

Dr. Woldemeskel Kostre



Dr. Woldemeskel was born on January 29, 1947 in Menfes (Spirit), a small village in Tegulet and Bulga district of Northern Shoa province.

He received his Doctorate Degree in Physical Education from Hungary. Dr. Woldemeskel was soon named assistant coach of the national athletics team, which was preparing for the 1972 Munich Olympic Games.

Dr. Woldemeskel is by far Ethiopia's greatest and most successful coach. Even a serious car accident that forced him to walk with the help of a cane couldn't deter him from doing what he does best.

Dr. Woldemeskel is known for his great ability in spotting and nurturing young talents. He has been instrumental in developing the career of so many of our country's greatest athletes. He was instrumental in the introduction and implementation of athletic youth projects in all parts of the country.

Dr. Woldemeskel's coaching ability is also recognized around the world as he was named Coach of the Year by the International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF) in 2006. The government has awarded him prize money several times for his contribution in Ethiopian Athletics and the successes that our athletes achieved in international competitions such as the Olympic Games, IAAF World Championships, the African Athletics Championship, etc.....

Ethiopian athletes have won a total of 38 Olympic medals (18 Gold, 6 Silver & 14 Bronze) since they first took part at the 1960 Rome Olympics. The number of medals won by Ethiopian athletes since Dr. Woldemeskel took over the national head coach position is 28 (13 Gold, 5 Silver & 10 Bronze)

Dr. Woldemeskel Kostre was honored by SEED in 2011. The country lost a great legend. He will be greatly missed.

SEED wishes Dr. Woldemeskel family and friend's sincere condolence.
May his soul rest in peace.