

# Ivor Dent, Ph. D.

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If a leader is someone who sees not only what is, but what could be, whose dreams inspire others to reach beyond the average to the outstanding, whose ideas spark enthusiasm in all who share them, then Ivor Dent is a true leader. No other person in the Canadian Commonwealth Games movement has done more to bring the Association from relative obscurity to the forefront of amateur sport in Canada.

Ivor Dent's impact on sport in Canada is unparalleled, his dreams visionary. In August 1978 athletes from around the world proudly paraded into Edmonton's stadium to the cheers and thunderous applause of thousands of spectators. The biggest Games to date in the history of the Commonwealth Games, Edmonton heralded Canada's prominence in the Commonwealth family — and realized the dreams of the city's mayor, Ivor Dent, the driving force behind the Games.

In over a quarter of a century of dedicated service, Ivor Dent has worked tirelessly to promote Canada's participation in the Games and in the Commonwealth Games Federation. As president of the CGAC, he led Canada's successful bid to host the 1994 Games and during the six years leading up to the Victoria Games, freely and enthusiastically shared his knowledge and experience with the Victoria Commonwealth Games Society.

The global network he built while campaigning for the Edmonton Games has continued to grow and, now, many years later, the CGAC still reaps the benefits of these invaluable relationships and of the high esteem Canada is held, due in large part, to Ivor Dent.

Ivor Dent has never ceased to dream — and his dreams become his motivation. The most recent reached fruition with the Commonwealth Sport Development Program — a Canadian initiative which is providing opportunities previously unimaginable to young athletes in developing countries around the Commonwealth.

The Commonwealth Games Association is proud to honour Ivor Dent for his dedicated contribution to the ideals of the Association and for his vision and leadership. It is safe to say that the Commonwealth Games Association of Canada of today would be a much different organization were it not for this very special man.

