



# International Masters' Speed Skating Committee (IMSSC)

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## Latest Speed Skating News (2011/2012)

**29 Apr 2012**

### **35<sup>th</sup> IMSSC Session – Proposals Issued**

vs. The proposals for the 35<sup>th</sup> IMSSC Session on 02 June 2012 in Krefeld/GERMANY were issued now on our website under <http://www.imssc.org/imssc-sess-12-2-prop.pdf>. 47 proposals were made from 8 Nations (last year 32), the most of them for the amendment of the IMSSC Constitution and IMSSC Competition Rules. 9 postponed proposals from the 34<sup>th</sup> IMSSC Session in 2011 have additionally to be decided at the session.

**27 Mar/17 May 2012**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> RSDR Kolomna/RUS**

br. On 23 – 25 Mar 2012 were held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Masters' International RUSSIAN SINGLE DISTANCE RACES in the speed skating center of **Moscow Region**, the ice hall of **Kolomna**. At the competitions there were competing **130 athletes from 8 countries (AUS, BEL, NOR, GER, ITA, KAZ, RUS, UKR)** in the five year age groups AG 20 – 85. In the competition representatives of 39 regions of the Russian Federation took part, among the regions Chelyabinsk, Irkutsk, Olenegorsk, Tver, Ekaterinburg, Cheboksary, Perm, Angarsk, Omsk, Moscow, Moscow Region and St. Petersburg. Good results have been reached by the competitors and 8 IMSSC Records were lowered: **Alla Berezina F70/RUS** 3000 m 6:05,73 min, Allround Ladies (500 m, 1500m/1000 m, 3000 m) 240,867 points; **Galina Petrova F55/RUS** 1500 m 2:20,67 min, 1000 m 1:32,82, min, Allround Ladies (500 m, 1500 m/1000 m, 3000 m) 189,852 points; **Ramir Kuramshin M75/RUS** Allround Men (500 m, 3000 m/1500 m, 5000 m) 212,961 points; **Boris Repnin M45/RUS** Allround Small Men (500 m, 1500 m/1000 m/3000 m) 160,373 points; **Vladimir Kostin M35/KAZ** 1000 m 1:12,98 min. Great support for the competitions was given by the administration of the town Kolomna. The ice had a high quality as noted by all athletes. Results are published on <http://www.speedskatingresults.com/index.php?p=2&e=8617>. Event information has been provided by SC Kolomna on [http://www.kolomna-speed-skating.com/ru/pressroom/press\\_releases/1331.html](http://www.kolomna-speed-skating.com/ru/pressroom/press_releases/1331.html). You find pictures under [www.imssc.org/RSDR-pictures.zip](http://www.imssc.org/RSDR-pictures.zip) (loading zip-document takes a relatively long time). Pictures have also been published on <http://www.rsum.ru>.

**10 Mar /17 May 2012**

### **21<sup>st</sup> ALLROUND GAMES Erfurt/GER**

vs. The 21<sup>st</sup> Masters' International ALLROUND GAMES were held on 09 – 11 Mar 2012 in **Erfurt/Germany** in the nice Gunda-Niemann-Stirnemann-Icehall. **192 competitors (43 Ladies, 149 Men) from 15 Nations (AUS 1, AUT 1, BLR 5, CAN 7, ESP 1, FIN 8, GER 28, ITA 6, KAZ 2, NED 67, NOR 39, RUS 15, SUI 5, SWE 3, USA 4)** took part in the competitions. Good results were reached on the 3 competition days on good ice. At the 3 distances respectively 4 distances of the Allround Combinations 500 m, 1000 m, 1500 m (Ladies from F 70), 500 m, 1500 m, 1000 m, 3000 m (Ladies and Men from M65), and

