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IIHF World U20 Championship Division I Group B	Denmark
IIHF World U20 Championship Division II Group A	France
IIHF World U20 Championship Division II Group B	Poland
IIHF World U20 Championship Division III	Mexico
IIHF World U18 Championship	USA
IIHF World U18 Championship Division I Group A	Latvia
IIHF World U18 Championship Division I Group B	Denmark
IIHF World U18 Championship Division II Group A	Austria
IIHF World U18 Championship Division II Group B	Ukraine
IIHF World U18 Championship Division III Group A	Australia
IIHF World U18 Championship Division III Group B	Iceland
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IIHF World Women's Championship Division I	Germany
IIHF World Women's Championship Division II	Czech Republic
IIHF World Women's Championship Division III	Netherlands
IIHF World Women's Championship Division IV	New Zealand
IIHF World Women's Championship Division V	Poland
IIHF World Women's U18 Championship	USA
IIHF World Women's U18 Championship Division I	Russia
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Cover photo: Finland captain Mikko Koivu hoists the IIHF World Championship trophy after winning the gold medal game against Sweden. Photo by Matthew Manor / HHOF-IIHF Images.

Red, white and a little blue: It may have been held in the US, but the 2011 U20 World Championship was taken over by enthusiastic Canadian fans. An astounding 14.2 million Canadians watched the gold medal game. The tournament was also the best attended IIHF tournament ever held in the United States, eclipsing even the 2002 Olympic Games in Salt Lake City.





Stamp THAT!

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Photo by CT/Kamaryt Michal

A Goal to Collect: Putting an exclamation point on a fine hockey season, Mikael Granlund's goal in the semi-final against Russia will go down as one of the greatest ever in World Championship history. It has already been immortalized in Finland as a postage stamp.

“My mind was blank, my jaw just dropped and I probably slipped out a cussword, just out of disbelief. I saw that it was a goal, right away, but when I saw the replay on the jumbotron, how he stole the puck in the corner and went around that other defenceman, and that I had missed...That whole sequence was a fantastic performance.”

- Finland Head Coach Jukka Jalonen

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President's Report

A season of unity and progress

2011 campaign among most productive in IIHF history

They say that a post-Olympic season can be somewhat of a "hangover". Let me inform all IIHF members, stakeholders, partners and friends that it has been anything but. The 2010-2011 season has been one of the most successful and productive in the history of the IIHF.

Even before the first puck was dropped, the global hockey community gathered at the Molson Canadian World Hockey Summit in Toronto, Canada. It was not only a four-day meeting, but the beginning of an era of better understanding between ice hockey's major organizations.

It is not very often the hockey world gets together like this. The last time an international summit was held was 16 years earlier in Boston. Now in Toronto, following the unprecedented success of Vancouver 2010, it was an excellent opportunity for the IIHF, NHL, NHLPA, Hockey Canada, USA Hockey and the Canadian Hockey League to put together this four-day event to discuss the most pressing issues our game faces today.

The summit featured some excellent presentations and insightful key-note speeches. The best and most committed hockey people in the world were there. Afterwards, I was convinced that only good things will come out of this. For certain results we will have to wait a little longer, but on other issues we saw immediate impact.

Hayley Wickenheiser had barely ended her speech before the IIHF, during the very same topic session, announced a two-million Swiss Franc contribution to the development of the women's game. And at the Semi-Annual Congress one month later a four-year women's hockey development plan was presented to our constituency.

The employment of Tanya Foley, the IIHF first Women's Development Program Manager, and the ensuing Women's Ambassador and Mentor Program involving 13 countries were direct results of the summit. A caveat: Development takes time. Don't count on any revolutionary shifts in power come Sochi 2014. This is a long-term plan that goes beyond the next Olympics. But we should see much better equality in the women's game for 2018 and definitely 2022.

A post-Olympic year is also traditionally the period when some changes are made. The Semi-Annual Con-

gress in Portoroz, Slovenia approved a format change for the top division of the IIHF World Championship, as of 2012. The IIHF's first format change in a decade will eliminate the qualifying (second) round as the traditional four groups of four will now become two groups of eight.

Apart from an increase in games (from 56 to 64), the biggest change is that the entire preliminary round schedule will be known to fans and organizers beforehand, which should of course be good for ticket sales. It will be very exciting to see how this will work out for Finland 2012 and Sweden 2013.

The 35th IIHF World U20 Championship in Buffalo and Niagara took this remarkable event to yet another level. USA Hockey and the host organizers sold 329,687 tickets for the 31 games, making the 2011 U20s the best-attended IIHF event in United States history.

Not only did the 2011 World Juniors solidly surpass the previous best U20 event in the U.S. (the 2005 event in Grand Forks with a total attendance of 193,256) but it also drew more spectators than the men's tournament at the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City, which attracted 268,139 fans for 35 games.

But the question is, which is more amazing? The record in the arenas or the one produced before the TV sets in Canada? An incredible 14.2 million Canadians watched some or all of the gold medal game between Canada and Russia. In a country of 33 million, that represents nearly half the population. Viewership peaked at 9.3 million late in the third period. The game was the most watched show on Canadian television since the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver ten months earlier.

The event in Buffalo also underlined the IIHF's uncompromising position on its policy that there is "no such thing as a clean hit to the head". Five players received supplementary suspensions of ten games in total. As much as the IIHF would like to avoid suspending players, especially at the youth level, the international hockey community is united when it comes to this infraction. And the IIHF is extremely confident with its position. There are no "ifs" or "buts", no east-west, north-south or "blindsides". If the most vital part of your body is targeted, you are out of the game. Hits to the head must be taken out and this is a necessary education process that we are going through.



The 75th IIHF World Championship in Slovakia will be remembered mainly for three things: The full building and the wonderful atmosphere in Bratislava, Finland's first gold medal in 16 years and yet another important congress decision, the major World Championship structure change for divisions below the top tier.

This was the first time a Finnish team didn't include any of the 1995 gold medal heroes from Stockholm. With a completely new cast of players, Finland finally ended 16 years of frustration which included six gold medal losses in major championships, including the Olympics, the Worlds and the World Cup of Hockey.

Now, the pressure is on the newly crowned World Champions as they will be hosting the 2012 tournament and trying to end the home-ice curse which has been in place since 1986.

The objectives of the vertical restructuring of the championship format are simple – to make the divisions more competitive, to have better games and to make sure that all participating nations will play on a level which reflects their current status of development. Playing at a level where your team is outcompeted and outclassed is not good for anybody.

The new structure will be more dynamic and will always favor the countries with programs that make progress.

With new associate Kyrgyzstan, the number of IIHF Member National Associations has reached 70. We welcome the Central Asian country of about five million inhabitants to our family. And this is the beauty of our organization. We have Canada, Russia, USA and the other major powers as members on one hand, but also Kyrgyzstan, Morocco, United Arab Emirates and Hong Kong on the other.

And this presents one of the major challenges for the IIHF, to be an international federation for everyone, where everybody is seen and looked after.

Finally, a federation can never be efficient working for the future if it doesn't know and honour its past. This past season, the IIHF entered a new era of providing information – on its past, present and future – with the 604-page IIHF Media Guide & Record Book. This colossal publication includes information on every top level event, every IIHF member nation and every player to appear in even a single game since international hockey first took hold in 1920. In all, 12,000 players are included, as well as every coach, every referee and every linesman.

I would like to extend my warmest gratitude to all the committed people in each of the 70 associations, but also to those who are somehow part of this great family we call the IIHF for all the work you have done. I would also like to thank the organizers of all 28 IIHF World Championship events for an excellent job in 2010-2011.

Why this organization is 102 years old and only getting better, is thanks to you.

René Fasel
IIHF President



Honouring the Blue: René Fasel poses with Finland team captain Mikko Koivu and IIHF Vice-President Kalervo Kummola following the gold medal game.

Photo by Matthew Manor/IIHF-IIHF Images



The Greatest Feeling: Russia's U20 team empties the bench following their gold medal win over Canada.



Report of the General Secretary

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For a vast majority of ice hockey fans only the top-level IIHF World Championships are familiar. So it is still a little known fact that the IIHF organized 28 world championship events in five categories and two club competitions in 2010-2011.

All those events are in some capacity – larger or smaller, depending on the level – directed from the IIHF office in Zürich through the 32-person staff.

But there is no question that it is the top-level championships that attract the most attention and this is how it should be. I am delighted that we could report success and/or very encouraging progress in virtually every event. The 75th IIHF World Championship in Slovakia was the 8th highest attended in the history of the event, a very good number considering the size of the arenas in Bratislava and Kosice.

The World U20 Championship in Buffalo was the second best ever with a magnificent average of 10,687 fans per game. The World Women's in Switzerland was the second most attended when organized in Europe (only 500 in total less than the 2009 championship in Finland) and also the World U18 Championship in Germany exceeded expectations. An average of 1,525 fans at any U18 event is very good.

The natural disaster in Japan last spring also affected sport. I would like to thank the organizers of the three championships which were affected by Japan's withdrawal for their smooth handling of the situation, including the logistical challenges.

The annual World Championship program is also something which makes international ice hockey unique. No other Olympic team sport runs the entire championship program every year (only the women championships don't run in an Olympic year). In order to maintain the high quality of organization, both from the host organizer and the IIHF, we have initiated the Transfer of Knowledge Program which resulted in the first complete on-

site Observer Program in Bratislava, during the World Championship.

Directed by Cornelia Ljungberg from the IIHF office, a series of presentations by IIHF staff were given to the upcoming organizers of our flagship tournament; Finland and Sweden in 2012-2013, Belarus 2014 and the Czech Republic 2015. Thanks to everyone's co-operation, the Observer Program was a success as we received very positive feedback from the future organizers. As this was only the first stage, we remain confident that the upcoming World Championships will be of highest possible quality.

An important part of what the IIHF does is administrative. We are accountable towards our main stakeholders, the member national associations and also to the fans, and they must feel fully confident that all matters – especially the financial ones – are dealt with responsibly and according to the regulations.

Therefore, the IIHF has developed an extended internal control system for improved management of the finances. With this, the IIHF fully complies with the amended Swiss auditing regulations. There shall never be any doubt about the IIHF's proper and responsible handling of the financial assets.

Today's sports world is so much more complex when compared with 15-20 years ago, even more so in ice hockey. Besides the traditional partners like the IOC, the NOCs and the member national associations, we today have strong national or regional leagues, independent associations of clubs, the clubs themselves and to this we can add WADA, sports agents and the Court of Arbitration in Sport (CAS).

In this expanding landscape, cooperation is a precondition for any kind of progress. With this said, it is regrettable and very unfortunate that what should be some of our closest allies and partners have chosen confrontation. Two major European

clubs have filed a grievance with CAS following the seizure of operations of the Champions Hockey League in 2009.

According to the IIHF, this is not the proper way to go. Any decision in court may have a winner, but most often it has two losers. It is especially regrettable when the two parties have the same fundamental mission – ice hockey – and that the issue could have easily been solved by putting sport values at the centre of the discussion.

On the other hand, an example of solid cooperation efforts is the bi-annual General Secretary meetings, where the objective is to gather general secretaries of the member associations for exchange of views and experiences. The most recent was held in Vierumäki, Finland in conjunction with the annual IIHF Development Camp.

Although many association CEO's come from different backgrounds and they can have different preconditions and views on things, we meet, discuss and try to find solutions. This is excellent networking and exchange of expertise and it will be continued in 2013.

It is very often the case that at the end of an Olympic cycle, people look for new challenges. During the past fiscal year the following employees have decided to pursue other opportunities. Anna Eskola (Sport), Jenny Wiedeke (Communications), Yves

Vonlanthen (Administration), Veronika Mühlhofer (Event) and Melissa Fritschi (Marketing) have left our office, while Jukka Tiikkaja, our Asian Sport Development Manager, has concluded his mandate in Japan and is moving back to Finland with his family.

I would like to thank all of them for their contributions to the IIHF and international ice hockey. Our new employees are: Iris Hänni (Administration & Legal Manager), Tanya Foley (Women's Hockey Development Manager) and Adam Steiss (Communications Manager). Please welcome them to the IIHF family and give them the support needed for a good start in international ice hockey.

I would like to thank our member national associations' officials for their cooperation during the year and the Council – our executive body – for their trust.

Horst Lichtner
IIHF General Secretary

On the Ice: IIHF General Secretary Horst Lichtner (second row, fourth from right) at the General Secretary meeting in Vierumäki, Finland.





[Back on Top](#): 16 years of frustration at the World Championships were swept aside in impressive fashion, as Finland netted five goals in the third period against archrivals Sweden to win the gold medal game 6-1. The two nations will be co-hosting the 2012 and 2013 World Championships.



IIHF Council 2008-2012

Biographies

Fasel, René (SUI) President

Born on February 6, 1950 in Fribourg, Switzerland. A dentist by profession, Fasel graduated from the University of Berne. As a referee, he went up to the top division and officiated 37 international games including the 1980 IIHF World Junior Championship in Helsinki. In 1985 he became the president of the Swiss Association and in 1986 he was elected an IIHF Council Member. René Fasel was the chairman in both the IIHF Referee and the IIHF Marketing Committees. He was the Chairman of the Coordination Commission for the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver. IIHF President since 1994, member of the IOC since 1995 and elected to its Executive Committee in 2008. A recipient of the French Legion of Honour Award in 2004. Current Chairman of the Women's Committee.



Kummola, Kalervo (FIN) Vice-President

Born on November 21, 1945 in Raisio, Finland. IIHF Council Member since 1998. Elected Vice President in 2003. Managing Director of the Finnish Hockey League between 1975 and 1987. Board Member of the Finnish Ice Hockey Association since 1975, Vice President in 1990 and President since 1997. Member of the IIHF Sport Committee from 1982 until 1998 and Finnish delegate to IIHF Congress since 1976. Chairman of the Facilities Committee. Also chairman of the Board of the Finnish Olympic Committee.



Costello, Murray (CAN) Vice-President

Born on February 24, 1934 in South Porcupine, Canada. A former NHL player from 1953-1958 with Chicago, Boston and Detroit. After playing, he returned to school and became a lawyer. President of Canadian Hockey Association until 1998. Member of the Board of Directors of the Hockey Hall of Fame for 18 years. IIHF Auditor for eight years, member of the IIHF Disciplinary Committee for eight years and Statutes Committee for four years. IIHF Council Member since 1998 and IIHF Vice President since 2008. Chairman of the IIHF Medical and Competition Committees. Inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 2005.



Subrt, Miroslav (CZE) Life President

Born on July 16, 1926 in Vlci u Loun, Czechoslovakia. After his career as amateur ice hockey player, he became an official. A founding member of HC Hvezda Praha. In 1953, he was president of the Czechoslovak Ice Hockey Association. A directorate member at the IIHF World Championship and Olympics since 1957. In 1959, elected to the IIHF Council becoming a Vice President in 1966. Received the Olympic Order in 2002.



Tomita, Shoichi (JPN) Vice President

Born on January 1, 1936 in Tokyo, Japan he was a goalkeeper on the Japanese national team in the 1960 Olympics and in the 1962 IIHF World Championship. Was a member of the Council, Chairman of the Junior Committee and Chairman of the Asian Oceanic Committee from 1978 to 1994. Currently the Chairman of the Asian Strategic Planning Group and has contributed to development of world ice hockey, especially in Asia, since 1994. IIHF Vice President since 1994. Has been active within the Olympic Committee in Japan being affiliated as the Honorary Member of the JOC during the 100th Anniversary Congress in 2011. Received the Olympic Order in 2002.



Meredith, Frederick (GBR)

Born on November 24, 1938 in Montreal, Canada. Meredith played hockey for 12 years in Great Britain. He was president of the British Ice Hockey Association from 1982-1999. Honorary Member of the British Ice Hockey Association since 1999. IIHF Council Member since 1994 and Chairman of the IIHF Legal Committee.



Aljancic, Ernest (SLO)

Born on May 31, 1945 in Ljubljana, Yugoslavia. Aljancic played ice hockey for 15 years for HC Olimpija and played six games with the national team of Yugoslavia. Returned to hockey as the vice-president of the Slovenian Ice Hockey Association in 1994. Member of the Executive Committee of the Slovenian Olympic Committee, member of the IIHF Marketing Committee since 1998. Chairman of the Event Committee. IIHF Council Member since 2003.

**Englund, Christer (SWE)**

Born on August 29, 1947. Englund was a board member of the Swedish Ice Hockey Association from 1993-2001 and was active on several committees. In 2004, he was named the chairman of the Swedish Ice Hockey Association. The former bank manager has also served as General Manager for the Swedish national team from 1994-96 and represented Sweden at several congresses dating back to Moscow in 1986. Joined the Council in 2008.

**Gonzalez, Frank (ESP)**

Born on November 14, 1955 in Barcelona, Spain. Played Junior B hockey for the Preston Raiders in Canada. Returned to Spain in the 1970s and joined the hockey program of FC Barcelona. Won several Spanish national championships with Casco-Viejo and later with C.G. Puigcerda. Moved to officiating after playing in many IIHF World Championships. Later served as referee supervisor at several IIHF championships. Spanish delegate to IIHF congress since 1991. Chairman of the Development Committee. IIHF Council member since 2003.

**Medvedev, Alexander (RUS)**

Born on August 14, 1955 in Shaktyorsk, Russia. Since 2008 Medvedev is the President and Chairman of the Kontinental Hockey League Executive Board. He was the driving force behind the founding of the KHL in 2008. First Deputy Chairman of the KHL and member of the Supervisory Board of the Russian Ice Hockey Association. Medvedev is well-known as Deputy Chairman of the energy company Gazprom. Elected to the IIHF Council in 2008.

**Grupp, Beate (GER)**

Born on April 5, 1965 in Geislingen, Germany. Dr. Beate Grupp became one of the two first women to join the IIHF Council in 2003. Served as the team doctor of Germany's national women's team. Started practicing medicine in 1992 and in 1995 went on to get her degree with a Sports Medicine emphasis. Currently, works in Geislingen with her private practice where she focuses on physical therapy, sports medicine and orthopedics.

**Rossi, Tony (USA)**

Born on April 9, 1941 in Illinois, USA. Rossi began his career in hockey in the 1970s in Illinois when he started a local hockey club for kids. Rossi was elected to the USA Hockey Board of Directors in 1983 and was named a director of the Central District in 1989. In 1995, Rossi was named the USA Hockey Treasurer where he helped develop the USA Hockey Foundation. Rossi was elected USA Hockey Vice-President in 2003. Chairman of the Historical Committee. Elected to the IIHF Council in 2008.

**Siroky, Juraj (SVK)**

Born on December, 29, 1953 in Kosice, Czechoslovakia. In 1998, named president of HC Slovan Bratislava. Since 2001, was a member of the Sport Council of the Slovak Olympic Committee. IIHF career began in 1999 in the Development Committee, also a member of the Championship Structure Committee. Worked for the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of former Czechoslovakia in the 1980s and was employed at the Czechoslovak embassy in Washington, USA. Chairman of the Officiating Committee. IIHF Council Member since 2003.

**Scheier-Schneider, Monique (LUX)**

Born on October 15, 1954. Scheier-Schneider was elected in 2008 becoming the third-ever female council member. She has worked in hockey since 1974 and has been the general secretary of the Luxembourg Ice Hockey Association since 1992. In addition, she managed various Luxembourg national teams and was also the president of Tornado Luxembourg since 2002. Council member since 2008.

**Lichtner, Horst (GER)****General Secretary**

Born on Aug. 31, 1959 in Essen, Germany. Started as a personal assistant to the President of the German NOC, Dr. Daume and went on to leading marketing positions in various sports companies (ISL, CWL, TEAM). In 2001, he joined the German Football Association as Marketing Director. Became General Secretary of the IIHF in 2006. In 2007 he became General Secretary of the AIOWF.



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IIHF Survey of Players

2010–2011 Season

FEDERATION	PLAYERS				REFEREES		RINKS		PARTICIPATION in 2011 IIHF Championships	POPULATION**
	Registered	Senior	Under-20	Female	Male	Female	Indoor	Outdoor		
Andorra	56	23	24	9	0	0	1	0		84,825
Argentina	966	690	130	146	25	4	0	1		41,769,726
Armenia	578	381	197	0	27	0	2	3		2,967,975
Australia	3188	1752	1121	315	253	30	21	0	WM II, WM20 II, WM18 III, WW III	21,766,711
Austria	10489	5179	4724	586	413	22	45	72	WM, WM20 I, WM18 II, WW I, WW18 I	8,217,280
Belarus	4374	910	3430	34	128	0	28	3	WM, WM20 I, WM18 I	9,577,552
Belgium	1157	359	798	0	234	0	15	1	WM II, WM20 II, WM18 II, WW III	10,431,477
Bosnia & Herzegovina	208	42	162	4	5	0	2	0		4,622,163
Bulgaria	230	100	203	27	30	3	3	5	WM II, WM20 III, WM18 III, WW V	7,093,635
Canada	572411	18488	468096	85827	31572	1834	2486	5000	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	34,030,589
China	613	119	311	183	63	32	41	12	WM II, WM20 II, WM18 II, WW I	1,336,718,015
Chinese Taipei	848	142	630	76	71	7	2	10	WM20 III, WM18 III	23,071,779
Croatia	437	92	303	42	10	1	2	4	WM II, WM20 I, WM18 II, WW III	4,483,804
Czech Republic	100668	75671	22828	2169	3938	49	58	23	WM, WM20, WM18, WW II, WW18	10,190,213
Denmark	4405	1764	2245	396	88	5	23	0	WM, WM20 I, WM18 I, WW II	5,529,888
DPR Korea	1575	640	420	515	20	0	3	12	WM II*, WM20 III, WW II*	24,457,962
Estonia	1510	442	946	92	142	12	6	15	WM I, WM20 II, WM18 II	1,282,993
Finland	65251	25324	35167	4760	1743	52	246	30	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	5,259,250
France	17381	6400	9767	1214	123	6	124	5	WM, WM20 II, WM18 I, WW II, WW18 I	65,312,249
Georgia	207	39	168	0	4	0	2	1		4,585,874
Germany	28932	8224	18128	2580	1103	81	175	44	WM, WM20, WM18, WW I, WW18	81,471,834
Great Britain	4901	1272	3153	476	266	5	46	0	WM I, WM20 I, WM18 I, WW II	62,698,362
Greece	713	463	151	99	4	2	2	2	WM III	10,760,136
Hong Kong	496	62	371	63	9	0	5	0		7,122,508
Hungary	2087	184	1719	184	69	8	20	18	WM I, WM20 II, WM18 I, WW III	9,976,062
Iceland	606	58	464	84	22	3	3	0	WM II, WM20 II, WM18 III, WW IV	311,058
India	724	400	285	39	10	0	4	8		1,189,172,906
Ireland	297	189	70	38	14	4	0	0	WM II, WM18 III, WW V	4,670,976
Israel	500	120	380	28	6	0	2	0	WM III, WM18 III	7,473,052
Italy	6829	1838	4506	485	139	5	45	24	WM I, WM20 I, WM18 I, WW II	61,016,804
Japan	20226	10315	7174	2737	584	44	99	25	WM I*, WM20 I, WM18 I*, WW I*, WW18	126,475,664
Kazakhstan	3929	433	3369	127	34	4	14	2	WM I, WM20 I, WM18 I, WW, WW18 I	15,522,373
Korea	1880	146	1618	116	35	4	37	4	WM I, WM20 II, WM18 I, WW IV	48,754,657
Kuwait	229	61	83	85	1	1	2	0		2,595,628
Kyrgyzstan	320	218	102	0	6	0	2	4		5,587,443
Latvia	4424	2930	1417	77	149	28	17	0	WM, WM20 I, WM18 I, WW I	2,204,708
Liechtenstein	79	69	10	0	0	0	0	0		35,236
Lithuania	547	137	410	0	19	1	5	1	WM I, WM20 I, WM18 II	3,535,547
Luxembourg	392	130	235	27	26	8	3	1	WM III	503,302
Macau	106	28	63	15	0	0	2	0		573,003
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Mongolia	1001	477	524	0	8	0	0	12	WM III*, WM18 III*	3,133,318
Morocco	117	63	43	11	3	0	1	0		31,968,361
Namibia	438	104	215	119	47	10	3	2		2,147,585
Netherlands	2485	1162	1141	182	58	8	26	4	WM I, WM20 II, WM18 II, WW III	16,847,007
New Zealand	1205	593	437	163	110	6	6	3	WM II, WM20 III, WM18 II, WW IV	4,290,347
Norway	6177	1968	3709	500	143	14	41	3	WM, WM20, WM18, WW I, WW18 I	4,691,849
Poland	2292	465	1451	376	75	1	82	7	WM I, WM20 II, WM18 I, WW V	38,441,588
Portugal	116	48	50	18	5	2	1	0		10,760,305
Romania	994	171	756	67	50	5	8	15	WM II, WM20 II, WM18 II, WW IV	21,904,551
Russia	63580	2050	61000	530	230	5	340	2000	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18 I	138,739,892
Serbia	564	147	414	3	21	2	4	1	WM II, WM20 III, WM18 II	7,310,555
Singapore	231	80	151	0	15	1	1	0		4,740,737
Slovakia	8280	2072	5896	312	327	16	47	21	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18 I	5,477,038
Slovenia	943	155	700	88	46	4	8	3	WM, WM20 I, WM18 I, WW III	2,000,092
South Africa	385	133	200	52	8	2	4	0	WM III, WM18 III, WW IV	49,004,031
Spain	760	200	468	92	35	0	18	0	WM I, WM20 II, WM18 II, WW V	46,754,784
Sweden	62003	17875	41053	3075	2420	41	342	136	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	9,088,728
Switzerland	26166	11219	13775	1172	1079	43	158	29	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	7,639,961
Thailand	114	56	47	9	15	3	3	0		66,720,153
Turkey	790	310	320	160	75	10	2	0	WM III, WM20 III, WM18 III, WW V	78,785,548
Ukraine	4500	901	3587	12	74	0	25	0	WM I, WM20 I, WM18 II	45,134,707
United Arab Emirates	532	250	242	40	8	0	5	0		5,148,664
United States	500579	132866	302104	65609	25051	1274	1800	0	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	313,232,044

