

CHRISTINE MÜLLER, SWITZERLAND



World beating masters athletes Christine Müller reached 50 this summer, Christine holds world and European records short and long hurdles, and also competes in the combined events as well sprints and long jump. She still hold the world records in W45 80m Hurdles 11.51 and W45 indoor 60M Hurdles 8.79 and now the W50 80m Hurdles 12.23, W50 300m Hurdles 45.05. She is the current European W45 recorder holder plus several other European records in other events. At the EVAA 2008 Stadia championships in Ljubljana, Slovenia, in July and August she won 3 gold medals and 1 silver medal. Christine started competing in 1995 at the WMA Stadia championships in Buffalo, USA and has since won more than 48 medals (30 in gold), all in individual competitions. She enjoys competing and the friendship and camaraderie and also competes for her home club LC Zürich in the team with young athlete where she runs 100m hurdles and 400m hurdles, and when not competing she is also an official at many meetings including the Golden Leagues. It is a great honour to be chosen as the WMA Best female Master, and thanks to my coach and all those that have helped me to attain this award.

Congratulations to Christine WMA 2008 WMA Best Female Master

WOLFGANG RITTE : GERMANY



Wolfgang is now 55 years old, he started pole vaulting when he was 5 years old with his grand father. In 1971 he became the German Junior Champion the first of many titles, and vaulted 4.86m a new national record for juniors. As a Master Athlete he has won 22 gold medals in International Championships. In 2007 at the WMA Stadia championships, Riccione, Italy, he won with a vault of 4.42m and at the 2008 WMA Indoor championships, Clermont-Ferrand, France, he won with a vault of 4.31m setting a new world indoor record. In 2008 he raised the Outdoor world record to 4.60m and has done this distance several times this year. Wolfgang is coached by his wife who is also a pole vaulter winning gold medals at WMA Championships. For an athlete that continues to enjoy his sport, breaking and setting new records to be chosen as the 2008 WMA Best Master, and to attend the IAF Gala, he says is one of the greatest honour so far in his athletic carrier.

Congratulations to Wolfgang WMA 2008 WMA Best Male Master

