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## FIM Europe mourns Kenneth Throndsen's departure



FIM Europe mourns Kenneth Throndsen's departure: a member in the Norwegian Drag Bike Commission, Kenneth was born August 23 1955. He had been involved in Drag Bike since the mid 80's and was holder of licenses for both motorcycles and cars.

He worked as technical scrutineer both in Norway and abroad, and was asked to be Jury President during the Grand Opening at Gardermoen raceway from 3rd to 7th of August 2016.

Due to his academic and technical strength and recognition in Drag Bike community, the Norwegian Motorsport Federation was asked to nominate him as a member of Drag Bike Commission in FIM Europe. There, he served as technical expert and was a positive contributor to the development of Drag Bike in Europe.

*"Yesterday came the incredible sad news that Kenneth Throndsen has passed away after a short illness", stated Lin Granlund, chairwoman of the Norwegian Drag Bike Commission.*

*"Kenneth was arguably the most knowledgeable official in drag race in Norway, all organizers, officials and athletes benefited from. For years he was a monument, not only in Norwegian, but also in European drag racing.*

*"He has held numerous positions, both at home and abroad, and has given his life to drag racing.*

*"Kenneth was friends with everyone and worked faithfully on both the car and motorcycle side. He was clearly a link in our sport.*



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*“When Gardermoen Raceway now being upgraded, Kenneth has a good share of the credit.*

*“He sat in the court committee, and was behind many of the solutions.*

*“Therefore, we are very pleased that Kenneth defied the disease and even got to see the status of the track, a few days ago. This shows how much heart he had for the sport.*

*“Kenneth called us his drag racing family, now we unite in grief.*

*“Our thoughts and deepest sympathy go to his family”, concludes Lin Granlund.*

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