LEGEND:

(all tournaments from the 2010–2011 season)

WM IIHF World Championship
WM I IIHF World Championship Division I
WM II IIHF World Championship Division II
WM III IIHF World Championship Division III
WM20 IIHF World U20 Championship
WM20 I IIHF World U20 Championship Division I
WM20 II IIHF World U20 Championship Division II
WM20 III IIHF World U20 Championship Division III
WM18 IIHF World U18 Championship
WM18 I IIHF World U18 Championship Division I
WM18 II IIHF World U18 Championship Division II

WM18 III IIHF World U18 Championship Division III
WW IIHF World Women's Championship
WW I IIHF World Women's Championship Division I
WW II IIHF World Women's Championship Division II
WW III IIHF World Women's Championship Division III
WW IV IIHF World Women's Championship Division IV
WW V IIHF World Women's Championship Division V
WW18 IIHF World Women's U18 Championship
WW18 I IIHF World Women's U18 Championship Division I

* team withdrawal

**Source of population numbers: 2011 CIA World Factbook

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Belgium BEL
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Bulgaria BUL
Member since 1963



Canada CAN
Member since 1920



China CHN
Member since 1963



Chinese Taipei TPE
Member since 1983



Croatia CRO
Member since 1992



Czech Republic CZE
Member since 1993 (as Bohemia 1908)
as Czechoslovakia 1920-1993



Denmark DEN
Member since 1946



DPR Korea PRK
Member since 1964



Estonia EST
Member since 1992
also a member from 1937-1946



Finland FIN
Member since 1928



France FRA
Member since 1908



Germany GER
Member since 1909



Great Britain GBR
Member since 1908



Greece GRE
Member since 1987



Hungary HUN
Member since 1927



Iceland ISL
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Ireland IRL
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Ukraine UKR
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United Arab Emirates UAE
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United States of America USA
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Where's the Puck?: It was hard to tell where the body of Denmark goaltender Patrik Galbraith ends and that of Czech forward Patrik Elias begins, as the two collide during a preliminary round match at the 2011 World Championship.

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No Quarter: With a reputation for a gritty, physical playing style, Canada got a taste of its own medicine when Team USA's Jerry D'Amigo collided with Canadian forward Quinton Howden at the 2011 U20s.



Results timeline 1920-2011

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SRB replaced YUG as of 2003

	WM	WM	WM	OG	WM	WM	WM	OG	WM	WM	WM	OG	WM	WM	WM	OG	WM	WM	WM	WM	OG	WM	WM	WM	WM	OG	WM	WM	WM	WM	OG	WM	WM	WM	WM	OG	WM	WM	WM								
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Financial Report

2008–2011

	Season 08/09 in 1'000 CHF	Season 09/10 in 1'000 CHF	Season 10/11 in 1'000 CHF	Season 11/12 Budget in 1'000 CHF
INCOME				
Marketing Contracts	20,350	20,000	20,000	20,000
Sponsors and Suppliers	1,271	2,946	942	1,168
Champions Hockey League	18,272	0	0	0
Olympic Contribution	117	32,501	11,606	6,800
Championship Income	2,573	3,695	2,621	4,760
Other Income	5,080	3,576	3,711	2,484
Total Income	47,663	62,718	38,880	35,212

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	Season 08/09 in 1'000 CHF	Season 09/10 in 1'000 CHF	Season 10/11 in 1'000 CHF	Season 11/12 Budget in 1'000 CHF
EXPENSES				
World Championships	18,365	17,628	19,833	19,929
Other Tournaments	0	0	343	0
InLine World Championship	304	284	262	400
Champions Hockey League	17,693	0	0	0
Other Club Competitions	840	825	821	989
Olympic Games (incl. Qualification)	253	22,414	0	275
Committees	1,763	2,288	3,008	4,329
Congresses	514	478	401	693
Council	954	725	753	1,005
Operational Costs	9,547	11,906	14,823	12,274
Total Expenses	50,233	56,548	40,244	39,894
Gain/Loss	-2,570	6,170	-1,364	-4,682

Pushing Boundaries

Infront looks to innovation for the future

Maintaining high delivery levels while moving forward with new approaches distinguished the IIHF/Infront collaboration in 2011.

The IIHF World Championship continues to develop as one of the most successful winter sports events in the world. Continued long term engagements confirm high value performance in the past and are a clear sign of confidence in the future of the tournament.

Infront Sports & Media together with the IIHF has once again acted as the driving force for visionary new ideas, while keeping up the high quality of the tournament and its professional delivery. For this year's IIHF World Championship in Slovakia Infront Sports & Media secured broadcast coverage in 114 countries and territories around the globe. Slovak ice hockey fever was transmitted to North and South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East – pushing boundaries and increasing the overall television figures from the previous year.

As in the past, Infront with host broadcast partner Mediatec Broadcast Sweden AB provided full HDTV coverage of all 56 games with 20 cameras capturing all the action. The agreements with more than 70 broadcasters accumulated to over 3,000 broadcast hours – a major increase compared to the previous year. Spectator levels were also again significantly raised by around 100 million taking the total cumulative audience for the 2011 event to an all-time high of over 800 million.

Going with the times, this year also saw the introduction of new content for online media and mobile technology. The new Škoda/IIHF iPhone App registered over 120,000 downloads and complete games were available on the official Web TV at www.IIHF.com. Also, for the first time this year, a dedicated IIHF YouTube channel meant fans could enjoy live/delayed ice hockey action around the world.

2011 has also seen major high profile sponsorship engagements extended – Main Sponsor and Official Car Partner Škoda committed until 2017 and Official Timekeeper and Sponsor Tissot for the 2012-2014 editions of the tournament. The prolonged agreements prove the excellent results they continue to receive from the partnership with the IIHF platform, significantly strengthening their respective brand images on the international markets. Infront's long-term experience and continuous effort to offer appealing packages has paid dividends with a full inventory of 14 international and local sponsors all leveraging the powerful, international force of the platform this year and providing special edition products and services to and around the Championship.

Looking back, the trusted relationship between the IIHF and Infront has proven highly fruitful throughout the past 30 years. And still today, it generates effective synergies across the board providing the flexibility and knowledge to approach new projects with clear expectations. The development and shared vision for the Champions Hockey League is one such concept where Infront is still very much convinced of the prospects of a successful collaboration.

For the future, the objectives are clear – sustaining the high quality of the IIHF platforms while further pushing for constant enhancements and an innovative approach in all areas. The entire team at Infront greatly values the ongoing trust and high accomplishment of the partnership with the IIHF and its members. Infront is striving toward the future with optimism for another year of mutual success.

The results are clear to see - strong worldwide media coverage, a sell-out of the sponsorship inventory, financial security and regular innovations for ice hockey. The entire Infront team much appreciates the ongoing trust and the fruitful collaboration with the IIHF and its members and looks forward to another year of joint success.



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IIHF World Ranking

2011 Season

Men's Final 2011 Ranking

Rank	Country	Points	Change
1	Russia	3650	0
2	Finland	3630	2
3	Sweden	3630	0
4	Canada	3595	-2
5	Czech Republic	3570	0
6	United States	3340	0
7	Switzerland	3240	0
8	Germany	3190	1
9	Norway	3175	2
10	Slovakia	3130	-2
11	Belarus	3025	-1
12	Latvia	2985	0
13	Denmark	2965	0
14	France	2765	1
15	Austria	2730	-1
16	Kazakhstan	2615	1
17	Italy	2605	-1
18	Slovenia	2565	1
19	Ukraine	2495	-1
20	Hungary	2460	0
21	Great Britain	2250	2
22	Japan	2245	-1
23	Poland	2215	-1
24	Lithuania	2125	0
25	Netherlands	2080	0
26	Estonia	1940	1
27	Croatia	1890	-1
28	Romania	1800	0
29	Spain	1785	1
30	Serbia	1755	-1
31	Korea	1605	2
32	Bulgaria	1405	-1
33	Mexico	1385	-1
34	Australia	1350	0
35	Belgium	1180	1
36	Iceland	1125	2
37	Turkey	1110	-2
38	New Zealand	1065	2
39	China	1060	-2
40	Israel	885	-1
41	Ireland	785	0
42	South Africa	740	0
43	Luxembourg	650	1
44	Greece	640	1
45	DPR Korea	485	-2
46	Mongolia	315	0
47	United Arab Emirates	165	0
48	Bosnia and Herzegovina	50	0

Note: The Men's Final 2011 IIHF World Ranking includes the 2011 IIHF World Championship as well as the 2010 Olympics and the 2010, 2009 and 2008 IIHF World Championships.

Women's Final 2011 Ranking

Rank	Country	Points	Change
1	United States	2970	1
2	Canada	2930	-1
3	Finland	2800	0
4	Sweden	2700	0
5	Russia	2670	1
6	Switzerland	2620	-1
7	Kazakhstan	2475	1
8	Slovakia	2470	2
9	China	2385	-2
10	Germany	2355	1
11	Japan	2320	-2
12	Norway	2280	0
13	Latvia	2170	2
14	Czech Republic	2155	-1
15	Austria	2130	1
16	France	2105	-2
17	Italy	1950	0
18	Great Britain	1940	0
19	Slovenia	1385	0
20	Croatia	1375	0
21	Denmark	1370	1
22	Netherlands	1265	1
23	Bulgaria	1000	1
24	Australia	880	1
25	Hungary	835	2
26	Belgium	780	0
27	New Zealand	740	3
28	Korea	730	0
29	Iceland	705	0
30	Romania	675	1
31	South Africa	645	1
32	DPR Korea	595	-11
33	Turkey	560	1
34	Poland	500	new
35	Spain	480	new
36	Ireland	420	new
37	Estonia	130	-4

Russia, USA Rule the Rankings

Russia remains first in the 2011 IIHF World Ranking, but Finland follows just 20 points behind after winning the 2011 Worlds.

The Finns move up from fourth to second place. Sweden remains third with as many points as Finland, but Finland is ahead because the result of the most recent tournament serves as a tie-breaker in the World Ranking.

Olympic champion Canada drops down from second to fourth place after being ousted in the World Championship quarter-finals two years in a row.

The United States confirmed its IIHF World Women's Championship supremacy by winning its third consecutive gold medal, while also overtaking Canada in the World Ranking as the undisputed No. 1.

Finland reclaimed its position as the No. 3 power in women's hockey by claiming the country's 12th bronze medal since 1990 (including Olympics and World Women's Championship). But this time it wasn't achieved against its most frequent bronze medal game partner, Sweden. The Finns faced stellar opposition from a surprising Russian team and needed an overtime goal from veteran Karoliina Rantamäki to win the game 3-2.

A Tough Moment: A dejected Karl Johansson sits on the ice moments after his Swedish team lost the 2011 U18 gold medal game in overtime to the USA.







The Old Dog Still Has Tricks: Three Danish defenders struggle to keep up with 39-year-old Czech star Jaromir Jagr at the 2011 IIHF World Championship. Jagr had nine points in nine games and was named one of the tournament's top forwards.

IIHF Semi-Annual Congress

Portoroz, Slovenia

September 16-17, 2010

The President opened the 2010 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress and welcomed all present to Portoroz. He expressed appreciation to the Slovak Ice Hockey Association for selecting this venue and for organizing the Congress.

The new delegates at the IIHF Congress were given a special welcome, namely Mr Yaroslau Zauharodni, General Secretary (BLR), Ms Lei Yi, Communications (CHN), Mr Andy French, General Secretary (GBR), Mr Mikos Nemeth, President (HUN), Mr Khalid Mrini, President (MAR), Mr Saad Tawfiq, General Manager (MAR), Mr Matjaz Radkovec, future President (SLO), Mr Ufuk Ayhan Vice-President (TUR), Mr Vadym Sysyuk, Vice-President (UKR) and Mr Ali Kaddas Alromaithi, Technical Manager (UAE) and the new General Secretary of the 2012 WM Organizing Committee in Finland, Mr Mika Sulin.

The President then asked the Congress to honour people from the hockey family who had passed away since the 2010 IIHF Annual Congress in Cologne, Germany.

Matthias Lauber (SUI, 33)
Bobby Kromm (CAN, 82)
Wayne Stephenson (CAN, 65)
Igor Misko (RUS, 23)
Willy Bertschinger (SUI, 55)
Alain Vogin (FRA/CAN, 39)
Christian Wohlgenannt (AUT, 46)

The Congress honoured these distinguished hockey people with a moment of silence.

Report of the IIHF President

The President began his report by pointing out that the Vancouver Olympics had been the highlight of the year and referred to what had been said in the Annual Congress in Cologne. He once again drew attention to the excellent officiating and thanked the Chairman and Secretary of the Officiating Committee, Juraj Siroky and Konstantin Komissarov respectively.

In addition, he once again thanked Uwe Harnos and Franz Reindl from the German Ice Hockey Association for organizing the Opening Game of the 2010 World Championship at the Schalke Arena in Gelsenkirchen with a record number of over 77,000 spectators.

He concluded his report by thanking all the people who worked throughout the year behind the scenes of the IIHF Championships.

Committee Reports

The President referred to the IIHF Committee Reports included in the 2009-2010 Annual Report and gave the floor to the chairmen for any further comments.

Asian Strategic Planning Group: Shoichi Tomita informed the Congress about ongoing discussions with China on education and the plans to open an educational centre in Harbin.

Strategic Consulting Group: Horst Lichtner reported that this group would work on the government structure for the IIHF elections in 2012. The proposal would be presented to Congress in 2011.

Coordination Committee: Christer Englund reported that the first draft of the Player Agents' License would be presented to Council at the end of the year with a vote at Congress in May 2011.

Event Committee: Ernest Aljancic reported that bids had been received from Russia, Ukraine and Denmark for the 2016 World Championship.

With regard to the marketing activities, he mentioned that a new leaflet of supplier pool members and rules had been published, which all Member National Associations would receive during this Congress.

Finally, he pointed out that a marketing workshop for the member associations would take place in February 2011 and gave the floor to the IIHF Marketing Director, Christian Hofstetter, who provided some details about the workshop which would be aimed at lower division countries.

Legal Committee: Frederick Meredith provided information on the EU decision in the Oliver Bernard Case. He explained that the EU court had determined that it was lawful to charge education fees for certain classes of players transferring to new clubs. Consequently, the IIHF Legal Department was setting up a working group to analyze the transition of IIHF Education Fee System Feasibility study into IIHF Training Compensation Regulations.

Mr. Meredith then went on to explain that work had already begun with respect to revising the IIHF Statutes and Bylaws for 2012, indicating that the main focus was governance, ensuring integrity within our sport, and ensuring compliance with requirements in Swiss Law.

He also explained that for the past year the IIHF Legal Department had been reviewing possible alternatives for the IIHF with respect to insurance coverage. He indicated that the Legal Committee would meet with AON brokers in Portoroz after Congress to review the results of a Risk Management workshop. The results would be available at the next Annual Congress.

Medical Committee : Murray Costello informed the Congress on further activities and recommendations of the Medical Committee:

1. For the A-pool World Championship, a special waiting room for the people involved in doping control procedures needs to be available to host up to 10 persons.
2. Recommendation to limit the quantity of beer to 1 litre per player in the doping control area.
3. Due to the individual rights protection of injured players, request to change the procedures regarding injury reports. In future, no player names shall be mentioned in the reports in order to protect the individual rights and the necessary confidentiality.

4. Request to the game officials to check the proper use of mouth guards during the tournaments (WM20).
5. Each team to present the insurance coverage to the respective chairman at the opening day of the event.
6. Importance that at all IIHF tournaments the necessary medical provisions have to be in place, e.g. ambulance, defibrillator, paramedics.
7. Recommendation to each host to organize a demonstration with the local medical doctors on how to move an injured player from the ice. According to the experiences, these tests are very much appreciated by the local medical staff.
8. The IIHF Office should include a DVD of the Green Puck Initiative in each championship package for IIHF tournaments. The respective video clips should be shown on the arena's video screens where possible.

Allocation of Championships

The General Secretary reported that the IIHF Office had received some host applications and new venue requests since the last Congress which had to be formally approved. The Council and the participating nations had the right to vote.

2011 IIHF World Women Championship, Division III

The Congress unanimously appointed Australia as host. Newcastle, 1 to 6 Feb, 2011.

2011 IIHF World U18 Women Championship

The Congress unanimously appointed Sweden as host.

2011 IIHF World U18 Women Championship, Division I

The Congress unanimously appointed Russia as host.

2011 IIHF World U20 Championship, Division IIA

The Congress unanimously appointed Estonia as host.

2011 IIHF World U18 Championship Division IIB

Based on the voting result, the Congress appointed Ukraine as host.

Calendar of Events

The 2010/2011 IIHF Calendar of Events recording the dates and venues of future IIHF Championships along with the 2011 IIHF Championship Program listing in the participation summary of all teams entitled to participate in the various championship divisions are enclosed to the minutes and available at www.iihf.com in its most updated version.

IIHF World Championship Organizer Reports

All details regarding the organization of the IIHF competitions in the 2010/2011 season had been discussed in individual meetings on 16 and 17 September 2010 following the standard agenda. The appointed tournament Chairmen or their representatives gave their reports.

2011 IIHF World Championship in Slovakia

The President reported that the IIHF World Championship meeting had been very constructive. Igor Nemecek, the Chairman of the Organizing Committee, had given a presentation on the current status.

2011 IIHF World Championship Division I Group A in Hungary Dave Fitzpatrick on behalf of Roman Neumayer reported that there was no concern.

2011 IIHF World Championship Division I Group B in Ukraine Ernest Aljancic reported that there was no concern.

2011 IIHF World Championship Division II Group A in Australia Shoichi Tomita reported that there was no concern.

2011 IIHF World Championship Division II Group B in Croatia Veronika Mühlhofer on behalf of Roman Neumayer reported that there was no concern.

2011 IIHF World Championship Division III Group in South Africa

Jan-Ake Edvinsson reported that there was one concern.

2011 IIHF World U20 Championship in the USA

Frank Gonzalez reported that there was no concern.

2011 IIHF World U20 Championship Division I Group A in Belarus

Ernest Aljancic reported that there was no concern.

2011 IIHF World U20 Championship Division I Group B in Slovenia

Hans Dobida reported that there was no concern.

2011 IIHF World U20 Championship Division II Group A in Estonia

Jan-Ake Edvinsson reminded Congress that this championship had only been allocated the previous day and the host did not have much time to prepare the meeting.

2011 IIHF World U20 Championship Division II Group B in Romania

Christer Englund reported that there was no concern.

2011 IIHF World U20 Championship Division III in Mexico

Rob van Rijswijk on behalf of Ernest Aljancic reported that there was no concern. Chinese Taipei and DPR Korea had not been present.

2011 IIHF World U18 Championship in Germany

Frank Gonzalez reported that there was no concern.

2011 IIHF World U18 Championship Division I Group A in Latvia

Dave Fitzpatrick on behalf of Patrick Franchetierre reported that there was no concern.

He brought forward a proposal from this group to use the green pucks in the pre-game warm-up of all championships. The General Secretary reminded that this initiative was subject to available budgets. Congress agreed to use green pucks in the pre-game warm-up subject to available funds.

2011 IIHF World U18 Championship Division I Group B in Slovenia

Philippe Lacarrière reported that there was no concern.

2011 IIHF World U18 Championship Division II Group A in Romania

Tony Rossi reported that there was no concern.

2011 IIHF World U18 Championship Division II Group B in Ukraine

Rob van Rijswijk reported that there was no concern.

2011 IIHF World U18 Championship Division III Group A in Chinese Taipei

Hans Dobida reported that there was no concern. Mongolia and Chinese Taipei had not been present.

2011 IIHF World U18 Championship Division III Group B in Mexico

Frank Gonzalez reported that there was no concern.

2011 IIHF World Women's Championship in Switzerland

Monique Scheier-Schneider reported that there was no concern.

2011 IIHF World Women's Championship Division I in Germany

Hans Dobida on behalf of Beate Grupp reported that there was no concern.

2011 IIHF World Women's Championship Division II in France

Frederick Meredith reported that there was no concern.

2011 IIHF World Women's Championship Division III in Australia

Kalervo Kummola reported that there was no concern.

2011 IIHF World Women's Championship Division IV in Iceland

Christer Englund reported that there was no concern.

2011 IIHF World Women's Championship Division V in Bulgaria

Rob van Rijswijk on behalf of Frederick Meredith reported that there was no concern.

IIHF World Under 18 Women's Championship in Sweden

Christer Englund reported that there was no concern.

2011 IIHF World Under 18 Women's Championship Division I in Russia

Alexander Steblin reported that there was no concern.

■ ■ The Congress confirmed the referee and linesmen assignments for the 2011 IIHF Championships.

Proposal for Changing the Regulations

The General Secretary referred to the summary documents with proposed changes as well as the full set of documents with all changes highlighted which the participants had all received in their congress binders. Some housekeeping changes (HOK) and some minor changes (MIC) were needed. There were no major changes in any of the four regulations, which could come into force already in this season.

2011 Sport Regulations

The General Secretary explained that all 16 participating teams had accepted to play the A-pool World Championship as of 2012 in 2 groups of 8 in the preliminary round as opposed to the current format with 4 groups of 4 (enclosure 12.1). As this constituted a change in the Sport Regulations, the Congress had to approve the new format.

2011 IIHF Championship Regulations (WM & WMI)

Joop Vullers (NED) proposed to look into the idea of splitting the WM and Div I regulations, if the new competition structure would come into place.

Women's Hockey

Dave Fitzpatrick started this agenda point with a summary presentation about the results of the Women's Committee and the Think Tank, held in Vierumäki in July 2010.

He established that one key point to improving women's ice hockey was the ability of female players to more easily move internationally. In that respect, he indicated that to increase the number and chances for females players, the IIHF would subsidize the IIHF administrative ITC fee.

The Council had decided that the IIHF Office should have a more profound focus on women's hockey and had approved the new position for a Women's Program Manager within the IIHF Office.

The President asked all top federations to commit to the further development of women's hockey by appointing a similar women's position within their federations. This step was essential for making women's hockey a stronger element of our competition program.

The President also outlined that the IIHF focus for the next three years would be on the improvement in the top nations with regard to the World Championship and the Olympic tournament. After 2014, additional long-term projects could be discussed.

After a short discussion in Congress, it was decided to call for an extra meeting with the top nations on women's development immediately after closing of Congress.