500 m, 3000 m, 1500 m, 5000 m (Men M30 – M60) **8 IMSSC Records 2011** have been lowered: **Tatjana Sidorova F75/RUS** 500 m 59,66 sec, 1000 m 2:00,68 min, 1500 m 3:06,90 min, 3 distances combination (500 m, 1000 m, 1500 m) 182,300 points; **Galina Petrova F55/RUS** 500 m 46,83 sec; **Martin Haakon Fagna M80/NOR** 1000 m 1:55,14 min; **Arjan Bakker M 50/NED** 5000 m 7:02,49 min, 4 distances combination (500 m, 1500 m, 3000 m, 5000 m) 165,793 points. Results can be found on <http://www.eisschnellauf-erfurt.de>. Nearly all competitors were at the Drawing, the Welcome Drink and the Closing Banquet which took place at the “Alte Parteischule”. This building, erected in 1969 – 1970 as “SED Bezirksparteischule Ernst Thälmann”, a typical and interesting building of the DDR architecture in the 1970s, is today under a preservation order. The Drawing was held in the Auditorium Maximum and the Welcome Drink took place in the large Foyer with tasty finger food and different beverages on Thursday before the competition start on Friday. The Closing Banquet with a warm buffet and a nice victory ceremony was held after the competitions Sunday evening in the large Festival Hall. During the whole evening competition pictures could be seen on a large screen and music was made by a competent disc jockey. At the late evening the competitors still ventured on the dance floor accompanied by hot music and showed their remaining fitness.

## 06 Mar 2012

### 15<sup>th</sup> MASTER CUP Berlin/GER

vs. The 15<sup>th</sup> Masters' International MASTER CUP was held on 03 – 04 Mar 2012 in Berlin-Hohenschönhausen/Germany in the Icehall Sportforum. **80 competitors (13 Ladies, 67 Men) from 7 Nations (CAN 2, GER 29, ITA 1, JAP 3, NED 13, NOR 22, RUS 8, SUI 2)** took part. Good times were reached on top ice. The competition was guided very well by a competent large jury under the Main Referee **Kurt Ney**. Fortunately all competitors in the four distances competition were allowed to skate the 4<sup>th</sup> distance, also the Men (M20 – M60) with the largest distance 5000 m. The drawing was made Friday evening before the competition on Saturday and Sunday in the Competition Hotel Kolumbus and was followed by a rich buffet. Mr **Jörg Krakow**, Head of the Organization Committee welcomed the competitors and especially the **skaters from Japan**, participating for the first time at the Masters' Master Cup in Berlin. You find the complete results of the competition on the webpage [http://www.eisschnellauf-in-berlin.de/pdf/Masters Berlin 03-04-03-12.pdf](http://www.eisschnellauf-in-berlin.de/pdf/Masters%20Berlin%2003-04-03-12.pdf).

## 29 Feb 2012

### 4<sup>th</sup> SPRINT GAMES Heerenveen/NED

vs. The 4<sup>th</sup> Masters' International SPRINT GAMES took place on 25 - 26 Feb 2012 in Heerenveen/Netherlands in the famous nice Ice Hall Thialf. **216 speed skaters (47 Ladies, 169 Men) from 14 Nations (BEL 1, CAN 3, ESP 1, FIN 13, ITA 7, JAP 8, KAZ 8, NED 96, NOR 39, RUS 15, SUI 2, SWE 1, USA 5)** competed on very good ice. For the first time we had **large teams from Japan and Kazakhstan** at Masters' Games. **11 IMSSC Records 2011** were lowered or equalized: **Renske Winters F35/NED** Sprint Ladies (500 m, 1000 m/ 500 m, 1000 m) 172,920 points; **Kaska Rogulska F40/NED** Sprint Ladies (500 m, 1000 m/ 500 m, 1000 m) 174,210 points; **Monique Boerema F50/NED** 500 m 44,87 sec, 1000 m 1:27,95 min, 500 m 44,87 sec, Sprint Ladies (500 m, 1000 m/ 500 m, 1000 m) 177,730 points; **Noor van der Ster F55/NED** Sprint Ladies (500 m, 1000 m/ 500 m, 1000 m) 191,685 points; **Thea Kroontje F65/NED** Sprint Ladies (500 m, 1000 m/ 500 m, 1000 m) 172,920 points; **Frans Rietveld M70/NED** Sprint Men (500 m, 1000 m/ 500 m, 1000 m) 184,600 points; **Ramir Kuramshin M75/RUS** Sprint Men (500 m, 1000 m/ 500 m, 1000 m) 200,805 points. But it has to be mentioned that some of them were already more lowered at the 15<sup>th</sup> Masters' Sprint Classics in Inzell in January (see below). Additionally a lot of personal bests were skated. The Welcome Drink with food and beverages in the nice Champions Bar was a fine opening and the Closing Banquet in the large Party Halls of the Thialf was excellent. The

