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Col. Iain Ferguson, O.B.E. 1994 IFEA Hall of Fame Inductee The Royal Tournament



IFEA Hall of Fame inductee Iain Ferguson was very pleased with the great honor for The Royal Tournament and a much appreciated recognition of their 15-year membership with the IFEA when told of his induction into the IFEA Hall of Fame.

Colonel Ferguson left the Army in 1981 to become Director of The Royal Tournament in London, a festival of military games and pageantry which promotes the armed services and supports service charities. His first duty

was to attend the 1981 IFA Convention in Alaska, where he formed many of the friendships which have remained valuable to this day.

Through IFA, he has judged floats at the Indianapolis 500, Tournament of Roses, Portland Rose Festival and Kentucky Derby Festival. In the past few years he has been unable to give IFA the time that he would wish as The Royal Tournament has been under constant threat, a part of the cuts in British defense costs. However, in July this year, the future was secured for two more years.

Now 62, Colonel Ferguson said he looks forward, in the not too distant future, to a quiet life in his thatched Suffolk farmhouse.

"Perhaps my wife Margaret, after organizing a huge flower show in May 1995 to celebrate the Centenary of Westminster Cathedral, will agree that it is time to do the same," he said.