CHL Update

The President informed the Congress about a newly appointed working group consisting of Alexander Medvedev, Kalervo Kummola, Christer Englund and himself. This working group would continue to develop a new competition structure for club competitions in Europe.

Yearly Account & Auditors Report

Yearly Accounts 2009-2010

The General Secretary explained the documentation on the Yearly Accounts which had been submitted to the Congress. The financial report covering the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 was completed by the report of the external auditors.

IIHF Parking AG 2009-2010

The Yearly Account of the IIHF Parking AG covering the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 was presented as well.

Auditors Report

Hans Dobida presented the report of the internal auditors. He pointed out that the examination by the internal auditors revealed that the books of accounts represent a fair and honest view of the financial operations of the IIHF and Parking AG.

The internal auditors recommended acceptance of the report of the external auditors, as it was confirmed that the books of accounts and the financial statement for 2009/10 were in accordance with the Statutes and Bylaws of the IIHF.

Next Congress

The next Congress is scheduled as Annual Congress in Bratislava, Slovakia, from 12 to 14 May 2011. An Extraordinary General Congress will also be called around those dates.



In the Dirty Area: Denmark's Mads Bodker takes out Finland's Anssi Salmela against the boards during the 2011 IIHF World Championship.

IIHF Extra-Ordinary Congress

Bratislava, Slovakia

May 12, 2011

Welcome and Opening

The President opened the 2011 IIHF Extra-Ordinary Congress with a short speech and welcomed all present. The President then gave a special welcome to Don Fehr, Executive Director of the NHLPA and passed the floor to him.

Don Fehr thanked the President and the Congress for the opportunity to introduce himself and briefly presented his professional background, which included being one of six public members of the US Olympic Committee and an involvement of 33 years with the major league baseball association.

He expressed his goals to establish and maintain a good, solid and professional relationship with the IIHF and the individual Member National Associations (MNAs), as well as those who represent players outside the NHL. He was convinced that through negotiations and talks a way to overcome any differences would be found, as all stakeholders had the common desire to enhance the sport of ice hockey.

Finally, he declared that he was looking forward to working with the Ice Hockey Family in future and promised to be as constructive as possible.

René Fasel thanked Don Fehr for his words, and expressed his appreciation that he was able to attend the Congress.

Notice of Meeting

The General Secretary confirmed that the date and place of the 2011 Extra-Ordinary Congress had been announced at the 2010 Semi-Annual Congress, followed by circular letters on 27 January 2011 and 30 March 2011, which included the documents for the Congress.

The General Secretary then conducted a roll call and confirmed the total number of present votes as 105. Consequently, the 75% majority for change of statutes was 79 votes, whereas for a change of bylaws with a 50% majority, a minimum of 53 votes was required.

Proposal to Change Statutes

no. 35, 36, 42, 43 and 52

The General Secretary asked the Congress for the approval of open votes. Congress unanimously agreed.

The following votes were given on the proposals:

Statute no. 35: unanimously accepted

Statute no. 36: unanimously accepted, with the slight amendment proposed by Ron DeGregorio (USA) to delete the "male" in no. 36, paragraph 3, second line.

Statute no. 42: unanimously accepted.

Statute no. 43: unanimously accepted.

Statute no. 52: unanimously accepted.

Proposal to change Bylaws no. 202/203

The General Secretary asked the Congress for the approval of open votes. Congress unanimously agreed.

Bylaw no. 202: unanimously accepted.

Bylaw no. 203: unanimously accepted.

Proposal to change Bylaws no. 606/607

Bylaw no. 606: unanimously accepted.

Bylaw no. 607: unanimously accepted.

Proposal to change Bylaws no. 700, 800 and 900

Bylaws no. 700 - 704, World senior men.

Mexico suggested to evaluate the possibility of 8 teams instead of 6 in the lower divisions. Those 8 teams could play in 2 groups of 4.

The President replied that two venues would be necessary for the organization of such tournaments and the hosting costs would be significantly higher.

After this remark, Bylaws no. 700 to 704 were unanimously accepted by Congress.

Bylaws no. 800 - 808: unanimously accepted.

Bylaws no. 900 - 910: World senior women.

Ireland proposed to also have three divisions in the women's program with the same structure as the men's program.

The President confirmed that in principle the structure of the women's program followed the men's program and Council did not recommend changing the current proposal, which was consequently accepted by Ireland.

Bylaws no. 900 - 910: unanimously accepted.

Ireland Proposal for the Women's Championship Structure

The General Secretary explained that for statutory reasons, the proposal had been withdrawn by Ireland.

Proposal for Amendment to Bylaw 1408 to be in WADA Code Compliance

Bylaw no. 1408: unanimously accepted.

Live to Play Another Day: French forward Kevin Hecquefeuille slides on the ice in celebration after scoring the overtime goal against Belarus that kept France out of the relegation round at the 2011 IIHF World Championship.



IIHF Annual Congress

Bratislava, Slovakia

May 13-14, 2011

The President opened the 2011 IIHF Annual Congress and welcomed all present.

The President gave a special welcome to IIHF Life Members Kai Hietarinta, Yuri Korolev, Philippe Lacarrière, György Pasztor, Jan-Ake Edvinsson, Hans Dobida and Alexander Steblin, Philippe Blatter and his collaborators, Bill Daly, and Ken Yaffe.

Warmly welcomed were also the new Presidents (P) and General Secretaries (GS) of Member National Associations (MNAs), who had been elected since the last IIHF Congress: Mr Konstantin Bratchikov (P) of ISR, Mr Iurii Topala (P) of MDA, Mr Shahil Morar (P) of NAM, Ms Lisa-Leigh Jackman (GS) of Namibia, Mr Nebojsa Ilic (P) of SRB, Mr Matjaz Rakovec (P) of SLO and Mr Kamil Celebi Kilinc (GS) of Turkey.

The President then asked Congress to honor members of the hockey family who had passed away since the 2010 Semi-Annual Congress in Portoroz, Slovenia.

Eduard Novak (CZE, 63)
Pat Burns (CAN, 58)
Alexei Volchenkov (RUS, 57)
Arto Javanainen (FIN, 51)
Bodo Lauterjung (GER, 69)
Bertil Karlsson (SWE, 73)
Rick Martin (CAN, 59)
Dr Jan Mitosinka (SVK, 77)

Congress honoured these distinguished hockey people with a moment of silence.

- The Congress confirmed that notice was given in due time.
- Minutes of the 2010 Semi-Annual Congress were approved.

Report of IIHF Activities

The President confirmed that the preparations for the Sochi Winter Olympics are on schedule. He also discussed the IIHF's renewed focus on women's hockey, calling upon member nations to help the IIHF in building their national women's hockey programs, and to show patience in allowing the sport to develop, stressing that it could take until 2018 or 2022 before a even level of competition is achieved.

Committee Reports

The chairmen of the various committees submitted their reports to Congress in written form. The reports are attached to the minutes as listed below. Some of the chairmen took the floor to add further details to their reports.

Asian Strategic Planning Group (ASPG)

Shoichi Tomita reported about the meeting in Bratislava earlier this week with 13 Asian countries present.

Development Committee

Frank Gonzalez reported that three international coaches' symposiums were held in 2011. He continued to report on the proposal that three MNAs would receive subsidy for their program proposals.

Facilities & Environment Committee

Veronika Mühlhofer presented the topic of synthetic ice (plastic ice). She reported about a research with Vierumäki

students who were conducting a survey on the acceptance of synthetic ice by customers. The results would be presented at a future congress.

She then informed Congress that the Arena Manual would be available online as of summer 2011.

Historical Committee

Tony Rossi reminded that this year's IIHF Hall of Fame induction ceremony would take place in Bratislava on 15 May 2011. For the next season, he asked the MNAs to submit any nominations to the IIHF Communications Director, Szymon Szemberg.

Legal Committee

Frederick explained that Council had accepted all of the insurance working group's proposals. He also noted that most host organizers were not in compliance with IIHF host contracts for insurance.

He also highlighted issues related to host countries' insurance policies, safety provisions for arenas, legal challenges to the IIHF and MNA Statutes, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.

Medical Committee

Murray Costello mentioned the importance of adequate insurance at all levels for the players and the events, and reconfirmed the confidentiality of injury information. He also announced an additional concussion sports symposium in November 2012.

IIHF Championship Reports

The President asked the Chairmen to report if there were any special remarks regarding the individual championships.

WMIIA, Australia-Shoichi Tomita reported that due to the withdrawal of DPR Korea, only 5 teams had participated. Melbourne had a new ice rink. AUS had won the final against NZL.

WWII, France-Frederick Meredith commented that DPR Korea had withdrawn at the last moment. Nevertheless, the host had promoted the tournament very well. Attendance figures had been good and every evening game had been covered by TV.

WM20IIB, Romania-Christer Englund informed Congress that the last game between ROU and AUS had not been played to the end because of a fight between both teams with two minutes left in the game.

WM20 III, Mexico -Ernest Aljancic reported that there had been some problems with the hotels, which had been solved quickly. The opening game had been played in the main square of Mexico City with a crowd of 10,000 spectators.

WM18, Germany-Frank Gonzalez reported that a total of 48,000 spectators had attended the event.

WM18IIIA, Chinese Taipei-Hans Dobida commented that due to the withdrawal of Mongolia the tournament had been played with four teams only.

Admission of New MNAs and Membership Issues

Congress unanimously approved that association status be awarded to the Kyrgyz Republic.

Congress unanimously approved the request of the Argentinian Ice Hockey Federation, currently affiliate member, to become associate member.

The Deputy President of Japan read the letter from the President, who was unable to attend due to health reasons. The letter explained that the tsunami and earthquakes had damaged some hockey rinks, which had led to the suspension of the hockey programs in that region. The federation expressed their gratitude to the International Ice Hockey family for providing generous assistance to rebuild the community and for understanding the painful decision to withdraw its teams from this year's championships. Several charity events were carried out to rebuild the way of life and hopefully the hockey activities could be taken up again in July.

René Fasel confirmed that the IIHF had always been in close contact with the Japanese federation and also with IIHF Vice-President Shoichi Tomita, whom he specially thanked for his great leadership. He then thanked the affected host associations of Hungary, Latvia and Germany for their cooperation and understanding with regard to the withdrawals.

Reports of the organizers of IIHF Championships

2012/2013 IIHF World Championship, Finland & Sweden

On behalf of the 2012 Organizing Committee, Mika Sulín of Finland, together with Lars G. Karlsson of Sweden, gave a presentation on venues, distances, arenas, hotels, etc.

The dates of the 2012 IIHF World Championship were confirmed as 4 to 20 May 2012, with the semi-finals and finals being played Helsinki.

The dates of the 2013 IIHF World Championship were confirmed as 3 to 19 May 2013, with the semi-finals and finals being played in Stockholm.

It was explained that with the new format of two groups with eight teams, the total number of games would increase from presently 56 to 64.

Kalervo Kummola confirmed that the 2011 Semi-Annual Congress would take place at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Istanbul from 22 to 24 September 2011.

Allocations of IIHF Championships

The participation summary was reviewed at the Calendar Meeting held on 13 May 2011 preceding Congress, where relevant associations were given the opportunity to file an application for hosting a championship that was currently without an Organizer.

The General Secretary explained that the election procedures for event allocations took quite some time with electronic votes. Therefore, he introduced a new election procedure. Six election boxes were permanently installed in the front of the room and instead of distributing voting devices to the federations, he asked the federations concerned to come to the voting boxes and cast their votes.

2012 IIHF World Championship Division I, Group A

Slovenia and Great Britain applied to host this Championship Division. The result of the voting was: 15 votes for Slovenia, 10 votes for Great Britain. Congress appointed Slovenia as host. Ljubljana, 15-21 Apr 2012.

2012 IIHF World Championship Division I, Group B

The only applicant was Poland. Congress unanimously appointed Poland as host. Krynica, 15-21 Apr 2012.

2012 IIHF World Championship, Division II, Group A

Serbia and Iceland applied to host. The result of the voting was: 12 votes for Serbia, 13 votes for Iceland. Congress appointed Iceland as host. Reykjavik, 12-18 Apr 2012.

2012 IIHF World Championship Division II, Group B

The only applicant was Bulgaria. Congress unanimously appointed Bulgaria as host. Sofia, 2-8 Apr 2012.

2012 IIHF World Championship, Division III

The only applicant was Turkey. Congress unanimously appointed Turkey as host. Erzurum, 15-21 Apr 2012.

2012 IIHF World Championship Division III Qualification

The composition of the qualification division would be evaluated within the IIHF Sport Department and communicated at a later stage.

2012 IIHF World U20 Championship Division I, Group A

The only applicant was Germany. Congress unanimously appointed Germany as host. Place TBA, 11-17 Dec 2011.

2012 IIHF World U20 Championship Division I, Group B

The only applicant was Poland. Congress unanimously appointed Poland as host. Tychy, 12-18 Dec 2011.

2012 IIHF World U20 Championship Division II, Group A

The only applicant was Ukraine. Congress unanimously appointed Ukraine as host. Donetsk, 12-18 Dec 2011.

2012 IIHF World U20 Championship Division II, Group B

The only applicant was Estonia. Congress unanimously appointed Estonia as host. Tallinn, 10-16 Dec 2011.

2012 IIHF World U20 Championship Division III

Turkey and New Zealand applied to host this Championship Division. The result of the voting was: 11 votes for New Zealand, 10 votes for Turkey. Congress appointed New Zealand as host. Dunedin, 29 Dec 2011 – 4 Jan 2012.

2012 IIHF World U20 Championship

Division III, Qualification

The composition of the qualification division would be evaluated within the IIHF Sport Department and communicated at a later stage.

2012 IIHF World U18 Championship Division I, Group A

The only applicant was Slovakia. Congress unanimously appointed Slovakia as host. Piešťany, 11-17 Apr 2012.

2012 IIHF World U18 Championship Division I, Group B

The only applicant was Hungary. Congress unanimously appointed Hungary as host. Place TBA, 15-21 Apr 2012.

2012 IIHF World U18 Championship, Division II, Group A

The only applicant was the Netherlands. Congress unanimously appointed the Netherlands as host. Heerenveen, 25-31 Mar 2012.

2012 IIHF World U18 Championship, Division II, Group B

The only applicant was Serbia. Congress unanimously appointed Serbia as host. Novi Sad, 17-23 Mar 2012.

2012 IIHF World U18 Championship, Division III, Group A

The only applicant for the hosting of this Championship Division was Turkey. Ireland asked the Congress to allow them the right to withdraw from the event at the 2011 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress without facing any sanction if the arena in Dundalk would not have re-opened by that time.

Bosnia & Herzegovina felt that they should have a right to apply for hosting, although they were a new entry to this category, asking that this hosting item be deferred to the Semi-Annual Congress. Applying the new Competition Bylaws for the new Championship Program Structure, they would be required to wait until the new entries were controlled and

known before being permitted to compete in the category. As such, the hosting possibility was not permitted. Congress unanimously appointed Turkey as host. Erzurum, 11-17 Mar 2012.

2012 IIHF World Women Championship, Division I, Group A

There were no applications, host will be determined later.

2012 IIHF World Women Championship, Division I, Group B

China and Great Britain applied to host this Championship Division. The result of the voting was: 18 votes for Great Britain, 6 votes for China. Congress appointed Great Britain as host. Place and date TBA.

2012 IIHF World Women Championship, Division II, Group A

Slovenia and New Zealand applied to host. Since no applicant received the simple majority of the first votes cast, a second ballot was necessary. The result was then as follows: 12 votes for Slovenia, 11 votes for New Zealand. Congress appointed Slovenia as host. Place TBA, 24-30 Mar 2012.

2012 IIHF World Women Championship, Division II, Group B

The only applicant was Korea. Congress unanimously appointed Korea as host. Seoul, 10-16 Mar 2012.

2012 IIHF World Women Championship, Division II, Qualification

The only applicant for the hosting of this Qualification Tournament was Spain. Congress unanimously appointed Spain as host. Place and date TBA.

2012 IIHF World Women U18 Championship

The only applicant was the Czech Republic. Congress unanimously appointed the Czech Republic as host. Place and date TBA.

2012 IIHF World Women U18 Championship, Division I & 2012 IIHF World Women U18 Championship, Qualification

There were no applications for hosting these Championship Divisions. The composition of the qualification division would be evaluated within the IIHF Sport Department and communicated at a later stage.

2016 World Championship

Applications for the hosting of the 2016 World Championship had been received from Russia, Ukraine and Denmark. Denmark and Ukraine had withdrawn during the calendar meeting, leaving Russia as only candidate.

Prior to the announcement of this result, the Russian Prime Minister, Vladimir Putin, entered the Congress room. René Fasel welcomed the Prime Minister and announced Russia as host for the 2016 World Championship.

Prime Minister Putin took the floor and thanked the Congress, the IIHF Council and the IIHF President for their trust. He also took the opportunity to invite everybody to Sochi in 2014 and to other major sports events in Russia in the upcoming years.

Congress unanimously appointed Russia as host. Moscow and St. Petersburg, 29 Apr – 15 May 2016.

2014 Olympic Winter Games, Sochi, Russia

Organizer's Report

Alexander Steblin together with Vladimir Cherkasov gave a brief report about the preparations of the playing sites for ice hockey in Sochi 2014. The construction should be completed by May 2012 and the 2013 WM18 would be played as pre-olympic tournament and test event. There was also a women's tournament in October/November 2013 planned in the second arena.

Qualification System Men's and Women's Competition

René Fasel introduced this topic by coming back to the success of the competition format at the last Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver 2010. Horst Lichtner continued to explain to Congress the necessity to vote first in general for the participation at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games.



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Surprise Visit: Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin is given a jersey from IIHF President René Fasel at the IIHF Congress after the 2016 IIHF World Championship was allocated to Russia.

He continued explaining the playing format of the qualification tournaments together with a proposal for the money distribution for the participation at the qualification as well as the Olympic tournaments themselves.

He finished by outlining the importance of coordination between the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) and the MNAs in the process of obtaining the necessary signatures on the team entry forms. These completed and signed team entry forms must be submitted to the IIHF Office by 1 February 2012.

Youth Olympic Winter Games

Werner Margreiter, Head of Sports of the 2012 Youth Olympic Winter Games (YOG), presented the overall concept.

Innsbruck was expecting 1060 athletes from 13 to 22 January 2012 for the first winter edition of the YOG. The sport program was coordinated with a cultural and educational program. He finished his presentation by welcoming all to Innsbruck in 2012.

Ole-Jacob Libaek (Norway) asked for clarification of the ranking system to qualify for the skills test and the Olympic tournament. Horst Lichtner reconfirmed the decisions taken at the 2010 Semi-Annual Congress, namely to apply the combined world ranking for selection of gender by qualified nations until the competition was full while the Skills Challenge was open to all nations for entry.

Insurance Working Group

The General Secretary began his presentation by giving a brief overview of the new IIHF insurances. He reported that a special working group had been created to look into establishing a player support fund for players who are injured in WM and WM Division I tournaments. He then explained that an IIHF operations risk assessment had been completed last year and with current events such as the earthquake in Japan and the changing sport environment, the IIHF decided to establish three insurances in order to update the IIHF insurance portfolio (Umbrella, E&O, and Player Support – excluding health insurance).

Proposals for Changing the Regulations

International Transfer Regulations

Franz Reindl (Germany) spoke about a strong desire from clubs to postpone the transfer deadline until after the international break in February rather than 31 January. He explained the main reason for this request was that there were always players who got injured during the international breaks and left the clubs with no players since the transfer deadline had already passed. He specifically asked the IIHF to once again consider postponing the transfer deadline or maybe for the future have the international break a week earlier. With respect to this issue, the General Secretary explained that the date would remain the same, but player injury issues would be executed in the manner described above.

The Sport Director added that the issue regarding the transfer deadline had been tabled at the 2010 Annual Congress in Cologne, and it had been decided to keep the same date. However, he further explained that after the transfer deadline, if a player was injured during international play, the IIHF Office was ready to work with the MNA on the replacement of the player for qualified injuries.

13.3 Disciplinary Regulations

The General Secretary explained that the changes referred to the creation of an independent disciplinary panel that took away some of the political decisions. This idea had already been approved by Congress in the past, and the amendments to the disciplinary regulations were merely to codify the respective process.

IIHF Budget for the Year 2011/2012

The General Secretary presented the budget for the 2011-2012 season and explained the various items.

He especially focused on explaining the decided insurance elements as well as the new organizational support and team contributions for the new competition format decided by the Extra-Ordinary Congress. He also focused on the US Dollar exchange rate to the Swiss Franc and explained the complex processes regarding the dependence on dollar exchange rate concerning the IOC money. He ended his presentation by thanking Hockey Canada as well as the organizers of the 2012/2013 WMs for their substantial contribution to the upcoming budgets in the next years.

Other Business

Quebec Hockey Summit

Bob Nicholson (Canada) handed over a DVD with the highlights of the 2010 Hockey Summit in Toronto. He invited all interested delegates for a new summit in Montreal on 26 and 27 August 2011. Further details could be requested from Hockey Canada.

Junior Club World Championship

Alexander Medvedev, on behalf of the KHL and supported by the Russian federation, informed Congress that Council had supported this event and passed the floor to Dmitry Efimov, Managing Director & CEO, Russian Junior Hockey League, for a brief presentation on this new project.

After the presentation, René Fasel clarified that although this project was supported by the IIHF, it was not an official IIHF tournament.

Next Congress

The next Congress will be the Semi-Annual Congress in Istanbul, Turkey, from 22 to 24 September 2011.



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[Just Tap It In:](#) Team USA's Jocelyne Lamoureux puts a puck past Canadian goaltender Shannon Szabados in the opening period of the 2011 Women's World Championship gold medal game. The US won 3-2 in overtime.



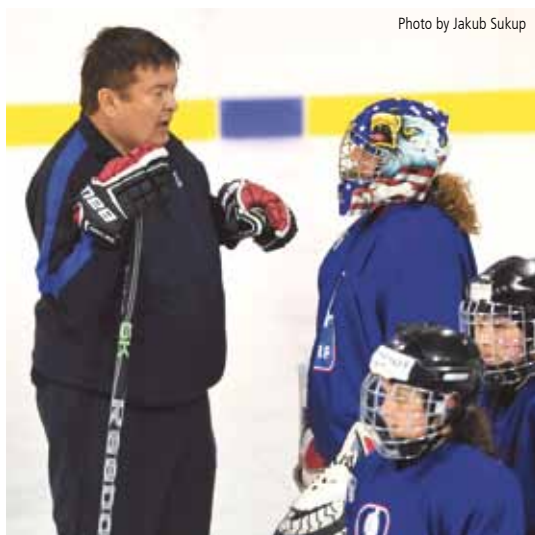
IIHF Sport Development Report

INTRODUCTION:

The 2010-11 season for the IIHF Sport Department was again a very active one involving programming and events with more than 60 member national associations. The following report provides an overview of the activities and responsibilities.

Focus on improving the women's game

The IIHF Ambassador and Mentor Program (AMP) marked the start of the most comprehensive IIHF women's hockey development initiative so far. Mentors and ambassadors from the top four countries will assist women's programs in nine other countries during two and a half years.



The AMP was developed through the IIHF Sports Department and Tanya Foley, the IIHF's Women's Program Manager, in the first half of 2011 and were to officially start on July 1, 2011

The IIHF Ambassador and Mentor Program will create partnerships between some of the world's best women's hockey coaches and athletes and countries that are striving to develop elite women's hockey programs. All of the Athlete Ambassadors and Coach Mentors bring tremendous experience and many have won multiple medals at IIHF World Women's Championships and/or Olympic Games.

The world's most accomplished women's hockey player, Hayley Wickenheiser, has joined the program in a leadership role working directly with all the Athlete Ambassadors. She will play a key role in setting the direction for the Ambassadors and provide direct support to them throughout the program.

By having Wickenheiser communicating with all of the Ambassadors, it will allow her vast experience and knowledge to be shared with all the nations.

"It's exciting to be a part of the Athlete Ambassador program because I feel it will make a direct and immediate impact in helping players from countries ranked 5-14 gain more information and resources to improve their game," said Wickenheiser. "Having access to World and Olympic Champions is invaluable information and will be an important step in continuing to improve and grow women's hockey around the world."