excursion to the fantastic Skating Museum Hindeloopen “**Eerste Friese Schaatsmuseum**” was very interesting for all visitors. All skaters could buy a nice poster of the 4<sup>th</sup> SPRINT GAMES with a nice photo of them skating at the competition. The **Victory Ceremony with life music and dance** was a large happening. **Bram de Vries**, head of the organizing committee and his wife **Trudy de Vries**, supporting him strongly, were honoured for their large national and international effort. **Volker Serini**, **ISU Masters Coordinator**, expressed the great thanks of the Masters to the perfect working Jury and to the excellent Organization Committee and invited for the **5<sup>th</sup> Masters’ SPRINT GAMES 2013 in Kearns/Salt Lake City/Utah/USA**. Results, **Final Classification und Results in Pairs** with lap times, can be found on <http://www.schaatscircuit.nl> under the keywords “NIEUWS” and “4<sup>th</sup> Masters’ International Speed Skating Sprint Games”.

**28 Feb 2012**

### **35<sup>th</sup> IMSSC Session 2012, Invitation Issued**

vs. The 35<sup>th</sup> IMSSC Session will be held in Krefeld/Germany on 02 Jun 2012. Important decisions will be made. The invitation with the agenda can be found on [www.imssc.org/imssc-sess-12-1-inv.pdf](http://www.imssc.org/imssc-sess-12-1-inv.pdf).

**24 Feb 2012**

### **1<sup>st</sup> ALLROUND TROPHY Astana/KAZ**

ai. In Astana/KAZAKHSTAN the **1<sup>st</sup> Masters’ International ALLROUND TROPHEE** was held on **10 – 11 Feb 2012** in the new impressive Ice Palace “ALAU” with **51 participants (7 Ladies, 44 Men) from 5 Nations (BLR 1, GER 1, KAZ 23, NED 4, RUS 13)**. **Azamat Ismailov**, IMSSC Member of Khazakistan, reports: “I think we had a very successful tournament with the very positive feedback from the participants. In terms of organization, I had full support of both Kazakhstan National Federation of Speed Skaters and the management of Alau Ice Palace, so everything went really well and we tried to give the support to the participants from the moment of their arrival all the way to departure. Before the races, we had a nice guided bus trip around Astana. The opening ceremony (yes we had one) and the banquet were nothing short of spectacular! An early rehearsal of 2014 World Sprint Games, I would say. Participants enjoyed unlimited training time and a very nice snack bar adjacent to the warm-up area. No wonder all of that translated into some fast times. There were numerous personal records and several World Records. Vladimir Kostin/KAZ came quite close to beating his own WR on 1000 m set in Berlin last year. Attached is a picture all participants, see <http://www.imssc.org/12-allround-trophy-participants.pdf>. You find the results on <http://www.speedskatingresults.com/index.php?p=2&e=8206>. The complete protocol (23 MB) is issued on the website of the ice palace, see [http://www.alau.info/uploads/file/Compiticion/Final\\_protocol\\_1MISSAT\\_copy.pdf](http://www.alau.info/uploads/file/Compiticion/Final_protocol_1MISSAT_copy.pdf).

As far as we ascertained there were **6 IMSSC Records** set during the competition: **Alla Berezina/F 75/RUS** 3000 m 6:34,60 min, Allround Ladies (500, 1500/1000, 3000 m) 248,896 points; **Tatiana Sidorova/F 75/RUS** 500 m 59,59 sec, 1000 m 2:00,13 min, 1500 m 3:07,82 min, Allround Small Ladies (500/1000/1500 m) 182,261 points.”

