

Farewell To Ralph Citro

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It is with sadness to report that boxing legend Ralph Citro has passed away at the age of 78. Ralph's contributions to boxing have been numerous and he received recognition for his efforts a few years ago when he was inducted into the International Boxing Hall Of Fame in Canastota, N.Y.

Ralph earned a reputation as a top flight cut man throughout his association with the sport. Nevertheless Ralph's contributions go far beyond that. He began the publication Computer Boxing Update in 1984 and it evolved into today's standard for the upkeep of boxing records. Ralph had Computer Boxing Update until 1993. Then he took over as Director of the International Boxing Research Organization (I.B.R.O.).

I became a member of I.B.R.O. around 1994. I had never met Ralph but I've talked to him on numerous occasions. To me I.B.R.O. is boxing's best kept secret. Ralph worked hard to give I.B.R.O. a rock solid foundation. Ralph handed over the directship to the very capable Dan Cuoco in the year 2000. Dan has done an excellent job. I'm sure Ralph was very proud.

My sympathy goes out to Ralph's family. He will be fondly remembered and sorely missed by the boxing community.