The ambassadors and mentors come from the top four world ranked teams – USA, Canada, Finland and Sweden. The nine nations who will participate in this program are China, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Kazakhstan, Norway, Russia, Slovakia and Switzerland. Each of these countries will be assigned two Coach Mentors and two Athlete Ambassadors to build a relationship throughout the term of the program (which includes seniors and under-18).

For example; Former Canadian Olympic coach Shannon Miller will be a mentor for Russia, ex-NHL player Doug Lidster will be assisting the Czech Republic, while Finnish star Emma Laaksonen-Terho will be an ambassador for Kazakhstan.

During the program term (from July 1, 2011 till the end of January 2014) there will be an expectation of communication every 2-3 weeks between the coach mentors & ambassadors and the coaches of both the senior and under-18 national programs.

"The best way to become successful is to have the opportunity to learn from someone who has already been successful," said Tanya Foley, the IIHF's Women's Program Manager and the one responsible for the launch of the AMP.

"By assigning the same team of mentors and ambassadors to a country for a period of 2.5 years, the teams that will qualify for Sochi will have a resource that no team entering an Olympic Games has previously had," said Foley. "We believe this will help teams be prepared for Olympic-level competition in a very positive way."

These factors were considered when determining the assignments: Language skills, previous positive relationships, specific needs of a country, and also ensuring that still active athletes and coaches were not assigned to a country their own national team would be playing against in the 2012 World Women's Championship.

By focusing on the top 14 world ranked teams, it is the intention of the IIHF to provide the greatest boost to the nations with the most likely chances to qualify for Sochi 2014.

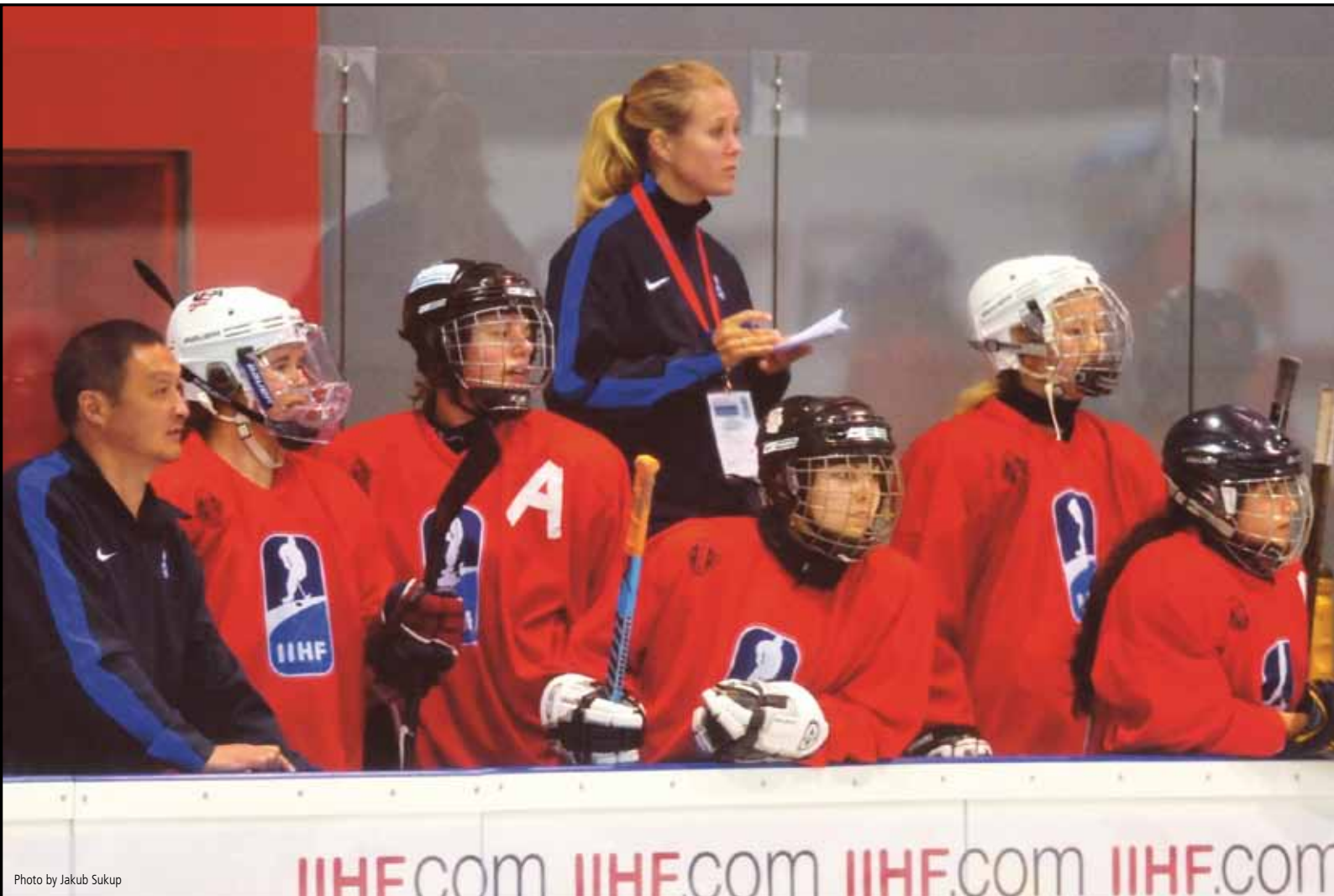
"While we do not believe that an equal balance will be seen by 2014, the AMP program will be one of the most effective initiatives in bringing the nations as far as possible by that early date," said Foley.

Once the program is running smoothly, the IIHF will look at ways to expand into other nations who wish to improve or build their women's program. Later it will also be possible for the next group of countries to mentor IIHF members below them on the world ranking and to share their knowledge that they will be gaining through the initial stage of AMP.

Building the Future: As part of the IIHF initiative to develop women's hockey, the first-ever IIHF Women's High Performance Camp took place this past year in Bratislava. The camp assembled together a number of top female players ranging from under-18 to senior level, along with experienced coaches, trainers and officials. The participants undertook rigorous on and off-ice exercises, designed to maximize their hockey skills.



Photo by Luc Leenders





Hockey Nation: Though they finished a disappointing tenth place, Slovakia's national team was celebrated by their hometown fans in Bratislava following their final game of the 2011 World Championship.



IIHF Committee Reports

Asian Strategic Planning Group

The responsibility of the Asian Strategic Planning Group is to focus attention on the development of our sport in Asia, designing strategies and proposing plans for the regional development and subsequent growth of the sport:

- In co-operation between the Chinese Ice Hockey Association, IIHF and Harbin Institute of Physical Education, the IIHF Education & Development Centre was established in Harbin, China in September 2010.
- Japan successfully hosted the second 'IIHF Women Challenge Cup of Asia' in November 2010.
- The first regional 'U16 Invitational Tournament' was successfully hosted in Hong Kong.
- Under the governance of the Olympic Council of Asia, the 7th Asian Winter Games 2011 was hosted in Kazakhstan between January 28 and February 6, 2011.
- Kuwait hosted the fourth 'IIHF Challenge Cup of Asia' with six of the Asian national associations competing.
- The second 'IIHF University Challenge Cup of Asia' was played in China between Japan, Korea, China and Chinese Taipei.
- On education, 40 coaches took part in the local clinics in Mongolia and Japan with IIHF support.
- The Asian Regional Hockey Development Camp was hosted in Abu Dhabi, UAE between June 12 and 18, 2011.

Shoichi Tomita, Chairman

Competition Committee

The Competition Committee spent time refining existing minimum standards, making them less demanding than those in the current Bylaws (202 and 203), based on audit studies completed by IIHF staff member Adam Sollitt. The intention was to allow as many national associations as possible to continue competing, while still demanding some measurable development effort domestically in return for such participation rights.

At the Semi-Annual Congress in September, the Council decided that no further discussions would take place regarding minimum standards until after 2012, and the status quo would remain for Championship participation in the interim, with the exception that all-new entries into Championship competition would have to meet minimum standards immediately.

Besides restructuring, other areas where comments/recommendations were made are as follows:

- Acceptance and approval of the Euro Hockey Challenge for the next two seasons with IIHF offering assistance with on-ice officials for International training.
- Review and recommendations for the Disciplinary Regulations for 2010, including wording changes in Statutes, Bylaws, Regulations and Rules.
- Detailed examination of IIHF Audits of member national associations, measured against previous annual reports of members.
- Review of proposals related to Tax Issues at World Championships, and changes in wording of statutes to reflect same.
- 2014 Olympic Winter Games study and recommendations, including starting dates, schedules, logistics, programs and

other issues for both the Men's and Women's Games.

- 2014 Olympic Winter Games, Qualification Principles, format and starting dates for both the Men's and Women's Games.
- Consideration/recommendations for Junior Club World Cup proposal from Russia proposed for September of each season.
- Update and plans for 2012 Youth Olympic Winter Games of 2012.
- Update and approval of Asian Winter Games schedule and plans.

Murray Costello, Chairman

Coordination Committee

The IIHF Coordination Committee discussed a variety of topics concerning practical problems, which National Associations and Leagues are facing.

- Player Agent Regulations: The Committee has finalized the concept of the player agent regulations. With the approval of Council the Regulations will be presented to Congress in order to be officially adopted at the 2011 Semi Annual Congress.
- Cooperation between IIHF and Leagues: The Committee will continue to focus on betterment of the relationship between the Leagues, Clubs and the IIHF. As such, several topics of concern such as (The CHL, insurance matters, referees, etc.) were discussed. The Committee believes that a thorough analysis of the interests and the positions taken by the various stakeholders will lead to an understanding of the different roles within the ice hockey community. With this understanding a strategic path can be chosen to structure the development process as a combined effort by all involved with the goal to be ready to tackle the future challenges our game is facing.

Christer Englund, Chairman

Development Committee

During the 2010-2011 season the Development Committee continued to focus on offering member National Associations development programs that will benefit ice hockey globally:

- After the successful operation of the two IIHF World Championship Coaching Symposiums last year in Germany, the Development Committee, in cooperation with the Women's Committee, have expanded this program to three symposiums, including one at the Women's World Championship which concentrated on important issues relating to coaching women's ice hockey
- During the 2010-11 season, 10 National Associations have been approached and offered Development Plan assistance. This was done using their Audit Report as a guide focusing on the needs of the nation, including priority planning for their weaknesses and the expectations of their program. Of these nations 3 are now working in partnership with us and another 4 are beginning this process. For nations willing to commit to operating development programs the IIHF will provide Instructors to assist their National Association Instructors.
- The IIHF Recruitment Program was successfully launched during the 2010 Semi-Annual Congress, with 42 National Associations being provided with all of the resources to operate a program.

The 2-part program was developed to offer National Associations a total program they can use to begin recruiting players into the game.

■ February 2011 saw the opening of the Recruitment page on iihf.com. This page gives the user a platform to access ice hockey in their nation as well as learning about ice hockey worldwide. It will assist all National Associations in their efforts to recruit more children to play ice hockey in their nations by answering many of the questions about ice hockey and explaining the advantages for children who play. In its first month the page had 4498 visits and 1962 downloads of materials.

Frank Gonzalez, Chairman

Disciplinary Committee

During the season 2010/2011 the Disciplinary Committee was not confronted with a massive workload. We consider this as a positive sign and an encouraging development of our sport.

However the decisions issued by the Disciplinary Committee also show a very negative development:

In more than 90 per cent of the decisions the Committee had to deal with violations of Official Playing Rule 528 – Fisticuffs or Roughing. Out of 22 players violating this rule, 18 played at a WM U20 and 7 at a WM U18 from World Championships in different divisions.

The Committee asks the National Associations to focus their attention on this subject and to take appropriate measures to stop and reverse this development.

Since IIHF Statutes Article 49 was amended by the General Congress in July 2008, disciplinary matters arising during the course of WM, WW, WM U20 and WM U18 for which the Directorates had been responsible before, are now dealt with by independent disciplinary panels. Up to now competence and procedure of these panels are regulated by guidelines. The Committee is of the opinion that in accordance with IIHF Statutes Article 5 the principles of these guidelines should be included in the IIHF Disciplinary Regulations, in order to provide a stable basis for the independent disciplinary system. The Committee therefore has submitted a proposal to add a new Article 6 to the IIHF Disciplinary Regulations, laying down competence, composition and procedure of the 'Championship Disciplinary Panel'.

Gerhard Mösslang, Chairman

Event Committee

The IIHF Event Committee held two meetings during the current season.

In the first meeting being held on 19 and 20 October in Zürich it was confirmed that the following 3 Applicants met the application deadline and conditions and were accepted to place their bids to host the 2016 IIHF World Championship:

Denmark: Copenhagen and Herning
Russia: Moscow and St. Petersburg
Ukraine: Kyiv

The bidding process of the three applicants have been followed up until the Bid Delegations held their personal presentations to the Event Committee in their meeting on 16 March 2011 in Bled, Slovenia. A summary report had been submitted to Council, before the 2011 IIHF Annual Congress voted for the allocation of this Championship.

The committee also focused on the IIHF Marketing workshop held on 17 and 18 March 2011 in Bled, Slovenia. The objective of the workshop has been to deliver a wider marketing approach, touching also areas which are not connected to the classic marketing topics at first sight. The program was designed to help smaller ice hockey member associations to address various options to build their marketing program at home to grow the sport.

At the 2-day workshop, 16 IIHF member associations were registered, making a group of total 40 participants including external speakers and presenters. The following 4 topics have been covered by key note presentations, Q & A sessions and individual workgroups before each topic was led to a summary:

- The IIHF, the IIHF audit and the development of ice hockey
- Recruitment and marketing
- Infrastructure and resources
- Promotion and the power of new media

Ernest Aljancic, Chairman

Facilities and Environment Committee

Since the merger, last fall, of the Environmental Protection Committee into the Facilities Committee, it is my pleasure as a chairman to present you the annual report of the joint Facilities & Environment Committee. Over the past year, we have approached and moved forward on several projects in our mandate:

Scientific Study on Synthetic Ice: The IIHF is conducting a scientific study on the properties of synthetic ice surfaces, testing the gliding properties as well as the wear and durability of several different market-leading synthetic ice surfaces, and comparing them to the same properties as found in real ice.

As a result of the study, a final report and recommendation will be presented to Council and Congress at the Semi-Annual Congress in September 2011.

New IIHF Arena Guide: The new IIHF Arena Guide is a more concept-based resource specifically aimed at helping in the decision-making process regarding what kind of ice rink or arena an interested community or client should build, given their needs and constraints. The new IIHF Arena Guide is designed to complement rather than to replace the original Arena Manual. The new guide is solely web-based, and will function as its own mini-site, with fully navigable content for easy and quick access to the information.

A concept for an IIHF Facilities Supporter Pool, along with efforts to engage investment banks interested in supporting new low-cost ice hockey rink construction projects, are also in the works.

Kalervo Kummola, Chairman

Historical Committee

The honoured members inducted into the IIHF Hall of Fame in 2010 were; Dieter Hegen, GER, Arturs Irbe, LAT, Vladimir Krutov, RUS and Riika Nieminen (-Väilä), FIN (all in the Players' Category) and Rickard Fagerlund, SWE (Builders' Category). Lou Vairo, USA, was the recipient of the Paul Loicq Award, for outstanding contributions to the IIHF and international ice hockey.

It was probably the best induction ceremony so far as it included substantial input and participation from the IIHF's marketing department which added structure and professionalism to the event, especially regarding the presentation and design of the induction room and the video.

The Historical Committee held its annual IIHF Hall of Fame selection meetings in Toronto, Canada, where the 2011 inductees were chosen: Karyn Bye (-Dietz), USA, Tord Lundström, SWE, Bohumil Modry, CZE, Ladislav Trojak, SVK, Doru Tureanu, ROU (all in the Players' Category); Kalevi Numminen, FIN (Builders' Category); Paul Loicq Award: Yuri Korolev, RUS. IIHF-affiliated hockey historian Andrew Podnieks reported about the progress with the Historic Database, a project he shares with fellow historian Birger Nordmark.

Tony Rossi, Chairman

Legal Committee

The mandate of the committee includes insurance, legal matters and IIHF Statutes and Bylaws.

The operations of the Committee have been modified in two ways. First, the IIHF currently has two full time lawyers in the IIHF office. Second, to involve members of the Committee only in connection with work related to their areas of specialisation and co-opt additional specialists from outside the Committee when addressing complex topics.

Insurance: Following the Risk Assessment Study conducted by AON together with input from the IIHF office directors, detailed recommendations were put forward to Council to extend the IIHF's insurance coverage in a number of directions.

Legal matters: The Committee has noted with concern changing jurisprudence regarding responsibility for safety at arenas and in particular during games. We continue to recommend MNAs ensure that all arenas hold current 'safety certificates' covering use for ice hockey.

Statutes and Bylaws: A workshop was held during the summer jointly with the Sports Department to review the current Transfer Regulations with those responsible in the MNAs for making the system work. The office has reported a significant improvement in MNA transfer operations.

European Union and International Federation matters: Current issues under active discussion are:

From the sports side, obtaining

- agreement to regulations that provide greater opportunity for home grown players
- greater clarity as to the interpretation that the EU and European Courts will apply to the meaning of the 'specificity of sport' as applied to our ability to regulate sport
- confirmation of the right to sell media rights collectively and all issues related thereto (which is an area that is subject to continuous review by the EU).

From the EU side, there is

- continuous interest in whether or not 'freedom of movement' and free access to sport is operating in accordance with EU law (Two studies that were recently concluded have not raised any issues for the IIHF)
- a desire to see agents activities regulated (The IIHF is in the process of implementing regulations)
- a study reviewing the operation of Transfer Regulations of International Federations (This will require involvement from the IIHF and we can expect this study to include examination of, and recommendations for implementing, regulations regarding the transfer of young players (players under 18 and 16).
- a desire to increase regulations and even introduce legislation with regard to tightening doping controls. (Such discussions will involve WADA and member states rather than Sports bodies other than perhaps the IOC.)
- continuous interest in preserving the integrity of sport with emphasis at this time on gambling and corruption. (The IIHF already has a bylaw related to gambling and will continue to monitor developments; but this area will continue to attract EU interest).

Frederick Meredith, Chairman

Medical Committee

The reports of supervisors from the Championships completed earlier in the season were mostly positive. However, at the 2011 IIHF World Under 20 Championship in Buffalo, the IIHF Medical Supervisors were faced with some difficulty in making certain all participating teams had adequate team insurance in place before participating. It is recommended that this obligation should rest with the Directorate Chairman at each of our Championships. This will be brought to the attention of Congress in Bratislava, with the recommendation that the IIHF will prepare a Proof of Insurance Form for participating teams to complete before departing for Championships at all levels. A final concern worthy of mention at the World Under 20 Championship is that, in the opinion of the two medical supervisors, head, neck and concussion-like injuries were grossly under-reported by teams at the Championship.

There continues to be pressure from WADA to implement some form of registered testing pool that will require specified individuals to comply with whereabouts information through specific periods. We continue to work with WADA to satisfy this ongoing demand. Also, we are once again warned that therapeutic exemptions (TUE's) must be done well in advance of events, with all paperwork complete well before the Championship. Finally, WADA is constantly reminding that all member national associations are obliged to be fully Code compliant in all domestic programs and events.

The Green Puck Program and the Anti-Doping E-Learning programs continue to flourish through an ever wider acceptance group among all member national associations.

Looking to the future, the Medical Committee is planning involvement in some key initiatives in the months ahead, which will include the following:

- Taking global an excellent Swiss initiative called "Respect On And Off The Ice", produced through the Pat Schafhauser Foundation.
- The next Olympic Team Sports Concussion Symposium tentatively scheduled for early spring of 2012.
- A commitment to partner with the American Orthopedic Society of Sports Medicine (AOSSM) in the US, along with the NHL

and the NHLPA, in a hockey specific Sports Medicine Conference entitled "Keep Your Edge: Hockey Sports Medicine in 2012" scheduled for Toronto, Canada, in August, 2012.

More information on each of the above projects will be made available through the Medical Corner of the IIHF website in the weeks and months ahead.

Murray Costello, Chairman

Officiating Committee

Based on the 2008-2012 IIHF Officiating Committee Goals and plans the following officiating programs were organised and operated during the 2010-2011 season:

- Monitoring operation of the 4 Man Officiating System in top IIHF Championships and IIHF club competitions.

- Operation of the IIHF Officiating Seminar for female game officials in the conjunction of 2010 IIHF Hockey Development Camp (HDC) with the goal of increasing the number of the female game officials belonging to member national associations capable officiate different IIHF Championships and events

- Operation of the IIHF Referee Supervisor-in-Trainee (RST) Seminar in the conjunction of 2010 IIHF HDC as a part of IIHF RST Program

- Seventh year of practical implementation of IIHF/National Association Referee Exchange Program.

- Finalization of IIHF Video Rule Book for women's hockey and launching it on www.iihf.com

- Preparing and distributing to all IIHF Referee Supervisors (RS) IIHF software for evaluation of IIHF game officials by IIHF Referee Supervisors

- Assistance in running regional officiating programs in Asia and in Europe

- Continue co-operation with NHL Officiating staff regarding operation of pre-season exhibition NHL games in Europe in split groups (One IIHF Referee – One NHL Referee, One IIHF Linesman – One NHL Linesman).

Juraj Siroky, Chairman

Women's Committee

During the 2010 Olympic tournament in Vancouver, IOC President Jacques Rogge commented on the need to increase the competitiveness among the nations. In the months that followed, the steps outlined below were taken:

- A Women's Leadership Think Tank Seminar was added to the IIHF Development Program for July 2010. Women's hockey leaders from the top 14 world ranked nations met to discuss potential strategies and needs. One major result was that the eight nations not currently recognized on the Women's Committee were offered to join as Ad-Hoc members.

- An IIHF Audit of the state of women's hockey in the top 14 nations took place.

- Panel discussion on the future of Women's hockey at the World Hockey Summit in August where a commitment of two million Swiss francs was allocated to the IIHF Women's Hockey Program initiatives.

- Creation of a Women's Program Manager position at the IIHF Office.

- At the November 2010 Committee meeting, the "To Sochi and Beyond" program was put together and a proposed plan of projects for the next Olympic cycle was developed.

New initiatives to be implemented in the 2011-2012 season:

- The first edition of an annual Women's Coaching Symposium was held during the April World Women's Championships in Zürich, Switzerland.

- An Athlete Ambassador Program and Coach Mentor Program will be initiated with previous Olympic/International event medal winners providing support directly to athletes and coaches of other nations.

- High Performance Camps in the Under-18 and Senior age categories will be held in July with a focus on educating the participants of what top level athletes should be striving for at the respective stage of their development.

- A Twelve Nations Invitational Tournament will allow the participating nations to compete in eight additional international games against their key competition.

- The first annual World Girls' Hockey Day will focus on the next generation of national team hopefuls. All nations are invited to participate by hosting an event that allows girls to try ice hockey.

It will take some time to fully develop a number of nations to compete equally at the top level, but the Women's Committee is focused on finding solutions to enhance the global game. The projects they have created will certainly move women's hockey forward.

René Fasel, Chairman

Eagle Eye: Referee Jyri Rönkä working the IIHF World Championship match between USA and Norway had his work cut out for him, having to do a balancing act to make the right call on a disputed goal by the U.S.