**24 Feb 2012**

### **4<sup>th</sup> CANADIAN OPEN Fort St. John/CAN**

ba. On **04 – 05 Feb 2012** the **4<sup>th</sup> Masters’ International CANADIAN OPEN** took place in the new icehall Pomeroy Sports Centre in **Fort St. John, British Columbia, CANADA**, organized by the Elks Recreation and Speed Skating Club, Meet Coordinator/Leader **Dee-Ann Stickel/E.W.(Wim) Kok**. **Brett Arnason**, Canadian IMSSC Member, reports: “This is possibly the best organized and user friendly event I ever have attended. All athletes were overwhelmed by the quality of the facility and warm reception provided by everyone they had contact with. The host hotel provided a great reception on Saturday night. The community of

22.000 has a culture of speed skating that is very obvious. We did all the usual races plus 100 m exhibition, a team pursuit, a 10 km mass start on Friday afternoon, and a 25 km race on Sunday after the prize presentation. This venue is as good a place to race as anywhere else. Getting there was simple. We flew to Grand Prairie and rented a car for a 230 km drive. 35 skaters (11 Ladies, 24 Men) participated, see <http://www.imssc.org/12-canadian-open-participants.pdf>. The Pomeroy Sports Centre is the 4<sup>th</sup> highest covered oval in the world. The Max Aicher Arena in Inzell is 10 m higher. To get some information on the newest oval in Canada see here <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=16ECA-LMLvs>. Results you find on <http://www.fsjspeedskating.com> under MASTERS Latest News and on [http://www.speedskating.ca/client/cmsUploads/speed\\_skating/File/Results\\_11-12/2012\\_Cdn\\_Masters.pdf](http://www.speedskating.ca/client/cmsUploads/speed_skating/File/Results_11-12/2012_Cdn_Masters.pdf). ”

**29 Jan 2012**

### **15<sup>th</sup> SPRINT CLASSICS Inzell/GER**

vs. The **15<sup>th</sup> Masters' International SPRINT CLASSICS** were held in the nice new ice hall Max-Eicher-Arena in Inzell/GERMANY on 28 – 29 Jan 2012. **137 competitors (36 Ladies, 101 Men) from 12 Nations (AUT 1, BEL 2, FIN 3, GER 35, HUN 1, ITA 11, NED 41, NOR 21, ROM 1, RUS 14, SUI 3, UKR 4)** skated on fast ice. A lot of good times and personal bests were reached and **11 IMSSC Records 2011** lowered: **Galina Petrova/RUS/F55** Sprint Combination 500, 1000/500, 1000 m 192,285 points; **Monique Boerema/NED/F50** 500 m 44,19 sec, 500 m 44,12 sec, 1000 m 1:27,77 sec, Sprint Combination 500, 1000/500, 1000 m 176,550 points; **Wim de Graaf/NED/M80** Sprint Combination 500, 1000/500, 1000 m 243,520 points; **Martin Haakon Fagna/NOR/M80** 500 m 56,77 sec; **Ramir Kuramshin/RUS/M75** Sprint Combination 500, 1000/500, 1000 m 199,545 points; **Frans Rietveld/NED/M70** 1000 m 1:29,84 min, 1000 m 1:28,92 min, Sprint Combination 500, 1000/500, 1000 m 179,860 points. After the drawing on Friday, 27 Jan 2012, a common supper for competitors, coaches and companions was held at the restaurant ICE-HOUSE near the ice hall. The competition started on Saturday 13:00 h and on Sunday at 10:00 h. The distances 500 m and 1000 m were skated in two groups of about 70 skaters. That was comfortable for the competitors, because they had to wait not longer than 1 h 20 min for skating the second distance. The victory ceremony was held directly after the competition at 15:00 h. You find the starting order of the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> day on <http://www.imssc.org/11-ann.html>, the results of the 1<sup>st</sup> day on <http://www.eisstadion-inzell.de/results/132783505147954.html> and the results of the 2<sup>nd</sup> day on <http://www.eisstadion-inzell.de/results/132784732310489.html>.

**21 Jan 2012**

### **12<sup>th</sup> DAVOS MEETING**

vs. The **12<sup>th</sup> Masters' International DAVOS MEETING** took place on 14 – 15 Jan 2012 at the Eisbahn Davos on natural ice. Last year the DAVOS MEETING had to be canceled for the first time after 11 years DAVOS MEETING because of warm foehn wind from the south. But this year the weather was perfect, temperature - 16 °C in the early morning, start at higher temperatures at 11:30 h, blue sky and sunshine at the track during the whole competition. It was a pleasure to skate at this track with the wonderful panorama of the high white alpine Davos mountains around. There was only a small number of participants this year, **14 competitors (Ladies 3, Men 11) from 3 Nations (CAN 7, NED 2, SUI 5)**. A strong Canadian team around the famous **Patrick Kelly** was consisting of former National team members. Also **Ross Hanham** from Canada, webmaster of the nice Canadian Masters' Webpage, was at the start. Parallel to the DAVOS MEETING there was held a second competition, Swiss Sprint Championships. Good results were reached on fast ice. Saturday evening **Christine Bauriedl**, the organizer of the well organized competition, invited for a

tasty swiss lunch at Hotel Bündnerhof near the track. Results can be found at <http://www.davos-skating.ch/uploads/file/Resultate%20SM%20Eisschnellauf%202012.pdf>.

