena Ilinykh and Nikita Katsalapov for the 2014 Winter Olympic Games where they won Gold in the team event and Bronze in the Ice Dance event. I have also worked with skaters and federations across Europe.

My time in Spain provided me with a better understanding of the difficulties that smaller nations face in the continued development and growth of the sport. Upon moving to Australia this was something that I was and still am very passionate about being involved with here. Before moving to Australia I was the coach representative on the ISU Ice Dance Technical Committee. This provided me with the opportunity to build strong and positive relationships with coaches and officials from across the World and with the ISU which is something I believe would be a positive attribute to bring to the ISA Board. During my time on the ISU I was involved with athlete development visiting many countries to present seminars, and the writing of rules and regulations. I attended 3 ISU Congresses and believe it is vitally important for smaller skating nations to have a voice. I have a good understanding of how the ISU works and how important it is for the ISU Members to continue to develop and promote the sport in their country.

Strategic planning is an important part of any Association and looking not just at the now but also to the future. Having been a part of the ISU Ice Dance Technical Committee I fully understand the importance of team work and working together for a common goal. I am passionate about the sport and would greatly appreciate the opportunity to be part of the ISA Board to build an even stronger skating community for all.