Referees and Linesmen

Assignments for 2010–2011 season

World Championship

Bratislava & Kosice, Slovakia 29.4.2011 - 15.5.2011

Referees	Linesmen
Balaska, Vladimir (SVK)	Arm, Roger (SUI)
Bulanov, Vyacheslav (RUS)	Carlson, Chris (CAN)
Burchell, Darcy (CAN)	Carnathan, Paul (USA)
Jerabek, Antonin (CZE)	Dedioula, Ivan (BLR)
Kurmann, Danny (SUI)	Gebauer, Jiri (CZE)
Larking, Christer (SWE)	Hollenstein, Manuel (AUT)
Odins, Eduards (LAT)	Hribar, Matjaz (SLO)
Olenin, Konstantin (RUS)	Murchison, Kiel (CAN)
Orszag, Peter (SVK)	Novak, Milan (SVK)
Partanen, Sami (FIN)	Schrader, Andre (GER)
Persson, Soren (SWE)	Schulz, Sirko (GER)
Piechaczek, Daniel (GER)	Semionov, Anton (EST)
Rieber, Brent (SUI)	Shelyanin, Sergei (RUS)
Ronn, Jyri (FIN)	Terho, Jussi (FIN)
Sindler, Vladimir (CZE)	Tillerkvist, Christian (SWE)
Sterns, Thomas (USA)	Valach, Miroslav (SVK)

World Championship Division I Group A

Budapest, Hungary 17.4.2011 - 23.4.2011

Referees	Linesmen
Bergamelli, Jimmy (FRA)	Dagleish, Scott (GBR)
Dremelj, Igor (SLO)	Dehaen, Pierre (FRA)
Dumas, Harry (USA)	Eglitis, Ansis (LAT)
Loksik, Peter (SVK)	Fluri, Nicolas (SUI)
	Nagy, Attila (HUN)
	Nemeth, Marton (HUN)
	Smura, Mariusz (POL)

World Championship Division I Group B

Kyiv, Ukraine 17.4.2011 - 23.4.2011

Referees	Linesmen
Hribik, Jan (CZE)	Bejcek, Lukas (CZE)
Lewis, David (CAN)	Golyak, Dmitry (BLR)
Schutz, Richard (GER)	Govorun, Olexander (UKR)
Van Baast, Ruud (NED)	Jemeljanenko, Artjoms (LAT)
	Puolakka, Masi (FIN)
	Radovic, Damir (SLO)
	Sivov, Dmitri (RUS)

World Championship Division II Group A

Melbourne, Australia 4.4.2011-10.4.2011

Referees	Linesmen
Gebei, Peter (HUN)	Feng, Lei (CHN)
Gergely, Lehel (ROU)	Gremion, Benjamin (FRA)
Krcelic, Vedran (CRO)	Haster, Tobias (SWE)
Leppaalho, Jari (FIN)	Leermakers, Joep (NED)
	Mason, Chris (AUS)
	Riener, Christoph (AUT)
	Ross, Cory (AUS)

World Championship Division II Group B

Zagreb, Croatia 10.4.2011 - 16.4.2011

Referees	Linesmen
Gamper, Daniel (ITA)	Ashton, James (GBR)
Marczuk, Włodzimierz (POL)	Fazekas, Tibor (SRB)
Mullner, Robert (SVK)	Hylinski, Artur (POL)
Soestumoen, Tommy (NOR)	Meyer Dainow, Rudy (ESP)
	Monnaie, Frederic (BEL)
	Piragic, Trpimir (CRO)
	Sakovic, Marko (CRO)

World Championship Division III

Cape Town, South Africa 11.4.2011 - 17.4.2011

Referees	Linesmen
Buturlin, Mikhail (RUS)	Beukes, Nickolas (RSA)
Deweerd, Chris (BEL)	Furnadziev, Mikulash (BUL)
Pianezze, Calaudio (ITA)	Jung, Seung Wong (KOR)
Urda, Maxym (UKR)	Korte, Jos (NED)
	Pardatscher, Ulrich (ITA)
	Riisom-Birker, Jacques (DEN)
	Subbotin, Arkadi (RUS)

World U20 Championship

Buffalo & Niagara, USA 26.12.2010 - 5.1.2011

Referees	Linesmen
Bauer, Stephan (GER)	Blaha, Jaromir (CZE)
Boman, Antti (FIN)	Brown, David (USA)
Claesson, Pehr (SWE)	Kaspar, Christian (AUT)
Frano, Martin (CZE)	Kekalainen, Mikko (FIN)
Jablukov, Georg (GER)	Kicha, Andri (UKR)
Kadyrov, Rafael (RUS)	Morrison, Johnathan (USA)
Kaval, Keith (USA)	Tvrton, Jozef (SVK)
Kirk, Matt (CAN)	Wilmot, Jesse (CAN)
Konc, Daniel (SVK)	Winge, Daniel (SWE)
Levonen, Jari (FIN)	Winnekens, Felix (GER)
Sjoberg, Patrik (SWE)	
Smith, Pat (CAN)	

World U20 Championship Division I Group A

Bobruisk, Belarus 13.12.2010 - 19.12.2010

Referees	Linesmen
Brill, Marcus (GER)	Hauylenka, Andrei (BLR)
Nord, Mikael (SWE)	Kaderli, Roman (SUI)
Rudy, Roman (SVK)	Kaliada, Vasili (BLR)
Trilar, Viki (SLO)	Kilian, Jon (NOR)
	Medvedev, Alexei (RUS)
	Saha, Joonas (FIN)
	Tosenovjan, Rudolf (CZE)

World U20 Championship Division I Group B

Bled, Slovenia 12.12.2010 - 18.12.2010

Referees	Linesmen
Anisimov, Alexei (RUS)	Cerne, Jan (SLO)
Gebei, Peter (HUN)	Gielly, Guillaume (FRA)
Luthcke, Owe (NOR)	Kack, Johannes (SWE)
Popovic, Karol (SUI)	Kavanagh, James (GBR)
	Kosaka, Kenji (JPN)
	Tschirmer, David (ITA)
	Bostjan, Turk (SLO)

World U20 Championship Division II Group A

Tallinn, Estonia 13.12.2010 - 19.12.2010

Referees	Linesmen
Ansons, Andris (LAT)	Buese, Markku (GER)
Hicks, Michael (GBR)	Hofer, Florian (AUT)
Lascar, Valentin (ROU)	Mikheil, Alexei (RUS)
Meszynski, Pawel (POL)	Rebeschin, Max (ITA)
	Svarstad, Joakim (NOR)
	Toode, Maksim (EST)
	Zibret, Marko (CRO)

World U20 Championship Division II Group B

Miercurea Ciuc, Romania 13.12.2010 - 19.12.2010

Referees	Linesmen
Berneker, Thomas (AUT)	Ibatulin, Eduard (KAZ)
Bigum, Jan (DEN)	Jensen, Rene (DEN)
Pesina, Vladimir (CZE)	Parvei, Kristian-Viktor (EST)
Prezelj, Vjeran (CRO)	Toparceanu, Cosmin-Adrian (ROU)
	Trandafir, Mihai-Ariel (ROU)
	Van den Acker, Maarten (BEL)
	Van den Berg, Jeroen (NED)

World U20 Championship Division III

Mexico City, Mexico 9.1.2011 - 18.1.2011

Referees	Linesmen
Ernst, Eric (USA)	Cao, Jian (CHN)
Gastaldelli, Michele (ITA)	Choi, Woo-Sik (KOR)
St-Jacques, Pascal (CAN)	George, Tommy (USA)
Wang, Zhanyong (CHN)	Guevara, Vladimir (MEX)
	Olson, Jared Bruce (USA)
	Yamaguchi, Sotaro (JPN)
	Zosso, Daniel (SUI)

World U18 Championship

Crimmitschau & Dresden, Germany 14.4.2011 - 24.4.2011

Referees	Linesmen
Bruggemann, Lars (GER)	Birin, Viktor (RUS)
Grumsen, Jacob (DEN)	Dahmen, Jimmy (SWE)
Johansson, Morgan (SWE)	Dalton, Andrew (GBR)
Klein, Devin (CAN)	Dussureault, Francois (CAN)
Kubus, Jozef (SVK)	Horinek, Martin (SVK)
Salminen, Teemu (FIN)	Kowert, Andreas (GER)
Sidorenko, Maxim (BLR)	Muller, Joris (SUI)
Sir, Robin (CZE)	Pesek, Tomas (CZE)
Solem, Per Gustav (NOR)	Suominen, Sakari (FIN)
Stricker, Daniel (SUI)	Wahl, Derek (USA)
Vasiliev, Alexei (RUS)	
Warschaw, Shane (USA)	

World U18 Championship Division I Group A

Riga, Latvia 11.4.2011 - 17.4.2011

Referees	Linesmen
Bjork, Tobias (SWE)	Jucers, Raivis (LAT)
Bourreau, Alexandre (FRA)	Korsaks, Andrejs (LAT)
Hodek, Pavel (CZE)	Orolin, Tomas (SVK)
Salonen, Anssi (FIN)	Sazonov, Ivan (RUS)
	Sormunen, Hannu (FIN)
	Thoege-Andersen, Kair Gunnar (NOR)

World U18 Championship Division I Group B

Maribor, Slovenia 10.4.2011 - 16.4.2011

Referees	Linesmen
De Brabander, Jean Paul (NED)	Bedo, Peter (HUN)
Garda, Raimonds (LAT)	Hutter, Andreas (AUT)
Smith, Travis (USA)	Kohler, Andreas (SUI)
Tsernyshov, Igor (EST)	Korosec, Gregor (SLO)
	Lederer, Vit (CZE)
	Moschen, Andrea (ITA)
	Pahor, Tilen (SLO)

World U18 Championship Division II Group A

Brasov, Romania 19.3.2011 - 25.3.2011

Referees	Linesmen
Haszonits, Miklos (HUN)	Ahlstrom Anders (SWE)
Kepa, Przemyslaw (POL)	Balodis, Juris (LAT)
Proskurov, Vladimir (BLR)	Mathe, Istvan (ROU)
Zviedritis, Gints (LAT)	Perduv, David (SRB)
	Peter, Miklos-Vilmos (ROU)
	Rudzinskas, Vladislavas (LTU)
	Szachniewicz, Slawomir (POL)

World U18 Championship Division II Group B

Donetsk, Ukraine 27.3.2011 - 2.4.2011

Referees	Linesmen
Falkner, Robert (AUT)	Bakumenko, Andriy (UKR)
Fazekas, Djordje (SRB)	Beck, Christopher (GBR)
Gofman, Roman (RUS)	Kaya, Cemal Ersin (TUR)
Koch, Andreas (SUI)	Kolusz, Wojciech (POL)
	Kovacs, Balazs (HUN)
	Plakunov, Yevgeni (KAZ)
	Stella, Marco (ITA)

World U18 Championship Division III Group A

Taipei City, Chinese Taipei 11.4.2011 - 17.4.2011

Referees	Linesmen
Haxell, Peter Ronald (NZL)	Cairns, Ryan (NZL)
Hyun, Ho-Han (KOR)	Flad, Andreas (GER)
Sjoqvist, Mikael (SWE)	Hlavaty, Marek (CZE)
	Kim, Hyung-Woo (KOR)
	Tubbs, Brent (USA)

World U18 Championship Division III Group B

Mexico City, Mexico 13.3.2011 - 19.3.2011

Referees	Linesmen
Andersen, Jan (DEN)	Barcelo, Geoffrey (FRA)
Patafie, Steve (USA)	Guevara, Vladimir (MEX)
Tzitziganis, Tim (BEL)	Keenan, Kevin (USA)
	Knorr, Trent (CAN)
	Storgaard, Oliver (DEN)

World Women's Championship

Zurich & Winterthur, Switzerland 16.4.2011 - 25.4.2011

Referees	Linesmen
Blair, Erin (USA)	Adler, Judith (GER)
Bordeleau, Melanie (CAN)	Arazimova, Zuzana (CZE)
Hertrich, Nicole (GER)	Bjorkman, Therese (SWE)
Hove, Aina (NOR)	Boniface, Anne Sophie (FRA)
Sipila, Ulla (FIN)	Hanrahan, Alicia (USA)
Tottman, Joy (GBR)	Rumble, Kerri (CAN)
	Schipper-Poeteray, Bianca (NED)
	Skovbakke, Malene (DEN)
	Tauriainen, Johanna (FIN)

World Women's Championship Division I

Ravensburg, Germany 11.4.2011 - 17.4.2011

Referees	Linesmen
Allen, Dina (USA)	Caughy, Denise (CAN)
Gage, Mary Anne (CAN)	Kudelova, Michaela (SVK)
Hengst, Debbie (NED)	Loretan, Evelyn (SUI)
Picavet, Marie (FRA)	Pencun, Diana (GER)
	Stanley, Alice (GBR)
	Stefkova, Michaela (CZE)
	Strohmer, Svenja (GER)

World Women's Championship Division II

Caen, France 4.4.2011 - 10.4.2011

Referees	Linesmen
Blasimann, Angela (SUI)	Boyle, Meagan (CAN)
Guay, Katie (USA)	Connolly, Kate (USA)
Hirvonen, Anu (FIN)	Girard, Charlotte (FRA)
Ustinova, Arina (RUS)	Habanova, Jana (SVK)
	Kuonen, Anne-Ruth (SUI)
	Torribio-Rousselin, Sueva (FRA)

World Women's Championship Division III

Newcastle, Australia 1.2.2011 - 6.2.2011

Referees	Linesmen
Kontturi, Maija (FIN)	Bordeleau, Genevieve (CAN)
Leighton, Tara (USA)	Kmonickova, Ivana (CZE)
Nelibova, Ludmila (CZE)	Lack, Amy (GBR)
Ugajin, Kyoko (JPN)	Narusawa, Tomomi (JPN)
	Silhavikova, Viera (SVK)
	Visala, Jenni (FIN)
	Weissman, Andrea (USA)

World Women's Championship Division IV

Reykjavik, Iceland 27.3.2011 - 1.4.2011

Referees	Linesmen
Adriano-Lortie, Gabrielle (CAN)	Brekkelmans, Vivienne (NED)
Fiavola, Drahomira (SUI)	Fuchsel, Maria Raabye (DEN)
Krogh, Janne (NOR)	Gerkena, Jana (IRL)
	Hetherington, Leigh (GBR)
	Winklmayr, Ulrike (AUT)

World Women's Championship Division V

Sofia, Bulgaria 14.3.2011 - 19.3.2011

Referees	Linesmen
Glenn, Jerilyn (USA)	Herranen, Jenni (FIN)
Zemiakova, Maria (SVK)	Maleckiene, Ramune (LTU)
	Sprester, Jenni (FIN)
	Stastna, Gabriela (CZE)
	Zvadova, Jana (SVK)

World Women's U18 Championship

Sweden, Stockholm 1.1.2011 - 8.1.2011

Referees	Linesmen
Axelsson, Malin (SWE)	Bjorkman, Therese (SWE)
Hengst, Debbie (NED)	Cerhitova, Magdalena (SVK)
Langley, Kristine (USA)	Ivanova, Elena (RUS)
Mutsaers, Sylena (CAN)	Johnson, Laura (USA)
Ruzickova, Radka (CZE)	Leet, Kaire (EST)
Ustinova, Arina (RUS)	Novotna, Ilona (CZE)
	Partanen, Jonna (FIN)
	Sandor, Zsuzsanna (HUN)
	Wieler, Haley (CAN)

World Women's U18 Championship Division I

Dmitrov, Russia 28.3.2011 - 3.4.2011

Referees	Linesmen
Bandlofsky, Katja (GER)	Bednarova, Barbora (CZE)
Ketonen, Kaisa (FIN)	Brusnetsova, Darja (RUS)
Michaud, Diane (SUI)	Majapuro, Anna (FIN)
Morris, Ceci (USA)	Minakovska, Sandra (LAT)
	Mollen, Senovva (NED)
	Steinberg, Olga (RUS)
	Ström, Karolin (SWE)



Vancouver 2010 Evaluation

Keepers of the Game: The 2010 World Hockey Summit in Toronto brought some of the best hockey minds together to discuss the state of the game. Some of the notable participants included athletes such as Hayley Wickenheiser (bottom, middle) and Daniel Alfredsson (left), who shared the stage with hockey executives such as IIHF President René Fasel (right).

Photos: Oreon Mounter







Just Out of Reach: German goaltender Denis Endras can't get a handle on a chip-in shot from Sweden's Loui Eriksson during the quarter-finals of the 2011 World Championship.

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IIHF Hockey Hall of Fame

2011 Induction



PLAYERS' CATEGORY

KARYN BYE (-DIETZ) (USA)

Born: May 18, 1971 in River Falls, Wisconsin

Among the longest-tenured members of the U.S. Women's National Team, Karyn Bye captured a medal at all 10 of her IIHF competitions. One of the first power forwards in the women's game, Bye led the Olympic gold-medal-winning U.S. team in Nagano with eight points in six games, and won silver at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games, six IIHF World Women's Championships and two IIHF Pacific Women's Championships. In total Bye's career saw her record 84 points in 51 career games wearing a Team USA sweater. She was inducted into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame in 2009.



LADISLAV TROJAK (SVK)

Born: June 15, 1914 in Kosice, Austro-Hungarian Monarchy (Slovakia)

Died: November 8, 1948 in the English Channel (France / Great Britain)

Ladislav Trojak was the first Slovak ice hockey player to represent Czechoslovakia internationally, and he became the first Slovak to win a IIHF World Championship gold medal at the 1947 World event in Prague.

A forward with great skating ability and defensive prowess, Trojak represented his country on 75 occasions, a truly impressive number in an era when national team games were rare. The IIHF World Championship venue in Kosice is named after him.



TORD LUNDSTRÖM (SWE)

Born: March 4, 1945 in Kiruna, Sweden

Tord Lundström was one of Sweden's greatest forwards, dominant both on the national team and in domestic play with the Swedish Elite League. In 73 World Championship games, Lundström collected an impressive 40 goals and 26 assists, underlining his status as a point-per-game player internationally for almost 15 years.

Domestically, he led his club Brynäs to a record nine national titles, amassing 629 points in 453 games in various competitions. He was named Sweden's Player of the Year in 1971 and 1975 and was named to the Swedish league All-Star Team on eight occasions. His Brynäs jersey number 6 was the first one to be retired by the club.



DORU TUREANU (ROU)

Born: January 11, 1954 in Bucharest, Romania

A star for the perennial national champion Dinamo Bucharest between 1971 and 1987, Tureanu participated in two Olympic Games (Innsbruck 1976 and Lake Placid 1980) as well as 17 IIHF World Championships. He represented his country in 100 international games, scoring an incredible 74 goals and 39 assists for a total of 112 points. His finest hour was scoring two goals in a 5-4 win over the USA in the 1977 World Championship in Vienna, Austria, in what was arguably the greatest game ever played by the Romanian national team.



BOHUMIL MODRY (CZE)

Born: September 24, 1916 in Prague, Bohemia (Czech Republic)

Died: July 21, 1963 in Prague, Czechoslovakia (Czech Republic)

Bohumil Modry was considered the top European netminder of the immediate pre- and post-World War II era. He led Czechoslovakia to IIHF World Championship titles in 1947 and 1949 and won the Olympic silver medal and the European Championship in 1948 in St. Moritz, Switzerland. Modry posted an impressive 1.27 goals-against average in his 35 World Championship games and a 2.00 GAA in Olympic competition. Modry also became the first player to produce material about special education for goaltenders, publishing articles on goaltending training. He is an Honoured Member of the Czech Ice Hockey Hall of Fame.



BUILDERS' CATEGORY

KALEVI NUMMINEN (FIN)

Born: January 31, 1940 in Tampere, Finland

Kalevi Numminen was the first truly modern coach in Finnish hockey. He coached club team Tappara Tampere for ten seasons, winning three national titles, three silver medals, and one bronze medal. Additionally, he coached the Finnish national team in 161 games including five IIHF World Championships, one Olympic Games (Lake Placid 1980), and the 1981 Canada Cup. Numminen was inducted into the Finnish Hall of Fame in 1986, and the Coach of the Year award in the Finnish Hockey League is named after him.



PAUL LOICQ AWARD

YURI KOROLEV (RUS)

Born: June 6, 1934 in Moscow, Soviet Union (Russia)

Yuri Korolev has devoted 55 years of his life to hockey. Not having the qualities to fulfill his dreams to become a hockey player, Yuri Korolev decided early to help other aspiring athletes reach their goals. He entered the Institute for Physical Culture in 1954, ironically the year the Soviet Union won its first World Championship.

Korolev later started to educate coaches and during the period between 1964 and 1992 he was the head of the national ice hockey team research group whose work led to 17 IIHF World Championship gold medals and seven Olympic titles. In 1992, Yuri Korolev was elected to the IIHF Council and he was



member of the IIHF's executive body for six years, during which he also was the head of the Coaching Committee, where he continued with his passion to help others. Never a champion himself, Yuri Korolev has worked more than half a century to inspire generations of coaches to reach their dreams.



Slovak Ceremony a success: The IIHF Hall of Fame inducted six new members on May 15 at a ceremony in Bratislava, Slovakia. Former USA hockey player Karen Bye (top), and Slovak hockey hero Ladislav Trojak (below, pictured: daughter Blanka Modra) were among those honoured.



2011 Inductions: From left to right: IIHF President René Fasel, Alena Weismann and Blanka Modra on behalf of their late father Bohumil Modry, Jana Alexander in honour of her father Ladislav Trojak, Tord Lundström, Doru Tureanu represented by Romanian Ice Hockey Federation president Barna Tanczos, Karen Bye, Paul Loicq award winner Yuri Korolev, Kalevi Numminen, and Tony Rossi, Chairman of the IIHF Selection Committee.