**21 Jan 2012**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> USA SD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

kc. The **2<sup>nd</sup> Masters' International USA SINGLE DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS** were held **January 7 and 8 at the Pettit National Ice Center in Milwaukee, WI. 58 competitors, 12 women and 46 men from 3 nations (USA, CAN, ROU)** enjoyed the fast indoor ice and competed in distances from 500 to 5000 meters. Three IMSSC records were broken (pending official confirmation), and many skaters achieved personal best times. In addition, many skaters achieved times that qualified them for MAT 1, the new US Speedkating elite designation for masters skaters. To achieve MAT 1 status, skaters need to skate a time within 108 % of the IMSSC record in their age group. Along with the world-class racing, skaters enjoyed post-race catered lunches, a skate swap meet, and a party hosted by Wisconsin skater and meet organizer **Olu Sijuwade**. Results can be found at <http://www.speedskatingresults.com/index.php?p=2&e=7698>.

**20 Jan 2012**

### **CANADIAN OPEN Additional Marathons**

wk. Due to the number of skaters registered to date for the **4<sup>th</sup> Masters' International CANADIAN OPEN in Fort St. John BC/CAN on 4 – 5 Jan 2012** and in response to a request from a few skaters, we are providing the opportunity for those interested – after and entirely separate from the Masters' International CANADIAN OPEN and on a voluntary basis – to skate a **10 km marathon on Saturday and a 25 km marathon on Sunday**. Time permitting these two distances will be offered after the daily competition is completed. Information will be provided at the competition. Details can also be obtained by contacting the organizers: E.W. (WIM) Kok ([wkok@nlc.bc.ca](mailto:wkok@nlc.bc.ca)) or Dee-Ann Stickel ([6stickels@telus.net](mailto:6stickels@telus.net)).

**20 Jan 2012**

### **CANADIAN OPEN Entry Deadline extended**

wk. The original announcement for the **4<sup>th</sup> Masters' International CANADIAN OPEN in Fort St. John BC/CAN on 4 – 5 Feb 2012** identified 16 Jan 2012 as the registration deadline. At that date we had received about 35 registrations. It is for that reason that we would like to **extend the registration date to Saturday, 21 Jan 2012 (12:00 noon)** to give interested athletes another opportunity to register, see [www.imssc.org/11-eef-fortstjohn.html](http://www.imssc.org/11-eef-fortstjohn.html).

**23 Nov 2011**

### **No SDR Bjugn/NOR in 2012**

vs. The **9<sup>th</sup> Masters' International SINGLE DISTANCE RACES**, which were planned in Bjugn/NOR for 04 – 05 Feb 2012, **had to be cancelled now**. In Bjugn were so much competitions this year that it was not possible to have a complete jury for this competition. Sven-Åge Svensson, IMSSC Member for NOR, tried together with Vidar Skår, who organized this competition already several times in Hamar, to have this competition in Hamar still in 2012, but they could not solve the jury problem too. But there is hope that the nice Masters SDR can again be held in 2013 on a Norwegian track.

**22 Nov 2011**

### **8<sup>th</sup> CRITERION Erfurt/GER 2011**

vs. The **8<sup>th</sup> Masters' International CRITERION 2011** took place in Erfurt/GER on 19 – 20 Nov 2011. The number of competitors was 112 (25 Ladies, 87 Men) from 6 Nations (BEL 1, GER 41, NED 53, NOR 15, SUI 4). At this first International Masters Competition of the season 2011/2012 good results were achieved on good ice, but IMSSC Records could not be broken. The competition in the nice Gunda-Niemann-Stirnemann-Icehall was well controlled by a good jury and the participants had a lot of fun. The complete results can be found on the following webpage: [www.eisschnellauf-erfurt.de](http://www.eisschnellauf-erfurt.de) .

