

European Best Veteran 2008

Best Male Veteran:

Wolfgang Ritte, GER, 070153 (M55) was elected "European Best Veteran 2008" in man athletics.

He has in 2008 brought the World Records in Pole Vault both Indoors (431) and Outdoors (460).

In World Masters Championships Indoor in Clermont Ferrand, FRA he won Pole Vault with the World Record 431 (99 centimetres before the second man). In EVACS in Ljubljana, SLO he won with the Championship Record 426.

He is superior to the other veterans in his age group and has outclassed the old World records. His 460 outdoors is an improvement of the Swede Hans Lagerkvist's "classic" World Record from 1996 with 34 centimetres and he has improved Han's Indoor Record with 21 centimetres.

Best Female Veteran:

Christine Müller, SUI, 220758 (W50), was elected "European Best Veteran 2008" in woman athletics.

She has in 2008 improved two world record, in 80 m hurdles (12.23) and 300 m hurdles (45.05) and has outclassed the old world records

In 80m hurdles Christine has improved the "classic" World Record of Phil Rascker, USA from 1997 with 45 hundredths. In 300m she improved the World Record of Jane Horder, GBR with 1.14 seconds.

It was in EVACS in Ljubljana she brought the world records and won 80 m hurdles (12.23) and 300 m hurdles (45.05). She was superior to the other veterans in W50.

In World Masters Championships Indoor in Clermont Ferrand she won 60m Hurdles in W45 (8.90).

The other nominees were:

Women: Evaun Williams, GER and Christiane Schmalbruch, GER

Men: Jesus Borrego, ESP, Arild Busterud, NOR and Erik Eriksson, FRA