IIHF Hall of Fame Inductee List

AUSTRIA	YOB	Ind.	
Hans Dobida	1929	2007	Builder
Josef Puschig	1947	1999	Player
Walter Wasservogel	1919	1997	Builder

BELGIUM			
Paul Loicq	1888	1997	Builder

CANADA			
Father David Bauer	1924	1997	Builder
Roger Bourbonnais	1942	1999	Player
Mike Buckna	1913	2004	Builder
Wayne Gretzky	1961	2000	Player
Geraldine Heaney	1967	2008	Player
William Hewitt	1875	1998	Builder
Derek Holmes	1939	1999	Builder
Fran Huck	1945	1999	Player
Angela James	1964	2008	Player
Marshall Johnston	1941	1998	Player
Gordon Juckes	1914	1997	Builder
Dave King	1947	2001	Builder
Bob LeBel	1905	1997	Builder
Mario Lemieux	1965	2008	Player
Vic Lindquist	1908	1997	Player
Barry MacKenzie	1941	1999	Player
Seth Martin	1933	1997	Player
Jackie McLeod	1930	1999	Player
Terry O'Malley	1946	1998	Player
Gordon Renwick	1935	2002	Builder
Harry Sinden	1932	1997	Player
Harry Watson	1898	1998	Player

CZECH REPUBLIC			
Quido Adamec	1924	2005	Referee
Vladimir Bouzek	1920	2007	Player
Vlastimil Bubnik	1931	1997	Player
Ludek Bukac	1935	2007	Builder
Josef Cerny	1939	2007	Player
Jaroslav Drobný	1921	1997	Player
Karel Gut	1927	1998	Player
Ivan Hlinka	1950	2002	Player
Jiri Holec	1944	1998	Player
Jiri Holik	1944	1999	Player
Vladimir Kostka	1922	1997	Builder
Oldrich Machac	1944	1999	Player
Josef Malecek	1903	2003	Player
Vladimir Martinec	1949	2001	Player
Bohumil Modry	1916	2011	Player
Vaclav Nedomansky	1944	1997	Player
Frantisek Pospisil	1944	1999	Player
Miroslav Subrt	1926	2004	Builder
Jan Suchy	1944	2009	Player
Frantisek Tikal	1933	2004	Player
Vladimir Zabrodsky	1923	1997	Player

DENMARK			
Jorgen Hviid	1916	2005	Builder

FINLAND			
Timo Jutila	1963	2003	Player
Matti Keinonen	1941	2002	Player
Jari Kurri	1960	2000	Player
Harry Lindblad	1912	1999	Builder
Pekka Marjamäki	1947	1998	Player
Riikka Nieminen-Väilä	1973	2010	Player
Kalevi Numminen	1940	2011	Builder
Lasse Oksanen	1942	1999	Player
Esa Peltonen	1947	2007	Player
Goran Stubb	1935	2000	Builder
Jorma Valtonen	1946	1999	Player
Juhani Wahlsten	1938	2006	Player
Unto Wiitala	1925	2003	Referee
Urpo Ylonen	1943	1997	Player

FRANCE			
Philippe Bozon	1966	2008	Player
Jacques Lacarrière	1906	1998	Player
Louis Magnus	1881	1997	Builder

GERMANY			
Rudi Ball	1910	2004	Player
Dieter Hegen	1962	2010	Player
Heinz Henschel	1920	2003	Builder
Gustav Jaenecke	1908	1998	Player
Udo Kiessling	1955	2000	Player
Josef Kompalla	1936	2003	Referee
Erich Kuhnackel	1950	1997	Player
Hans Rampf	1931	2001	Player
Dr. Gunther Sabetzki	1915	1997	Builder
Alois Schloder	1947	2005	Player
Xaver Unsinn	1929	1998	Builder
Joachim Ziesche	1939	1999	Player

GREAT BRITAIN			
Bunny Ahearne	1900	1997	Builder
Carl Erhardt	1897	1998	Player
Peter Patton	1876	2002	Builder

HUNGARY			
Gyorgy Pasztor	1923	2001	Builder
Laszlo Schell	1948	2009	Referee

ITALY			
Enrico Calcaterra	1905	1999	Builder

JAPAN			
Shoichi Tomita	1936	2006	Builder
Tsutomu Kawabuchi	1925	2004	Builder
Yoshiaki Tsutsumi	1934	1999	Builder

LATVIA			
Helmuts Balderis	1952	1998	Player
Arturs Irbe	1967	2010	Player

NORWAY			
Tore Johannessen	1922	1999	Builder

POLAND			
Henryk Gruth	1957	2006	Player

ROMANIA			
Eduard Pana	1944	1998	Player
Doru Tureanu	1954	2011	Player

RUSSIA			
Veniamin Alexandrov	1937	2007	Player
Vsevolod Bobrov	1922	1997	Player
Arkady Chernyshev	1914	1999	Builder
Vitaly Davydov	1939	2004	Player
Igor Dimitriev	1941	2007	Builder
Vyacheslav Fetisov	1958	2005	Player
Anatoli Firsov	1941	1998	Player
Yuri Karandin	1937	2004	Referee
Alexei Kasatonov	1959	2009	Player
Valeri Kharlamov	1948	1998	Player
Viktor Konovalev	1938	2007	Player
Vladimir Krutov	1960	2010	Player
Viktor Kuzkin	1940	2005	Player
Igor Larionov	1960	2008	Player
Konstantin Loktev	1933	2007	Player
Sergei Makarov	1958	2001	Player
Alexander Maltsev	1949	1999	Player
Boris Mayorov	1938	1999	Player
Boris Mikhailov	1944	2000	Player
Vladimir Petrov	1947	2006	Player
Alexander Ragulin	1941	1997	Player
Nikolai Sologubov	1924	2004	Player
Andrei Starovoitov	1915	1997	Builder
Vyacheslav Starshinov	1940	2007	Player
Anatoli Tarasov	1918	1997	Builder
Viktor Tikhonov	1930	1998	Builder
Vladislav Tretiyak	1952	1997	Player
Valeri Vasiliev	1949	1998	Player
Alexander Yakushev	1947	2003	Player
Vladimir Yurzinov	1940	2002	Builder

SLOVAKIA			
Vladimir Dzurilla	1942	1998	Player
Josef Golonka	1938	1998	Player
Ladislav Horsky	1927	2004	Builder
Jan Starsi	1933	1999	Builder
Peter Stastny	1956	2000	Player
Ladislav Trojak	1914	2011	Player

SLOVENIA			
Ernest Aljancic Sr.	1916	2002	Player
Rudi Hiti	1946	2009	Player

SWEDEN			
Curt Berglund	1923	2003	Builder
Sven Bergkvist	1914	1999	Player
Lars Bjorn	1931	1998	Player
Ove Dahlberg	1931	2004	Referee
Rudolf Eklöv	1904	1999	Builder
Rickard Fagerlund	1937	2010	Builder
Arne Grunander	1918	1997	Builder
Bengt-Ake Gustafsson	1958	2003	Player
Anders Hedberg	1951	1997	Player
Leif Holmqvist	1942	1999	Player
Tomas Jonsson	1960	2000	Player
Hakan Loob	1960	1998	Player
Tord Lundström	1945	2011	Player
Mats Naslund	1959	2005	Player
Kent Nilsson	1956	2006	Player
Nisse Nilsson	1936	2002	Player
Ronald Pettersson	1935	2004	Player
Thomas Rundqvist	1960	2007	Player
Borje Salming	1951	1998	Player
Ulf Sterner	1941	2001	Player
Roland Stoltz	1931	1999	Player
Arne Stromberg	1920	1998	Builder
Sven Tumba	1931	1997	Player

SWITZERLAND			
Ferdinand Cattini	1916	1998	Player
Hans Cattini	1914	1998	Player
Jakob Kolliker	1953	2007	Player
Cesar Luthi	1930	1998	Builder
Bibi Torriani	1911	1997	Player

UKRAINE			
Anatoli Khorozov	1925	2006	Builder

USA			
Art Berglund	1940	2008	Builder
Herb Brooks	1937	1999	Builder
Walter Brown	1905	1997	Builder
Walter Bush Jr	1929	2009	Builder
Karyn Bye	1971	2011	Player
Bill Christian	1938	1998	Player
Bill Cleary	1934	1997	Player
Gerry Cosby	1909	1997	Player
Jim Craig	1957	1999	Player
Mike Curran	1944	1999	Player
Cammi Granato	1971	2008	Player
Mark Johnson	1957	1999	Player
Jack McCartan	1935	1998	Player
John Mayasich	1933	1997	Player
Lou Nanne	1941	2004	Player
Bob Ridder	1919	1998	Builder
Jack Riley	1920	1998	Builder
Hal Trumble	1926	1999	Builder
Thayer Tutt	1912	2002	Builder

PAUL LOICQ AWARD WINNERS

Wolf-Dieter Montag	GER	1998
Roman Neumayer	GER	1999
Vsevolod Kukulshin	RUS	2000
Isao Kataoka	JPN	2001
Pat Marsh	GBR	2002
George Nagobads	USA	2003
Aggie Kukulowicz	CAN	2004
Rita Hrbacek	AUT	2005
Bo Tovland	SWE	2006
Bob Nadin	CAN	2007
Juraj Okolicany	SVK	2008
Harald Griebel	GER	2009
Lou Vairo	USA	2010
Yuri Korolev	RUS	2011



Not this Year: A dejected Canadian junior team walks to the locker room after blowing a 3-0 lead and allowing Russia five unanswered goals in the third period to lose the 2011 U20 World Championship gold medal game.

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2011 IIHF World Championship

Bratislava & Košice, Slovakia



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Bratislava
Košice

Preliminary Round

Group A

Date	Game	Score
29.04.11	Germany - Russia	2 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 1-0)
29.04.11	Slovakia - Slovenia	3 - 1 (0-0, 1-1, 2-0)
01.05.11	Russia - Slovenia	6 - 4 (1-0, 1-1, 4-3)
01.05.11	Slovakia - Germany	3 - 4 (0-0, 0-3, 3-1)
03.05.11	Slovenia - Germany	2 - 3 so (1-0, 1-1, 0-1)
03.05.11	Russia - Slovakia	4 - 3 (2-1, 1-2, 1-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Germany	3	2	1	0	0	9:5	8
2	Russia	3	2	0	0	1	10:9	6
3	Slovakia	3	1	0	0	2	9:9	3
4	Slovenia	3	0	0	1	2	7:12	1

Group B

Date	Game	Score
29.04.11	Switzerland - France	1 - 0 ot (0-0, 0-0, 0-0)
29.04.11	Belarus - Canada	1 - 4 (1-1, 0-1, 0-2)
01.05.11	Canada - France	9 - 1 (3-0, 2-1, 4-0)
01.05.11	Switzerland - Belarus	4 - 1 (1-0, 3-1, 0-0)
03.05.11	Canada - Switzerland	4 - 3 ot (0-1, 2-0, 1-2)
03.05.11	France - Belarus	2 - 1 ot (1-0, 0-0, 0-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Canada	3	2	1	0	0	17:5	8
2	Switzerland	3	1	1	1	0	8:5	6
3	France	3	0	1	1	1	3:11	3
4	Belarus	3	0	0	1	2	3:10	1

Group C

Date	Game	Score
30.04.11	USA - Austria	5 - 1 (2-0, 1-1, 2-0)
30.04.11	Norway - Sweden	5 - 4 so (1-3, 2-0, 1-1)
02.05.11	USA - Norway	4 - 2 (0-2, 0-0, 4-0)
02.05.11	Sweden - Austria	3 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 1-0)
04.05.11	Austria - Norway	0 - 5 (0-3, 0-1, 0-1)
04.05.11	Sweden - USA	6 - 2 (1-1, 3-0, 2-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Sweden	3	2	0	1	0	13:7	7
2	USA	3	2	0	0	1	11:9	6
3	Norway	3	1	1	0	1	12:8	5
4	Austria	3	0	0	0	3	1:13	0

Group D

Date	Game	Score
30.04.11	Finland - Denmark	5 - 1 (0-0, 2-0, 3-1)
30.04.11	Czech Republic - Latvia	4 - 2 (1-1, 1-1, 2-0)
02.05.11	Czech Republic - Denmark	6 - 0 (1-0, 4-0, 1-0)
02.05.11	Latvia - Finland	2 - 3 so (0-1, 1-0, 1-1)
04.05.11	Denmark - Latvia	3 - 2 so (1-0, 1-2, 0-0)
04.05.11	Finland - Czech Republic	1 - 2 (0-0, 0-1, 1-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Czech Republic	3	3	0	0	0	12:3	9
2	Finland	3	1	1	0	1	9:5	5
3	Denmark	3	0	1	0	2	4:13	2
4	Latvia	3	0	0	2	1	6:10	2

Qualification Round

Group E

Date	Game	Score
05.05.11	Russia - Denmark	4 - 3 (1-2, 2-0, 1-1)
06.05.11	Germany - Finland	4 - 5 so (1-1, 3-2, 0-1)
06.05.11	Czech Republic - Slovakia	3 - 2 (1-0, 0-1, 2-1)
07.05.11	Denmark - Germany	4 - 3 so (1-1, 1-1, 1-1)
07.05.11	Finland - Slovakia	2 - 1 (0-1, 0-0, 2-0)
08.05.11	Czech Republic - Russia	3 - 2 (2-0, 0-1, 1-1)
09.05.11	Slovakia - Denmark	4 - 1 (2-1, 0-0, 2-0)
09.05.11	Russia - Finland	2 - 3 so (2-0, 0-2, 0-0)
09.05.11	Germany - Czech Republic	2 - 5 (1-2, 0-3, 1-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Czech Republic	5	5	0	0	0	19:7	15
2	Finland	5	2	2	0	1	16:10	10
3	Germany	5	2	0	2	1	15:17	8
4	Russia	5	2	0	1	2	12:14	7
5	Slovakia	5	1	0	0	4	13:14	3
6	Denmark	5	0	1	0	4	9:22	2

Group F

Date	Game	Score
05.05.11	Switzerland - Norway	2 - 3 (0-2, 1-0, 1-1)
06.05.11	Canada - USA	4 - 3 so (0-0, 1-2, 2-1)
06.05.11	Sweden - France	4 - 0 (3-0, 0-0, 1-0)
07.05.11	Norway - Canada	2 - 3 (0-1, 0-1, 2-1)
07.05.11	USA - France	3 - 2 (1-1, 2-0, 0-1)
08.05.11	Sweden - Switzerland	2 - 0 (0-0, 0-0, 2-0)
09.05.11	France - Norway	2 - 5 (1-3, 1-1, 0-1)
09.05.11	Switzerland - USA	5 - 3 (2-1, 2-1, 1-1)
09.05.11	Canada - Sweden	3 - 2 (2-1, 0-1, 1-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Canada	5	3	2	0	0	23:11	13
2	Sweden	5	3	0	1	1	18:10	10
3	Norway	5	2	1	0	2	17:15	8
4	USA	5	2	0	1	2	15:19	7
5	Switzerland	5	1	1	1	2	11:12	6
6	France	5	0	0	1	4	5:22	1

Relegation Round

Group G

Date	Game	Score
05.05.11	Slovenia - Latvia	5 - 2 (0-0, 3-0, 2-2)
05.05.11	Belarus - Austria	7 - 2 (3-0, 2-0, 2-2)
07.05.11	Austria - Slovenia	3 - 2 (1-0, 1-2, 1-0)
07.05.11	Belarus - Latvia	3 - 6 (1-3, 1-1, 1-2)
08.05.11	Slovenia - Belarus	1 - 7 (0-2, 1-3, 0-2)
08.05.11	Latvia - Austria	4 - 1 (2-0, 1-0, 1-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Latvia	3	2	0	0	1	12:9	6
2	Belarus	3	2	0	0	1	17:9	6
3	Austria	3	1	0	0	2	6:13	3
4	Slovenia	3	1	0	0	2	8:12	3

Playoff Round

Quarter-Finals

Date	Game	Score
11.05.11	Czech Republic - USA	4 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 2-0)
11.05.11	Sweden - Germany	5 - 2 (2-1, 2-1, 1-0)
12.05.11	Finland - Norway	4 - 1 (0-0, 4-1, 0-0)
12.05.11	Canada - Russia	1 - 2 (0-0, 1-0, 0-2)

Semi-Finals

Date	Game	Score
13.05.11	Czech Republic - Sweden	2 - 5 (0-0, 1-2, 1-3)
13.05.11	Finland - Russia	3 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 2-0)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
15.05.11	Czech Republic - Russia	7 - 4 (2-3, 3-1, 2-0)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
15.05.11	Sweden - Finland	1 - 6 (0-0, 1-1, 0-5)

Final Placing

1	Finland	9	Switzerland
2	Sweden	10	Slovakia
3	Czech Republic	11	Denmark
4	Russia	12	France
5	Canada	13	Latvia
6	Norway	14	Belarus
7	Germany	15	Austria
8	USA	16	Slovenia

Austria & Slovenia are relegated to the 2012 IIHF World Championship, Division I

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Viktor Fasth	SWE
Best Defenceman:	Alex Pietrangolo	CAN
Best Forward:	Jaromir Jagr	CZE

Media All-Star Team

Goalkeeper:	Viktor Fasth	SWE
Defenceman:	David Petrasek	SWE
Defenceman:	Marek Zidlicky	CZE
Forward:	Patrik Berglund	SWE
Forward:	Jarkko Immonen	FIN
Forward:	Jaromir Jagr	CZE
MVP:	Viktor Fasth	SWE

First Finnish gold since 1995

After 16 years, during which the national team suffered six gold medal game losses in major international competition, Finland finally was on top of the world. Just like in 1995 in Stockholm, the Finns defeated archrival Sweden in the gold medal game. And it wasn't just a win, it was a hammering of the most emphatic sort. A 5-0 avalanche in the third period led to a 6-1 final score, kicking off a Finnish celebration that lasted for two weeks.

Finland was equally impressive in the semi-final where they defeated a strong Russian team, 3-0. The lasting image of the 75th IIHF World Championship was from this game and depicted 19-year old Mikael Granlund's amazing "lacrosse" goal move which fooled the entire Soviet defense including goaltender Konstantin Barulin.

The Czech Republic, last year's champions, won the bronze medal after defeating Russia 7-4. The Czechs didn't win, but they probably played the best hockey throughout the tournament, except in the semi-final against Sweden.

It was a sad tournament for Slovakia. The hosting nation had most of their top players in Bratislava but missed the quarter-finals. Austria and Slovenia were relegated.

Red Machine: Led by veterans such as Jaromir Jagr, Tomas Plekanec, and Marek Zidlicky, the Czech Republic tore through the 2011 World Championship tournament but fell short of gold, settling for a bronze-medal game victory against Russia.



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2011 IIHF World Championship Division I Group A

Budapest, Hungary



Date	Game	Score
17.04.11	Spain - Italy	0 - 2 (0-0, 0-1, 0-1)
17.04.11	Netherlands - Hungary	3 - 7 (0-4, 2-1, 1-2)
18.04.11	Italy - Netherlands	3 - 2 (2-1, 1-1, 0-0)
18.04.11	Hungary - Korea	6 - 3 (3-1, 0-0, 3-2)
20.04.11	Spain - Netherlands	2 - 8 (0-4, 0-2, 2-2)
20.04.11	Italy - Korea	6 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 3-0)
22.04.11	Netherlands - Korea	3 - 6 (1-1, 2-4, 0-1)
22.04.11	Hungary - Spain	13 - 1 (5-0, 3-0, 5-1)
23.04.11	Korea - Spain	2 - 3OT(0-1, 1-0, 1-1)
23.04.11	Italy - Hungary	4 - 3OT(3-1, 0-1, 0-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF-GA	TP
1	Italy	4	3	1	0	0	15 : 5	11
2	Hungary	4	3	0	1	0	29 : 11	10
3	Korea	4	1	0	1	2	11 : 18	9
4	Netherlands	4	1	0	0	3	16 : 18	3
5	Spain	4	0	1	0	3	6 : 25	2

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards		
Best Goaltender:	Hyun Seung Eum	KOR
Best Defenceman:	Armin Helfer	ITA
Best Forward:	Istvan Sofron	HUN

Final Placing

1	Italy	4	Netherlands
2	Hungary	5	Spain
3	Korea		

Italy is promoted to the 2012 IIHF Championship in Finland/Sweden.
Spain is relegated to the 2012 IIHF World Championship Division II.
Japan did not participate due to force majeure withdrawal.

Italy upsets host Hungary

Italy didn't have to stay in Division I more than one season. They earned promotion by winning the Division I Group A and in the process defeating host Hungary in the decisive game, 4-3 in overtime on the last day in front of 8,723 fans at the Laszlo Papp Sportarena.

Although the Italians were favourites, it was still a surprising win as Italy did not perform in a convincing fashion against underdogs Spain (2-0) and Netherlands (3-2).

Hungary, yearning for promotion, had to settle with second place while Korea won its first ever bronze. Japan had to cancel their participation due to the earthquake which shattered the country some weeks prior to the event.

Newcomer Spain was relegated back to Division II.

Il Tricolore united: The Italian men's team fought tooth and nail to gain promotion into next year's Top Division Championship in Finland and Sweden, gaining top placement courtesy of a thrilling overtime victory over Hungary in the final game of the Division I round-robin tournament.



Photo by Andras Wirth

2011 IIHF World Championship Division I Group B

Kyiv, Ukraine



**2011
WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
UKRAINE**
Kyiv
Division I - Group B

Date	Game	Score
17.04.11	Estonia - Kazakhstan	1 - 5 (0-2, 1-1, 0-2)
17.04.11	Lithuania - Poland	1 - 5 (1-2, 0-2, 0-1)
17.04.11	Great Britain - Ukraine	5 - 3 (0-1, 3-2, 2-0)
18.04.11	Poland - Estonia	8 - 3 (1-0, 2-1, 5-2)
18.04.11	Kazakhstan - Great Britain	2 - 1 (0-1, 1-0, 1-0)
18.04.11	Ukraine - Lithuania	5 - 1 (2-0, 1-1, 2-0)
20.04.11	Kazakhstan - Lithuania	7 - 0 (2-0, 3-0, 2-0)
20.04.11	Estonia - Great Britain	0 - 7 (0-7, 0-0, 0-0)
20.04.11	Ukraine - Poland	4 - 1 (1-0, 3-1, 0-0)
21.04.11	Great Britain - Lithuania	5 - 2 (4-0, 1-1, 0-1)
21.04.11	Poland - Kazakhstan	2 - 4 (0-2, 0-1, 2-1)
21.04.11	Ukraine - Estonia	5 - 2 (1-0, 4-2, 0-0)
23.04.11	Lithuania - Estonia	5 - 2 (2-1, 1-1, 2-0)
23.04.11	Poland - Great Britain	2 - 3 (1-2, 1-0, 0-1)
23.04.11	Kazakhstan - Ukraine	3 - 2or(0-0, 1-1, 1-1)

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Stephen Murphy	GBR
Best Defenceman:	Roman Savchenko	KAZ
Best Forward:	Olexander Materukhin	UKR

Final Placing

1	Kazakhstan	4	Poland
2	Great Britain	5	Lithuania
3	Ukraine	6	Estonia

Kazakhstan is promoted to the 2012 IIHF World Championship in Finland/Sweden.
Estonia is relegated to the 2012 IIHF World Championship Division II.

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Kazakhstan	5	4	1	0	0	21:6	14
2	Great Britain	5	4	0	0	1	21:9	12
3	Ukraine	5	3	0	1	1	19:12	10
4	Poland	5	2	0	0	3	18:15	6
5	Lithuania	5	1	0	0	4	9:24	3
6	Estonia	5	0	0	0	5	8:30	0



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The Kazakh team did not linger for long in Division I, going undefeated in five games to book their tickets to the 2012 World Championship.

Kazakhs go undefeated in Kyiv

Just like in the other Division I group, the crowd was hoping to celebrate their heroes' promotion to the top pool, but it wasn't to be. Ukraine stumbled already in their opener against a pesky Great Britain squad (5-3) and that's very seldom a good thing to do if your ambition is to move up.

But Ukraine still had the opportunity on the last day in the head-to-head meeting with Kazakhstan and the home team held on to a 2-1 lead in the second intermission. But Kazakhstan rallied for a 3-2 win in overtime. The Brits finished second and Ukraine got the bronze. Winless Estonia was relegated to Division II.

2011 IIHF World Championship Division II Group A

Melbourne, Australia



**2011
WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
AUSTRALIA**
Division II - Group A

Group A

Date	Game	Score
04.04.11	Belgium - Serbia	3 - 2 (1-1, 2-0, 0-1)
04.04.11	DPR Korea - New Zealand	0 - 5 (forfeit)
04.04.11	Australia - Mexico	11 - 1 (1-0, 4-0, 6-1)
05.04.11	Mexico - DPR Korea	5 - 0 (forfeit)
05.04.11	Serbia - New Zealand	6 - 4 (4-1, 0-0, 2-3)
06.04.11	Australia - Belgium	5 - 3 (0-0, 3-1, 2-2)
07.04.11	Serbia - Mexico	7 - 0 (1-0, 4-0, 2-0)
07.04.11	Belgium - New Zealand	0 - 5 (0-2, 0-3, 0-0)
07.04.11	Australia - DPR Korea	5 - 0 (forfeit)
08.04.11	DPR Korea - Serbia	0 - 5 (forfeit)
09.04.11	Mexico - Belgium	2 - 8 (1-1, 0-3, 1-4)
09.04.11	New Zealand - Australia	0 - 2 (0-0, 0-2, 0-0)
10.04.11	Belgium - DPR Korea	5 - 0 (forfeit)
10.04.11	New Zealand - Mexico	5 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 2-0)
10.04.11	Serbia - Australia	2 - 4 (1-2, 0-1, 1-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Australia	5	5	0	0	0	27 : 6	15
2	New Zealand	5	3	0	0	2	19 : 8	9
3	Serbia	5	3	0	0	2	22 : 11	9
4	Belgium	5	3	0	0	2	19 : 14	9
5	Mexico	5	1	0	0	4	8 : 31	3
6	DPR Korea	5	0	0	0	5	0 : 25	0

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Zak Nothling	NZL
Best Defenceman:	Nikola Bibic	SRB
Best Forward:	Joseph Hughes	AUS

Final Placing

1	Australia	4	Belgium
2	New Zealand	5	Mexico
3	Serbia	6	DPR Korea

Australia is promoted to the 2012 IIHF World Championship Division I.
DPR Korea is relegated to the 2012 IIHF World Championship Division III.



Photo by Mark Bradford

Down Under comes out on top: Greg Oddy (pictured) and the rest of the hometown Australian national team dominated the field to win the Division I Group A.