**04 Oct 2011**

**4<sup>th</sup> SPRINT GAMES Heerenveen/NED – Confirmation Mistake**

vs. Originally there has been a mistake in the confirmation email of the 4<sup>th</sup> SPRINT GAMES 2012 Heerenveen/NED, which was corrected some days after the start of the entry procedure. You could read there "Your Entry - 4<sup>th</sup> Sprint Games 2012 Berlin/GER – has been received by Bram de Vries, Registrar of the Organizing Committee". "Berlin/GER" was a mistake, and it had to be substituted by "**Heerenveen/NED**". That this only was a printing error, could easily be seen in the competition calendar, in the announcement of the competition, in the entry form and in the table of announcements and entry forms of the Masters' Competitions on the website [www.imssc.org](http://www.imssc.org).

**04 Oct 2011**

**4<sup>th</sup> SPRINT GAMES Heerenveen/NED**

vs. Also the **announcement of the 4<sup>th</sup> Masters' International SPRINT GAMES in Heerenveen/NED on 25 – 26 February has been issued now** together with the electronic entry forms for this important competition, see [www.imssc.org/11-ann.html](http://www.imssc.org/11-ann.html). The organizer has made it possible to have 240 competitors, respectively 280 entries (about 15 % loss of entered competitors due to illness, injuries, etc). So large Nations quota are possible. They are: **FIN 14, GER 37, ITA 13, NED 84, NOR 62, RUS 28, OTHER NATIONS 42.**

**02 Oct 2011**

**HEERENVEEN LDR and SPRINT**

vs. The Announcements of the **9<sup>th</sup> Masters' International HEERENVEEN LONG DISTANCE RACES** on 26 Mar 2012 and of the **5<sup>th</sup> Masters' International HEERENVEEN SPRINT** on 28 – 29 Mar 2012 were issued now. These competitions are the two last International Masters' Competitions of the season 2011/2012. Announcements and Electronic Entry Forms see [www.imssc.org/11-ann.html](http://www.imssc.org/11-ann.html). Only two announcements of the competitions on the IMSSC Competition Calendar 2011/2012 are still missing.

**01 Oct 2011**

**Announcements 2011/2012 - Issued**

vs. The Announcements of the most International Masters' Competitions 2011/2012 now have been issued on our website under [www.imssc.org/11-ann.html](http://www.imssc.org/11-ann.html) . For all competitions electronic entry forms are available for fast and comfortable entries. Only the announcements for the competitions in Heerenveen/NED and in Bjugn/NOR are not yet available. But they will be also issued very soon.

**20 Sep 2011**

**ICEOVAL 2011 - Online**

vs. ICEOVAL 2011, International Masters' Speed Skating News, is issued online under [www.imssc.org/11-iceoval.html](http://www.imssc.org/11-iceoval.html). You find there extensive reports, pictures and results of the Sprint Games 2011 in Berlin/GER, the Allround Games 2011 in Calgary/CAN and the RUSSIAN SDR 2011 in Kolomna/RUS. You find the actual IMSSC Records List 2011 and

the Competition Calendar 2011/2012 with 14 announced interesting Competitions. You find there information about our **discussion with the ISU Council about a Maximum Master's age of 75 years, as wanted by the Council**, and a stronger bond of the Masters to the ISU, see also [www.imssc.org/11-io-15-info-isu-contacts.pdf](http://www.imssc.org/11-io-15-info-isu-contacts.pdf) and [www.imssc.org/11-io-16-letter-council-budget-agegroups.pdf](http://www.imssc.org/11-io-16-letter-council-budget-agegroups.pdf).

And you find information about the IMSSC and IMSSG and about the decisions of the IMSSC Session in June 2011, and a lot more.

The issue of the hardcopy edition of ICEOVAL will follow soon (already being in print).

**20 Sep 2011**

### **ISU Council – Closer Cooperation with Masters**

vs. The Council did not take a decision upon the IMSSG letter from 29 Mar 2011 at its Summer Session in Amsterdam/NED in June 2011. So he **did not accept the Masters Age Groups, as proposed, and did not release the IMSSG Budget 2011**. But he had the wish for a further Masters discussion between Mr. Roland E. Maillard, ISU Council Member, Mr. Hugo Herrnhof, ISU Speed Skating Sports Director, and Dr. Volker Serini, IMSSG Coordinator.