2011 IIHF World Championship Division II Group B

Zagreb, Croatia



**2011
WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
CROATIA**
Division II - Group B

Group B

Date	Game	Score
10.04.11	Romania - China	9 - 4 (5-1, 1-2, 3-1)
10.04.11	Ireland - Bulgaria	0 - 6 (0-2, 0-4, 0-0)
10.04.11	Iceland - Croatia	0 - 9 (0-3, 0-3, 0-3)
11.04.11	China - Ireland	5 - 0 (0-0, 2-0, 3-0)
11.04.11	Romania - Iceland	4 - 2 (0-1, 2-1, 2-0)
11.04.11	Croatia - Bulgaria	17 - 2 (4-0, 9-1, 4-1)
13.04.11	Iceland - Bulgaria	3 - 2 (0-0, 3-0, 0-2)
13.04.11	Romania - Ireland	22 - 0 (6-0, 8-0, 8-0)
13.04.11	Croatia - China	5 - 2 (1-1, 3-0, 1-1)
15.04.11	Bulgaria - Romania	1 - 10 (0-3, 1-5, 0-2)
15.04.11	China - Iceland	3 - 5 (1-1, 1-3, 1-1)
15.04.11	Ireland - Croatia	4 - 21 (1-7, 0-6, 3-8)
16.04.11	Bulgaria - China	6 - 12 (0-2, 4-5, 2-5)
16.04.11	Iceland - Ireland	14 - 0 (6-0, 5-0, 3-0)
16.04.11	Croatia - Romania	1 - 2 (1-0, 0-1, 0-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Romania	5	5	0	0	0	47 : 8	15
2	Croatia	5	4	0	0	1	53 : 10	12
3	Iceland	5	3	0	0	2	24 : 18	9
4	China	5	2	0	0	3	26 : 25	6
5	Bulgaria	5	1	0	0	4	17 : 42	3
6	Ireland	5	0	0	0	5	4 : 68	0

Final Placing

1	Romania	4	China
2	Croatia	5	Bulgaria
3	Iceland	6	Ireland

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Mate Tomljenovic	CRO
Best Defenceman:	Szabolcs Papp	ROU
Best Forward:	Marko Lovrencic	CRO

Romania is promoted to the 2012 IIHF World Championship Division I.
Ireland is relegated to the 2012 IIHF World Championship Division III.



Photo by Ladislav Korenj

Romania gets it done: Group favourites Romania lived up to their billing and won promotion with an undefeated record.

2011 IIHF World Championship Division III

Cape Town, South Africa



2011
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
SOUTH AFRICA
Division III

Date	Game	Score
11.04.11	Turkey - Mongolia	5 - 0 (forfeit)
11.04.11	Greece - Luxembourg	0 - 20 (0-5, 0-7, 0-8)
11.04.11	South Africa - Israel	5 - 6 or (2-1, 2-2, 1-2)
12.04.11	Mongolia - Greece	0 - 5 (forfeit)
12.04.11	Israel - Luxembourg	11 - 1 (4-0, 4-0, 3-1)
12.04.11	Turkey - South Africa	1 - 11 (0-5, 1-3, 0-3)
14.04.11	Israel - Mongolia	5 - 0 (forfeit)
14.04.11	Turkey - Greece	16 - 0 (6-0, 4-0, 6-0)
14.04.11	South Africa - Luxembourg	5 - 2 (1-1, 1-0, 3-1)
15.04.11	Mongolia - South Africa	0 - 5 (forfeit)
15.04.11	Luxembourg - Turkey	5 - 6 (1-1, 1-2, 3-3)
15.04.11	Greece - Israel	2 - 26 (0-6, 0-8, 2-12)
17.04.11	Luxembourg - Mongolia	5 - 0 (forfeit)
17.04.11	Israel - Turkey	9 - 1 (3-1, 5-0, 1-0)
17.04.11	South Africa - Greece	17-0 (4-0, 4-0, 7-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Israel	5	4	1	0	0	57 : 9	14
2	South Africa	5	4	0	1	0	43 : 9	13
3	Turkey	5	3	0	0	2	29 : 25	9
4	Luxembourg	5	2	0	0	3	33 : 22	6
5	Greece	5	1	0	0	4	7 : 79	3
6	Mongolia	5	0	0	0	5	0 : 25	0

Final Placing

1	Israel	4	Luxembourg
2	South Africa	5	Greece
3	Turkey	6	Mongolia

Israel and South Africa are promoted to the 2012 IIHF World Championship Division II.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	David Berger	RSA
Best Defenceman:	Daniel Spivak	ISR
Best Forward:	Eliezer Sherbatov	ISR

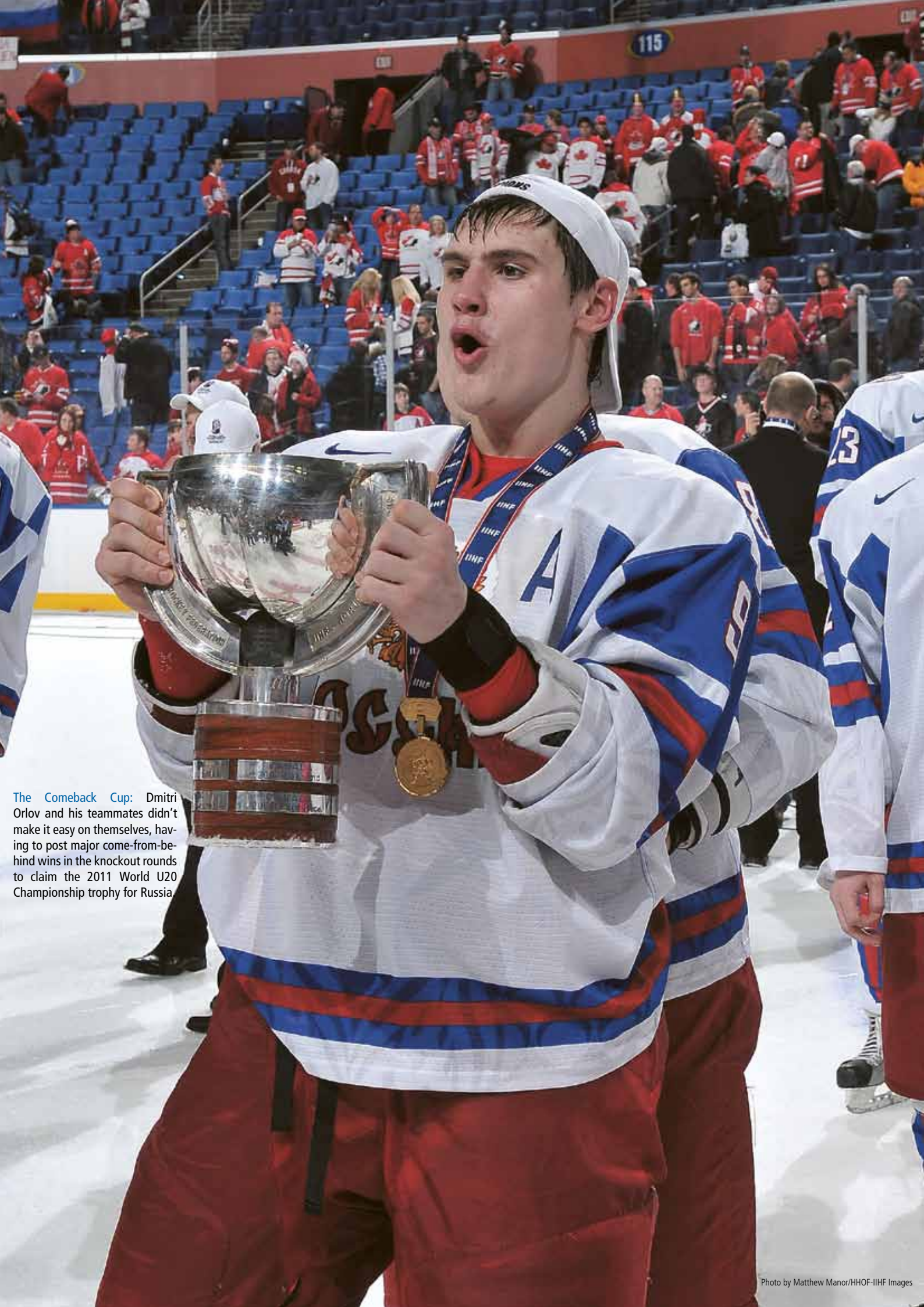


Hometown heroes:
Along with first-place Israel, the South African men's team (left) won the right to move up to Division II.

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An emotional farewell: Though their team wasn't able to recreate the dream gold medal run of 2002, Slovak fans stayed in the arena following Team Slovakia's final game to give a long standing ovation to their hero Pavel Demitra, who retired from national team play following the team's final game.





The Comeback Cup: Dmitri Orlov and his teammates didn't make it easy on themselves, having to post major come-from-behind wins in the knockout rounds to claim the 2011 World U20 Championship trophy for Russia.

2011 IIHF World U20 Championship

Buffalo & Niagara, USA



2011

**WORLD U20
CHAMPIONSHIP**
UNITED STATES

Buffalo, NY

Preliminary Round

Group A

Date	Game	Score
26.12.10	Germany - Switzerland	3 - 4 (0-4, 1-0, 2-0)
26.12.10	Finland - USA	2 - 3 so (0-1, 1-1, 1-0)
27.12.10	Slovakia - Germany	2 - 1 so (0-0, 1-1, 0-0)
28.12.10	Switzerland - Finland	0 - 4 (0-1, 0-1, 0-2)
28.12.10	USA - Slovakia	6 - 1 (2-0, 4-1, 0-0)
29.12.10	Finland - Germany	5 - 1 (1-0, 3-0, 1-1)
30.12.10	Switzerland - Slovakia	6 - 4 (3-1, 1-1, 2-2)
30.12.10	Germany - USA	0 - 4 (0-2, 0-2, 0-0)
31.12.10	Slovakia - Finland	0 - 6 (0-3, 0-3, 0-0)
31.12.10	USA - Switzerland	2 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 0-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	USA	4	3	1	0	0	15 : 4	11
2	Finland	4	3	0	1	0	17 : 4	10
3	Switzerland	4	2	0	0	2	11 : 13	6
4	Slovakia	4	0	1	0	3	7 : 19	2
5	Germany	4	0	0	1	3	5 : 15	1

Group B

Date	Game	Score
26.12.10	Russia - Canada	3 - 6 (1-1, 2-2, 0-3)
26.12.10	Norway - Sweden	1 - 7 (0-2, 0-2, 1-3)
27.12.10	Czech Republic - Norway	2 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 1-0)
28.12.10	Canada - Czech Republic	7 - 2 (2-1, 3-0, 2-1)
28.12.10	Sweden - Russia	2 - 0 (2-0, 0-0, 0-0)
29.12.10	Norway - Canada	1 - 10 (1-6, 0-1, 0-3)
30.12.10	Sweden - Czech Republic	6 - 3 (3-1, 2-2, 1-0)
30.12.10	Russia - Norway	8 - 2 (2-2, 1-0, 5-0)
31.12.10	Canada - Sweden	5 - 6 so (3-2, 1-2, 1-1)
31.12.10	Czech Republic - Russia	3 - 8 (1-4, 1-4, 1-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Sweden	4	3	1	0	0	21 : 9	11
2	Canada	4	3	0	1	0	28 : 12	10
3	Russia	4	2	0	0	2	19 : 13	6
4	Czech Republic	4	1	0	0	3	10 : 21	3
5	Norway	4	0	0	0	4	4 : 27	0

Playoff Round

Quarter-Final

Date	Game	Score
02.01.11	Canada - Switzerland	4 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 2-0)
02.01.11	Finland - Russia	3 - 4 so (1-1, 1-0, 1-2)

Semi-Final

Date	Game	Score
03.01.11	Sweden - Russia	3 - 4 so (0-1, 1-1, 2-1)
03.01.11	USA - Canada	1 - 4 (0-2, 0-1, 1-1)

Placing Game 5-6

Date	Game	Score
04.01.11	Finland - Switzerland	2 - 3 so (2-1, 0-1, 0-0)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
05.01.11	Sweden - USA	2 - 4 (0-0, 1-1, 1-3)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
05.01.11	Canada - Russia	3 - 5 (2-0, 1-0, 0-5)

Relegation Round

Date	Game	Score
27.12.10	Slovakia - Germany	2 - 1 so (0-0, 1-1, 0-0)
27.12.10	Czech Republic - Norway	2 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 1-0)
02.01.11	Slovakia - Norway	5 - 0 (2-0, 0-0, 3-0)
02.01.11	Czech Republic - Germany	3 - 2 (0-0, 1-1, 2-1)
04.01.11	Germany - Norway	1 - 3 (0-1, 1-0, 0-2)
04.01.11	Czech Republic - Slovakia	5 - 2 (2-0, 3-2, 0-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Czech Republic	3	3	0	0	0	10 : 4	9
2	Slovakia	3	1	1	0	1	9 : 6	5
3	Norway	3	1	0	0	2	3 : 8	3
4	Germany	3	0	0	1	2	4 : 8	1

Norway & Germany relegated to the 2012 U20 World Championship Div. I.

Final Placing

1	Russia	6	Finland
2	Canada	7	Czech Republic
3	USA	8	Slovakia
4	Sweden	9	Norway
5	Switzerland	10	Germany

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Jack Campbell	USA
Best Defenceman:	Ryan Ellis	CAN
Best Forward & MVP:	Brayden Schenn	CAN

All-Star Team

Goalkeeper:	Jack Campbell	USA
Defenceman:	Ryan Ellis	CAN
Defenceman:	Dmitri Orlov	RUS
Forward:	Yevgeni Kuznetsov	RUS
Forward:	Brayden Schenn	CAN
Forward:	Ryan Johansen	CAN

Never count out the Russians

Russia's U20 team was virtually out of the quarter-final, losing 3-1 to the Finns with four minutes left. Miraculously, they tied it up and won in overtime. In the semi-final, Sweden held a late lead only for Russia to score a late equalizer and win it in a shootout.

In the gold medal game, in front of some 17,000 Canadians in Buffalo, USA, the "home team" enjoyed a 3-0 lead after two, and the third period just seemed to be a matter of protocol. But this was the tournament where Russia never stopped believing in themselves.

Led by star forward Yevgeni Kuznetsov, Russia scored five unanswered goals for a sensational 5-3 victory. The Canadian loss stunned the entire country. This was Russia's first World U20 Gold since 2003.

Deflated by the semi-final loss to Russia, the Swedes also lost the bronze medal game against the USA, 4-2. It was the best attended IIHF event in the USA, including the 2002 Olympics.

2011 IIHF World U20 Championship Division I, Group A

Bobruisk, Belarus



2011
WORLD U20 CHAMPIONSHIP
BELARUS
Division I - Group A

Group A

Date	Game	Score
13.12.10	Japan - Italy	0 - 6 (0-0, 0-3, 0-3)
13.12.10	Great Britain - Latvia	1 - 6 (0-1, 0-4, 1-1)
13.12.10	Ukraine - Belarus	2 - 7 (0-1, 1-2, 1-4)
14.12.10	Italy - Great Britain	0 - 2 (0-0, 0-2, 0-0)
14.12.10	Latvia - Ukraine	9 - 0 (3-0, 2-0, 4-0)
14.12.10	Belarus - Japan	4 - 1 (1-0, 0-1, 3-0)
16.12.10	Great Britain - Ukraine	5 - 1 (0-0, 2-1, 3-0)
16.12.10	Latvia - Japan	2 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 0-0)
16.12.10	Belarus - Italy	4 - 2 (0-0, 2-1, 2-1)
17.12.10	Ukraine - Japan	0 - 6 (0-3, 0-1, 0-2)
17.12.10	Italy - Latvia	0 - 1 (0-0, 0-1, 0-0)
17.12.10	Belarus - Great Britain	2 - 1 (0-1, 0-0, 2-0)
19.12.10	Japan - Great Britain	1 - 3 (0-0, 0-2, 1-1)
19.12.10	Italy - Ukraine	5 - 1 (1-0, 4-0, 0-1)
19.12.10	Latvia - Belarus	3 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 1-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Latvia	5	5	0	0	0	21:3	15
2	Belarus	5	4	0	0	1	18:9	12
3	Great Britain	5	3	0	0	2	12:10	9
4	Italy	5	2	0	0	3	13:8	6
5	Japan	5	1	0	0	4	9:15	3
6	Ukraine	5	0	0	0	5	4:32	0

Latvian juniors earn promotion: Tiny but hockey-mad Latvia made short work of their Division I, Group A opponents.

Final Placing

1	Latvia	4	Italy
2	Belarus	5	Japan
3	Great Britain	6	Ukraine

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Ben Bowns	GBR
Best Defenceman:	Ralfs Freibergs	LAT
Best Forward:	Nikolai Suslo	BLR

Latvia is promoted to the 2012 IIHF U20 World Championship.
Ukraine is relegated to the 2012 IIHF U20 World Championship Division II.



Photo by Alexander Antashkevich

2011 IIHF World U20 Championship Division I, Group B

Bled, Slovenia



2011
WORLD U20 CHAMPIONSHIP
SLOVENIA
Division I - Group B

Group B

Date	Game	Score
12.12.10	Kazakhstan - Denmark	1 - 7 (0-2, 1-1, 0-4)
12.12.10	Lithuania - Austria	0 - 5 (0-1, 0-3, 0-1)
12.12.10	Croatia - Slovenia	3 - 11 (0-4, 2-5, 1-2)
13.12.10	Austria - Kazakhstan	5 - 2 (0-1, 4-1, 1-0)
13.12.10	Denmark - Croatia	12 - 3 (4-1, 5-1, 3-1)
14.12.10	Slovenia - Lithuania	10 - 3 (6-1, 2-1, 2-1)
15.12.10	Austria - Croatia	4 - 3 OT (0-0, 2-1, 1-2)
15.12.10	Lithuania - Kazakhstan	4 - 6 (2-0, 1-3, 1-3)
15.12.10	Denmark - Slovenia	2 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 0-0)
16.12.10	Kazakhstan - Croatia	6 - 2 (2-0, 2-2, 2-0)
17.12.10	Denmark - Lithuania	9 - 1 (6-1, 0-0, 3-0)
17.12.10	Slovenia - Austria	3 - 2 (1-0, 0-0, 2-2)
18.12.10	Croatia - Lithuania	5 - 2 (0-1, 1-1, 4-0)
18.12.10	Austria - Denmark	8 - 5 (2-2, 5-2, 1-1)
18.12.10	Slovenia - Kazakhstan	6 - 4 (0-2, 1-2, 5-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Denmark	5	4	0	0	1	35:14	12
2	Slovenia	5	4	0	0	1	31:14	12
3	Austria	5	3	1	0	1	24:13	11
4	Kazakhstan	5	2	0	0	3	19:24	6
5	Croatia	5	1	0	1	3	16:35	4
6	Lithuania	5	0	0	0	5	10:35	0

Final Placing

1	Denmark	4	Kazakhstan
2	Slovenia	5	Croatia
3	Austria	6	Lithuania

Denmark is promoted to the 2012 IIHF U20 World Championship.
Lithuania is relegated to the 2012 IIHF U20 World Championship Division II.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Luka Gracnar	SLO
Best Defenceman:	Jesper Jensen	DEN
Best Forward:	Eric Pance	SLO



Photo by Samo Vidic

All aboard the Danish train: Denmark's players link up to celebrate their first-place finish and unblemished record in Division I Group B.

2011 IIHF World U20 Championship Division II, Group A

Tallinn, Estonia

Group A

Date	Game	Score						
13.12.10	Iceland - Belgium	5 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 3-0)						
13.12.10	Spain - France	1 - 8 (0-2, 0-2, 1-4)						
13.12.10	Netherlands - Estonia	5 - 2 (2-2, 0-0, 3-0)						
14.12.10	France - Belgium	15 - 0 (5-0, 5-0, 5-0)						
14.12.10	Netherlands - Spain	3 - 1 (1-0, 1-0, 1-1)						
14.12.10	Estonia - Iceland	7 - 1 (0-1, 4-0, 3-0)						
16.12.10	Netherlands - Iceland	5 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 3-0)						
16.12.10	Spain - Belgium	5 - 2 (2-1, 1-0, 2-1)						
16.12.10	France - Estonia	11 - 0 (4-0, 4-0, 3-0)						
17.12.10	Belgium - Netherlands	6 - 5 ^{so} (2-2, 1-1, 2-2)						
17.12.10	Iceland - France	3 - 9 (1-2, 0-4, 2-3)						
17.12.10	Estonia - Spain	3 - 4 (1-1, 1-1, 1-2)						
19.12.10	Spain - Iceland	1 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 0-0)						
19.12.10	France - Netherlands	6 - 1 (4-0, 2-1, 0-0)						
19.12.10	Belgium - Estonia	8 - 4 (3-0, 4-3, 1-1)						
Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	France	5	5	0	0	0	49 : 5	15
2	Netherlands	5	3	0	1	1	19 : 16	10
3	Spain	5	3	0	0	2	12 : 16	9
4	Belgium	5	1	1	0	3	17 : 34	5
5	Estonia	5	1	0	0	4	16 : 29	3
6	Iceland	5	1	0	0	4	10 : 23	3

Final Placing

1	France	4	Belgium
2	Netherlands	5	Estonia
3	Spain	6	Iceland



2011
WORLD U20
CHAMPIONSHIP
ESTONIA
Division II - Group A

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Ander Alcaine	ESP
Best Defenceman:	Victor Vitton Mea	FRA
Best Forward:	Nicolas Ritz	FRA

France is promoted to the 2012 IIHF U20 World Championship Division I.
Iceland is relegated to the 2012 IIHF U20 World Championship Division III.



Photo by Tonu Stoltser

Allez les Bleus! France's U20 squad dominated the Group A pool, scoring twenty more goals in the tournament than runners-up Netherlands.

2011 IIHF World U20 Championship Division II, Group B

Miercurea Ciuc, Romania

Group B

Date	Game	Score
13.12.10	Australia - Korea	5 - 7 (0-4, 4-2, 1-1)
13.12.10	Hungary - China	20-0 (11-0, 3-0, 6-0)
13.12.10	Romania - Poland	1 - 8 (1-3, 0-2, 0-3)
14.12.10	China - Australia	3 - 10 (0-2, 0-5, 3-3)
14.12.10	Poland - Korea	10 - 3 (6-0, 2-1, 2-2)
14.12.10	Hungary - Romania	7- 0 (3-0, 4-0, 0-0)
16.12.10	Poland - China	20-0 (4-0, 6-0, 10-0)
16.12.10	Hungary - Australia	9 - 4 (4-2, 3-2, 2-0)
16.12.10	Romania - Korea	3 - 4 (2-1, 1-1, 0-2)
17.12.10	Australia - Poland	0 - 14 (0-3, 0-4, 0-7)
17.12.10	Korea - Hungary	3 - 8 (0-6, 1-2, 2-0)
17.12.10	China - Romania	3 - 6 (1-1, 0-2, 2-3)
19.12.10	Korea - China	10 - 4 (5-2, 2-2, 3-0)
19.12.10	Poland - Hungary	9 - 6 (4-1, 4-4, 1-1)
19.12.10	Romania - Australia	6 - 2 (2-1, 2-0, 2-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Poland	5	5	0	0	0	61 : 10	15
2	Hungary	5	4	0	0	1	50 : 16	12
3	Korea	5	3	0	0	2	27 : 30	9
4	Romania	5	2	0	0	3	16 : 24	6
5	Australia	5	1	0	0	4	21 : 39	3
6	China	5	0	0	0	5	10 : 66	0

Poland is promoted to the 2012 IIHF U20 World Championship Division I.
China is relegated to the 2012 IIHF U20 World Championship Division III.



2011
WORLD U20
CHAMPIONSHIP
ROMANIA
Division II - Group B

Final Placing

1	Poland	4	Romania
2	Hungary	5	Australia
3	Korea	6	China

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Ayden Millward	AUS
Best Defenceman:	Jakub Wanacki	POL
Best Forward:	Bong Jin Lee	KOR



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The international game: Korea and China's junior teams bowed to the fans and to each other following their Group B match.