Maillard, Herrnhof and Serini had a meeting in July 2011 in Basel, where Serini was informed that the **Council is still interested in a restriction of the age to 75 years as before**, but that he is interested also in a stronger bond of the Masters to the ISU. So some important Master Rules could be brought into the ISU Rules and the International Masters Competitions should be organized as Official ISU Competitions. Maillard will make a Model Announcement for ISU Master Competitions in the season 2012/2013. There will be a discussion about the Masters again at the next ISU Council Session 14 – 16 October in Florenz/ITA.

Serini provided Mr. Maillard and Mr. Herrnhof with further material about Masters Age Groups in other international sport associations, with actual announcements of the Masters Sprint and Allround Games and with a proposal of the IMSSG to the ISU Council for the incorporation of Masters Rules into the ISU Rules from 2007, which was refused by the Council in October 2007.

You will be kept informed about the further development on our website [www.imssc.org](http://www.imssc.org).

**20 Sep 2011**

### **ISU Council – IMSSG - Masters' Age 75**

vs. The Council has accepted the Budget Proposal for 2011 of the ISU Masters Speed Skating Working Group (IMSSG) **only under the provision** that the Coordinator of the IMSSG, Dr. Volker Serini, agrees with a restriction of the **Masters age to 75 years in maximum**. That would mean that we could not have age groups 75 (75 – 79), 80 (80 – 84), 85 (85 – 89), etc., as we use them successfully already for about 20 years in more than 100 International Masters' Competitions. Also other large international sports federations have such high age groups, as for example in swimming (FINA), athletics (WMA) and tennis (ITF). The **IMSSG as a whole could not agree** with the wish of the ISU Council, see under "IMSSG - ISU Contacts" and "IMSSG Letter to the ISU Council", pages 56 and 58 of "ICEOVAL 2011", just issued on the website [www.imssc.org](http://www.imssc.org) under [www.imssc.org/11-io-15-info-isu-contacts.pdf](http://www.imssc.org/11-io-15-info-isu-contacts.pdf) and [www.imssc.org/11-io-16-letter-council-budget-agegroups.pdf](http://www.imssc.org/11-io-16-letter-council-budget-agegroups.pdf).

We hope for a positive answer of the ISU Council to our letter 29.03.2011 at its Autumn Session in Florence/ITA on 14 – 16 Oct 2011.

20 Aug 2011

### Confirmed Competitions

vs. In the meantime for nearly all planned competitions the organizers could decide on the date so that **most of the competition dates are confirmed now**, see competition calendar on [www.imssc.org/11-calendar.pdf](http://www.imssc.org/11-calendar.pdf). Only the dates of the SINGLE DISTANCE RACES in Bjugn/NOR and the HEERENVEEN LONG DISTANCE RACES and HEERENVEEN SPRINT in Heerenveen/NED are not yet confirmed.

26 Jun 2011

### Master Cup between the Games

vs. The **15<sup>th</sup> Masters' International Master Cup in Berlin-Lichtenberg/GER** will be held on **03 – 04 March 2012**, just at the weekend between the weekends of the Masters Sprint Games in Heerenveen/NED and the Masters' Allround Games in Erfurt/GER, and not in the mid of February as originally planned. The originally planned date in February could not be maintained.

26 Jun 2011

### Important IMSSC Decisions

vs. At the **34<sup>th</sup> IMSSC Session in Amsterdam/NED on 28 May 2011** important decisions have been reached. Some of them have already been mentioned below, as amendments of the IMSSC Constitution and Regulations, the IMSSC Record List 2011, the Competition Calendar 2011/2012 and the Nations Quota at the Allround and Sprint Games 2013.

**Further important decisions** were reached:

We have new **Members for Japan and Kazakhstan, Kenyi Takai/JAP and Azamat Ismailov/KAZ**. A change of members took place for Sweden and Switzerland, new members are **Hans-Peter Ambass/SUI and Jan Landelius/SWE**.

The **Allround Games 2014 will be held in Stavanger/NOR** (further candidates were Fort St. John/CAN and Kolomna/RUS)

The **Sprint Games 2014 will take place in Astana/KAZ** (further candidates were Baselga di Pinè/ITA and Kolomna/RUS).

The **next IMSSC Session will be held in Krefeld/GER on 02 June 2012**.

Further decisions and extensive information see Minutes of the 34<sup>th</sup> Session, which will be issued soon on [www.imssc.org/imssc-sess-11-3-min.pdf](http://www.imssc.org/imssc-sess-11-3-min.pdf).

26 Jun 2011

### IMSSC Constitution and Regulations 2011/2012

vs. The **IMSSC Constitution and Regulations 2011/2012** have been issued with the amendments against the IMSSC Constitution and Regulations 2010/2011, decided by the 34<sup>th</sup> IMSSC Session in Amsterdam on 28 May 2011. They are **valid in the coming competition season 2011/2012**, beginning 01 July 2011. Important amendments are concerning the **time of membership of IMSSC Members**, are **amendments in the drawing at Sprint Games**, are the **seeding at the first two distances at Sprint Games and Allround Games** and are the **filling up of quartets at the last distance at the Allround Games**, see [www.imssc.org/11-constitution-regulations.pdf](http://www.imssc.org/11-constitution-regulations.pdf).

21 Jun 2011

### IMSSC Record List 2011

vs. The **IMSSC Record List 2011** has been issued according to the decisions of the 34<sup>th</sup> IMSSC Session in Amsterdam on 28 May 2011. 72 New IMSSC Records were reached in the competition season 2010/2011, see [www.imssc.org/11-io-14-records.pdf](http://www.imssc.org/11-io-14-records.pdf).

**29 May 2011**

**Calendar confirmed by IMSSC**

vs. The **Masters' Competition Calendar 2011/2012** has been confirmed now by the IMSSC at its 34<sup>th</sup> IMSSC Session in Amsterdam/NED. Only competitions on this calendar and National Masters' Championships which fulfil the requirements of the IMSSC Rules and ISU Rules are recognized for reaching New IMSSC Records (Masters' World Records). Masters Competition Calendar 2011/2012 see [www.imssc.org/11-calendar.pdf](http://www.imssc.org/11-calendar.pdf).

**29 May 2011**

**Nation's Quota Allround Games and Sprint Games.**

vs. As decided at the IMSSC Session yesterday in Amsterdam/NED, the Nations Quota will be as shown below. The Nations Quota refer to the Maximum Number of Entries, **235 for the ALLROUND GAMES 2012** in Erfurt/GER and **280 for the SPRINT GAMES** in Heerenveen/NED.

**Quota ALLROUND GAMES:**

FIN 12, GER 40, ITA 12, NED 66, NOR 44, RUS 18, OTHER NATIONS 43.

**Quota SPRINT GAMES (Total 280):**

FIN 14, GER 37, ITA 13, NED 84, NOR 62, RUS 28, OTHER NATIONS 42.

**29 May 2011**

**SPRINT GAMES 2012 Heerenveen/NED**

vs. The 4<sup>th</sup> **Masters' SPRINT GAMES** will be held with 240 Competitors in the Thialf Icehall of **Heerenveen/NED on 25 – 26 Feb 2012**, two weeks before the Allround Games in Erfurt /GER. The confirmation has just been given by the IMSSC Member of the Netherlands, **Bram de Vries**, at the 34<sup>th</sup> IMSSC Session in Amsterdam/NED. The announcement will be issued on this website in October 2011 together with electronic entry forms.

**24 May 2011**

**ALLROUND GAMES 2012 Erfurt/GER**

vs. The 21<sup>st</sup> **Masters' International ALLROUND GAMES** with 200 competitors will take place in the Gunda-Niemann-Stirnemann-Icehall in **Erfurt GER on 09 – 11 Mar 2012**. The **confirmation of the date** just has been given by the **organizer Eissportclub Erfurt e.V.** The announcement also will be issued on this website in October 2011 together with electronic entry forms.

**16 May 2011**

**SPRINT CLASSICS 2012 Inzell/GER**

vs. The 15<sup>th</sup> **Masters' International SPRINT CLASSICS** will be held on **28 – 29 January 2012** in the new icehall Max Eicher Arena Inzell. The **date** has just been **confirmed by the organizer DEC Frillensee Inzell**. The announcement will be issued on this website in October 2011 together with an electronic entry form.