2011 IIHF World U20 Championship Division III

Mexico City, Mexico

Date	Game	Score
09.01.11	DPR Korea - Turkey	12 - 4 (3-0, 4-2, 5-2)
09.01.11	New Zealand - Chinese Taipei	5 - 3 (2-1, 0-0, 3-2)
09.01.11	Mexico - Bulgaria	8 - 0 (1-0, 4-0, 3-0)
10.01.11	Serbia - Bulgaria	17 - 1 (6-0, 5-0, 6-1)
10.01.11	Chinese Taipei - DPR Korea	4 - 6 (3-0, 1-2, 0-4)
10.01.11	Turkey - Mexico	5 - 7 (4-3, 1-2, 0-2)
12.01.11	New Zealand - Bulgaria	5 - 2 (1-0, 2-1, 2-1)
12.01.11	Serbia - Turkey	7 - 1 (3-1, 0-0, 4-0)
12.01.11	Mexico - Chinese Taipei	9 - 1 (0-1, 4-0, 5-0)
14.01.11	Bulgaria - DPR Korea	1 - 8 (0-4, 1-3, 0-1)
14.01.11	Turkey - New Zealand	9 - 1 (3-1, 2-0, 4-0)
14.01.11	Chinese Taipei - Serbia	0 - 13 (0-3, 0-3, 0-7)
15.01.11	Turkey - Bulgaria	9 - 3 (2-2, 4-0, 3-1)
15.01.11	Serbia - New Zealand	13 - 2 (7-0, 4-1, 2-1)
15.01.11	Mexico - DPR Korea	6 - 0 (3-0, 0-0, 3-0)
17.01.11	DPR Korea - Serbia	0 - 4 (0-0, 0-4, 0-0)
17.01.11	Bulgaria - Chinese Taipei	6 - 5 ^{so} (1-4, 2-0, 2-1)
17.01.11	New Zealand - Mexico	1 - 5 (1-0, 0-1, 0-4)
18.01.11	DPR Korea - New Zealand	11 - 3 (2-0, 4-2, 5-1)
18.01.11	Chinese Taipei - Turkey	3 - 8 (0-2, 0-3, 3-3)
18.01.11	Serbia - Mexico	2 - 4 (0-2, 1-0, 1-2)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Mexico	6	6	0	0	0	39 : 9	18
2	Serbia	6	5	0	0	1	56 : 8	15
3	DPR Korea	6	4	0	0	2	37 : 22	12
4	Turkey	6	3	0	0	3	36 : 33	9
5	New Zealand	6	2	0	0	4	17 : 43	6
6	Bulgaria	6	0	1	0	5	13 : 52	2
7	Chinese Taipei	6	0	0	1	5	16 : 47	1

Final Placing

1	Mexico	5	New Zealand
2	Serbia	6	Bulgaria
3	DPR Korea	7	Chinese Taipei
4	Turkey		

Mexico and Serbia are promoted to Division II Group B.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Arsenije Rankovic	SRB
Best Defenceman:	Manuel Escandon	MEX
Best Forward:	Serkan Gumus	TUR



2011
WORLD U20
CHAMPIONSHIP
MEXICO
Division III



Hockey Fiesta in Mexico: The famed Zocalo Square, in Mexico city, served as the venue for the opening game of the biggest squares in the world, The Zócalo is the heart of the city, both of the modern city and during Aztec times. Through Last January, ice hockey took centre stage.





2011 IIHF World U20 Championship Division III last January. One of the the ages it was the place of festivities, celebration, concerts and parades.



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2011 IIHF World U18 Championship

Crimmitschau & Dresden, Germany

Preliminary Round

Group A

Date	Game	Score
14.04.11	Russia - Slovakia	8 - 2 (3-0, 2-1, 3-1)
14.04.11	Switzerland - USA	1 - 2 (0-1, 1-0, 0-1)
15.04.11	Slovakia - USA	1 - 8 (0-2, 0-4, 1-2)
15.04.11	Switzerland - Germany	1 - 4 (0-2, 1-1, 0-1)
16.04.11	Germany - Russia	4 - 5 so (0-3, 3-0, 1-1)
17.04.11	Slovakia - Switzerland	2 - 3 (1-2, 0-0, 1-1)
17.04.11	USA - Russia	4 - 3 (2-0, 1-1, 1-2)
18.04.11	Germany - Slovakia	0 - 4 (0-2, 0-2, 0-0)
19.04.11	Russia - Switzerland	8 - 3 (4-0, 3-2, 1-1)
19.04.11	USA - Germany	7 - 3 (2-0, 4-2, 1-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	USA	4	4	0	0	0	21 : 8	12
2	Russia	4	2	1	0	1	24 : 13	8
3	Germany	4	1	0	1	2	11 : 17	4
4	Switzerland	4	1	0	0	3	8 : 16	3
5	Slovakia	4	1	0	0	3	9 : 19	3

Group B

Date	Game	Score
14.04.11	Finland - Norway	5 - 2 (2-0, 1-2, 2-0)
14.04.11	Czech Republic - Sweden	2 - 1 (0-1, 0-0, 2-0)
15.04.11	Norway - Sweden	2 - 10 (1-1, 0-3, 1-6)
15.04.11	Czech Republic - Canada	0 - 5 (0-3, 0-0, 0-2)
16.04.11	Canada - Finland	5 - 4 (1-0, 1-2, 3-2)
17.04.11	Norway - Czech Republic	2 - 3 (1-0, 1-2, 0-1)
17.04.11	Sweden - Finland	5 - 2 (1-1, 3-0, 1-1)
18.04.11	Canada - Norway	5 - 0 (3-0, 1-0, 1-0)
19.04.11	Finland - Czech Republic	5 - 3 (0-1, 1-1, 4-1)
19.04.11	Sweden - Canada	4 - 2 (0-1, 0-0, 4-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Sweden	4	3	0	0	1	20 : 8	9
2	Canada	4	3	0	0	1	17 : 8	9
3	Finland	4	2	0	0	2	16 : 15	6
4	Czech Republic	4	2	0	0	2	8 : 13	6
5	Norway	4	0	0	0	4	6 : 23	0

Relegation Round

Date	Game	Score
17.04.11	Slovakia - Switzerland	2 - 3 (1-2, 0-0, 1-1)
17.04.11	Norway - Czech Republic	2 - 3 (1-0, 1-2, 0-1)
21.04.11	Switzerland - Norway	4 - 1 (0-0, 2-1, 2-0)
21.04.11	Czech Republic - Slovakia	4 - 3 (1-2, 1-1, 2-0)
23.04.11	Slovakia - Norway	2 - 6 (2-1, 0-3, 0-2)
23.04.11	Switzerland - Czech Republic	4 - 2 (2-1, 1-0, 1-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Switzerland	3	3	0	0	0	11 : 5	9
2	Czech Republic	3	2	0	0	1	9 : 9	6
3	Norway	3	1	0	0	2	9 : 9	3
4	Slovakia	3	0	0	0	3	7 : 13	0

Norway & Slovakia are relegated to the 2011 IIHF U18 World Championship Division I.

Playoff Round

Quarter-Final

Date	Game	Score
21.04.11	Russia - Finland	5 - 2 (1-0, 1-1, 3-1)
21.04.11	Canada - Germany	4 - 3 (1-2, 1-0, 2-1)

Semi-Final

Date	Game	Score
23.04.11	Sweden - Russia	3 - 1 (0-1, 1-0, 2-0)
23.04.11	USA - Canada	5 - 4 or (1-1, 1-0, 2-3)

Placing Game 5-6

Date	Game	Score
23.04.11	Finland - Germany	6 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 3-0)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
24.04.11	Canada - Russia	4 - 6 (1-1, 2-4, 1-1)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
24.04.11	USA - Sweden	4 - 3 or (1-1, 0-2, 2-0)



2011 WORLD U18 CHAMPIONSHIP GERMANY

Crimmitschau
Dresden

Final Placing

1	USA	6	Germany
2	Sweden	7	Switzerland
3	Russia	8	Czech Republic
4	Canada	9	Norway
5	Finland	10	Slovakia

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goaltender:	John Gibson	USA
Best Defenceman:	Ryan Murphy	CAN
Best Forward:	Nikita Kucherov	RUS

USA has Sweden's number in U18

What does Sweden have to do to win an U18 gold medal game? The answer is pretty simple; beat the U.S. But for the second consecutive year the young Americans defeated the Swedes in the "World Juniors Light" final, this time 4-3.

The loss was very disheartening for the Swedes, as they had a 3-1 lead going into the third period, but the U.S. scored two goals, including one in the final two minutes to tie the game, and won it six minutes into overtime. The OT hero was Connor Murphy, who fired a shot that went in off the crossbar giving Team USA their third straight U18 gold medal.

Russia led the championship in nearly all offensive categories, but they "only" managed to win bronze after losing the semi-final to Sweden, 3-1. Russia defeated Canada 6-4 in the bronze medal game.

Playing on home ice in Crimmitschau and Dresden, Team Germany had its strongest U18 showing so far by making it to the quarter-final. In a wild game against Canada, Germany fell just short, 4-3. But the Germans made their fans happy with strong wins against Switzerland, Slovakia and a shootout loss to Russia.



Russian top gun: Russia's Nikita Kucherov led the U18s with 21 points (11 goals, 12 assists), eclipsing the 19 point mark set by Finland's Toni Rajala in 2009.



Bright futures: The USA's focus on youth development continues to bear fruit with a third straight U18 gold medal.

2011 IIHF World U18 Championship Division I, Group A

Riga, Latvia



**2011
WORLD U18
CHAMPIONSHIP
LATVIA**
Division I - Group A

Group A

Date	Game	Score
11.04.11	Kazakhstan - Hungary	3 - 2 ^{OT} (0-1, 1-1, 1-0)
11.04.11	Italy - Latvia	0 - 3 (0-0, 0-2, 0-1)
12.04.11	Hungary - Great Britain	7 - 3 (3-0, 2-1, 2-2)
12.04.11	Latvia - Kazakhstan	8 - 1 (3-0, 1-0, 4-1)
14.04.11	Italy - Kazakhstan	4 - 2 (2-0, 1-1, 1-1)
14.04.11	Latvia - Great Britain	5 - 1 (1-0, 3-0, 1-1)
15.04.11	Hungary - Italy	1 - 5 (0-1, 1-2, 0-2)
15.04.11	Kazakhstan - Great Britain	6 - 5 (0-3, 1-1, 5-1)
17.04.11	Great Britain - Italy	3 - 7 (0-5, 2-1, 1-1)
17.04.11	Latvia - Hungary	5 - 0 (3-0, 1-0, 1-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Latvia	4	4	0	0	0	21 : 2	12
2	Italy	4	3	0	0	1	16 : 9	9
3	Kazakhstan	4	1	1	0	2	12 : 19	5
4	Hungary	4	1	0	1	2	10 : 16	4
5	Great Britain	4	0	0	0	4	12 : 25	0

Latvia is promoted to the 2012 IIHF U18 World Championship.
Great Britain is relegated to the 2012 IIHF U18 World Championship Division II.
Japan withdrew due to force majeure.

Stretch play: Latvia managed to slip a few goals past Kazakhstan on their way to winning Group A.

Final Placing

1	Latvia	4	Hungary
2	Italy	5	Great Britain
3	Kazakhstan		

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Elvis Merzlikins	LAT
Best Defenceman:	Ruben Rampazzo	ITA
Best Forward:	Benjamin Nemes	HUN



Photo by Martins Aise

2011 IIHF World U18 Championship Division I, Group B

Maribor, Slovenia



**2011
WORLD U18
CHAMPIONSHIP
SLOVENIA**
Division I - Group B

Group B

Date	Game	Score
10.04.11	Korea - Poland	3 - 7 (2-2, 1-4, 0-1)
10.04.11	France - Denmark	2 - 1 (0-1, 1-0, 1-0)
10.04.11	Slovenia - Belarus	4 - 3 (0-2, 2-1, 2-0)
11.04.11	Belarus - France	3 - 4 ^{SO} (1-0, 0-3, 2-0)
11.04.11	Denmark - Korea	16 - 2 (6-1, 7-1, 3-0)
12.04.11	Poland - Slovenia	0 - 2 (0-1, 0-0, 0-1)
13.04.11	Belarus - Korea	8 - 0 (3-0, 3-0, 2-0)
13.04.11	Denmark - Poland	6 - 2 (2-0, 2-1, 2-1)
13.04.11	Slovenia - France	4 - 2 (1-1, 0-1, 3-0)
14.04.11	France - Korea	10 - 1 (6-0, 3-0, 1-1)
15.04.11	Poland - Belarus	1 - 8 (0-4, 1-1, 0-3)
15.04.11	Denmark - Slovenia	4 - 1 (1-1, 2-0, 1-0)
16.04.11	Poland - France	2 - 1 (0-1, 1-0, 1-0)
16.04.11	Belarus - Denmark	3 - 4 (0-1, 2-2, 1-1)
16.04.11	Korea - Slovenia	5 - 7 (2-2, 1-2, 2-3)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Denmark	5	4	0	0	1	31 : 10	12
2	Slovenia	5	4	0	0	1	18 : 14	12
3	France	5	2	1	0	2	19 : 11	8
4	Belarus	5	2	0	1	2	25 : 13	7
5	Poland	5	2	0	0	3	12 : 20	6
6	Korea	5	0	0	0	5	11 : 48	0

Final Placing

1	Denmark	4	Belarus
2	Slovenia	5	Poland
3	France	6	Korea

Denmark is promoted to the 2012 IIHF U18 World Championship.
Korea is relegated to the 2012 IIHF U18 World Championship Division II.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Antoine Bonvalot	FRA
Best Defenceman:	Anders Thode	DEN
Best Forward:	Patrick Russell	DEN



Photo by Gregor Kranjic

Onward and Upward: Just like their U20 counterparts, the Danes went undefeated in Group B and won promotion to the top division.

2011 IIHF World U18 Championship Division II Group A

Brasov, Romania

Group A

Date	Game	Score
19.03.11	New Zealand - Serbia	1 - 4 (0-1, 1-2, 0-1)
19.03.11	Croatia - Austria	1 - 5 (1-4, 0-1, 0-0)
19.03.11	Romania - Estonia	8 - 1 (2-1, 3-0, 3-0)
20.03.11	Austria - Serbia	12 - 0 (2-0, 6-0, 4-0)
20.03.11	Estonia - New Zealand	14 - 0 (5-0, 2-0, 7-0)
20.03.11	Romania - Croatia	3 - 2 so (1-0, 1-1, 0-1)
22.03.11	Austria - Estonia	10 - 0 (5-0, 4-0, 1-0)
22.03.11	Croatia - Serbia	7 - 0 (2-0, 4-0, 1-0)
22.03.11	Romania - New Zealand	7 - 0 (2-0, 2-0, 3-0)
23.03.11	Estonia - Croatia	1 - 6 (1-2, 0-2, 0-2)
23.03.11	New Zealand - Austria	0 - 21 (0-7, 0-6, 0-8)
23.03.11	Serbia - Romania	1 - 6 (0-2, 0-2, 1-2)
25.03.11	Croatia - New Zealand	12 - 0 (2-0, 5-0, 5-0)
25.03.11	Serbia - Estonia	1 - 17 (1-7, 0-5, 0-5)
25.03.11	Austria - Romania	8 - 2 (4-0, 3-1, 1-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Austria	5	5	0	0	0	56:3	15
2	Romania	5	3	1	0	1	26:12	11
3	Croatia	5	3	0	1	1	28:9	10
4	Estonia	5	2	0	0	3	33:25	6
5	Serbia	5	1	0	0	4	6:43	3
6	New Zealand	5	0	0	0	5	1:58	0

Not Sticking Around: Austria made their stay in Division II a short one, scoring 56 goals and allowing only three to take first place in Group A and move back up to Division I.



2011 WORLD U18 CHAMPIONSHIP ROMANIA Division II - Group A

Final Placing

1	Austria	4	Estonia
2	Romania	5	Serbia
3	Croatia	6	New Zealand

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Andrej Vasiljevic	CRO
Best Defenceman:	Nicolas Paul	AUT
Best Forward:	Roberto Gliga	ROU

Austria is promoted to the 2012 IIHF U18 World Championship Division I.
New Zealand is relegated to the 2012 IIHF U18 World Championship Division III.



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2011 IIHF World U18 Championship Division II Group B

Donetsk, Ukraine

Group B

Date	Game	Score
27.03.11	China - Netherlands	1 - 2 (0-1, 0-0, 1-1)
27.03.11	Spain - Lithuania	3 - 5 (0-2, 1-2, 2-1)
27.03.11	Ukraine - Belgium	12 - 1 (2-0, 7-1, 3-0)
28.03.11	Lithuania - Netherlands	3 - 4 (1-3, 2-0, 0-1)
28.03.11	Belgium - China	4 - 7 (3-3, 1-2, 0-2)
28.03.11	Ukraine - Spain	11 - 1 (3-1, 4-0, 4-0)
30.03.11	Lithuania - Belgium	15 - 0 (8-0, 5-0, 2-0)
30.03.11	Spain - Netherlands	1 - 2 so (0-1, 0-0, 1-0)
30.03.11	Ukraine - China	18 - 1 (4-0, 4-1, 10-0)
31.03.11	Belgium - Spain	1 - 10 (1-2, 0-6, 0-2)
31.03.11	China - Lithuania	2 - 19 (0-5, 0-8, 2-6)
31.03.11	Netherlands - Ukraine	2 - 4 (2-0, 0-2, 0-2)
02.04.11	Spain - China	4 - 2 (0-0, 3-0, 1-2)
02.04.11	Netherlands - Belgium	9 - 2 (1-0, 3-2, 5-0)
02.04.11	Lithuania - Ukraine	2 - 6 (0-1, 1-3, 1-2)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Ukraine	5	5	0	0	0	51:7	15
2	Netherlands	5	3	1	0	1	19:11	11
3	Lithuania	5	3	0	0	2	44:15	9
4	Spain	5	2	0	1	2	19:21	7
5	China	5	1	0	0	4	13:47	3
6	Belgium	5	0	0	0	5	8:53	0

Blue and Yellow: The Ukrainian U18 team also earned promotion with a dominant run through their group.



2011 WORLD U18 CHAMPIONSHIP UKRAINE Division II - Group B

Final Placing

1	Ukraine	4	Spain
2	Netherlands	5	China
3	Lithuania	6	Belgium

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Deniz Mollen	NED
Best Defenceman:	Vsevolod Tolstushko	UKR
Best Forward:	Carlos Quevedo	ESP

Ukraine is promoted to the 2012 IIHF U18 World Championship Division I.
Belgium is relegated to the 2012 IIHF U18 World Championship Division III.



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2011 IIHF World U18 Championship Div. III A

Taipei City, Chinese Taipei



2011
WORLD U18 CHAMPIONSHIP
CHINESE TAIPEI
Division III - Group A

Preliminary Round

Date	Game	Score
11.04.11	Turkey - Bulgaria	2 - 11 (0-2, 2-5, 0-4)
11.04.11	Chinese Taipei - Australia	1 - 5 (0-1, 0-0, 1-4)
12.04.11	Turkey - Chinese Taipei	2 - 9 (2-4, 0-4, 0-1)
12.04.11	Australia - Bulgaria	7 - 1 (3-0, 3-1, 1-0)
14.04.11	Australia - Turkey	17 - 0 (7-0, 6-0, 4-0)
14.04.11	Bulgaria - Chinese Taipei	4 - 2 (1-0, 1-1, 2-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Australia	3	3	0	0	0	29 : 2	9
2	Bulgaria	3	2	0	0	1	16 : 11	6
3	Chinese Taipei	3	1	0	0	2	12 : 11	3
4	Turkey	3	0	0	0	3	4 : 37	0

Semi-Final

Date	Game	Score
15.04.11	Australia - Turkey	12 - 1 (4-0, 3-0, 5-1)
15.04.11	Bulgaria - Chinese Taipei	5 - 6 (2-3, 3-0, 0-3)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
17.04.11	Bulgaria - Turkey	4 - 2 (1-2, 2-0, 1-0)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
17.04.11	Australia - Chinese Taipei	6 - 2 (0-0, 5-0, 1-2)

Final Placing

1	Australia	3	Bulgaria
2	Chinese Taipei	4	Turkey

Australia is promoted to the 2011 IIHF U18 World Championship Division II.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Nikola Nikolov	BUL
Best Defenceman:	Marcus Wong	AUS
Best Forward:	Li-Feng Lu	TPE

2011 IIHF World U18 Championship Div. III B

Mexico City, Mexico



2011
WORLD U18 CHAMPIONSHIP
MEXICO
Division III - Group B

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
13.03.11	Ireland - South Africa	1 - 13 (0-4, 1-5, 0-4)
13.03.11	Israel - Mexico	3 - 7 (3-2, 0-3, 0-2)
14.03.11	Iceland - Israel	12 - 0 (4-0, 2-0, 6-0)
14.03.11	Mexico - Ireland	12 - 0 (8-0, 0-0, 4-0)
16.03.11	Iceland - Ireland	22 - 0 (12-0, 5-0, 5-0)
16.03.11	Mexico - South Africa	8 - 1 (2-1, 3-0, 3-0)
18.03.11	South Africa - Iceland	2 - 14 (1-3, 0-7, 1-4)
18.03.11	Israel - Ireland	12 - 2 (10-0, 2-0, 0-2)
19.03.11	South Africa - Israel	3 - 2 (2-1, 0-1, 1-0)
19.03.11	Iceland - Mexico	4 - 3 so (3-1, 0-2, 0-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Iceland	4	3	1	0	0	52 : 5	11
2	Mexico	4	3	0	1	0	30 : 8	10
3	South Africa	4	2	0	0	2	19 : 25	6
4	Israel	4	1	0	0	3	17 : 24	3
5	Ireland	4	0	0	0	4	3 : 59	0

Final Placing

1	Iceland	4	Israel
2	Mexico	5	Ireland
3	South Africa		

Iceland is promoted to the 2011 IIHF U18 World Championship Division II.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Jack Nebe	RSA
Best Defenceman:	Ingolfur Eliasson	ISL
Best Forward:	Diego Linares	MEX

A Proud Moment: Team USA captain Robbie Russo accepts the 2011 World U18 Championship trophy from Toronto Maple Leafs General Manager Brian Burke (left) and IIHF Council Member Frank Gonzalez (middle).



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2011 IIHF World Women's Championship

Zurich & Winterthur, Switzerland



2011
WORLD WOMEN'S
CHAMPIONSHIP
SWITZERLAND
Zurich - Winterthur

Preliminary Round

Group A

Date	Game	Score
17.04.11	USA - Slovakia	5 - 0 (0-0, 2-0, 3-0)
17.04.11	Sweden - Russia	7 - 1 (3-1, 1-0, 3-0)
18.04.11	Sweden - Slovakia	3 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 1-0)
18.04.11	Russia - USA	1 - 13 (0-5, 1-3, 0-5)
20.04.11	Slovakia - Russia	1 - 4 (0-1, 0-0, 1-3)
20.04.11	USA - Sweden	9 - 1 (4-0, 5-0, 0-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	USA	3	3	0	0	0	27 : 2	9
2	Sweden	3	2	0	0	1	11 : 10	6
3	Russia	3	1	0	0	2	6 : 21	3
4	Slovakia	3	0	0	0	3	1 : 12	0

Group B

Date	Game	Score
16.04.11	Finland - Kazakhstan	5 - 3 (2-1, 2-0, 1-2)
16.04.11	Canada - Switzerland	12 - 0 (3-0, 5-0, 4-0)
17.04.11	Kazakhstan - Canada	0 - 7 (0-2, 0-3, 0-2)
17.04.11	Finland - Switzerland	1 - 2 ^{ot} (1-0, 0-1, 0-0)
19.04.11	Canada - Finland	2 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 1-0)
19.04.11	Switzerland - Kazakhstan	6 - 1 (3-0, 1-0, 2-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Canada	3	3	0	0	0	21 : 0	9
2	Switzerland	3	1	1	0	1	8 : 14	5
3	Finland	3	1	0	1	1	6 : 7	4
4	Kazakhstan	3	0	0	0	3	4 : 18	0

Relegation Round

Date	Game	Score
22.04.11	Slovakia - Kazakhstan	1 - 0 (0-0, 0-0, 1-0)
24.04.11	Kazakhstan - Slovakia	1 - 2 ^{so} (1-0, 0-0, 0-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Slovakia	2	1	1	0	0	3 : 1	5
2	Kazakhstan	2	0	0	1	1	1 : 3	1

Kazakhstan is relegated to the 2012 IIHF Women's World Championship Division I.

Playoff Round

Quarter-Finals

Date	Game	Score
22.04.11	Sweden - Finland	1 - 5 (0-3, 0-1, 1-1)
22.04.11	Switzerland - Russia	4 - 5 ^{ot} (1-0, 2-0, 1-4)

Semi-Finals

Date	Game	Score
23.04.11	Canada - Finland	4 - 1 (2-1, 0-0, 2-0)
23.04.11	USA - Russia	5 - 1 (2-1, 2-0, 1-0)

5-6 Placement Game

Date	Game	Score
24.04.11	Sweden - Switzerland	3 - 2 ^{so} (2-2, 0-0, 0-0)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
25.04.11	Finland - Russia	3 - 2 ^{ot} (1-0, 1-0, 0-2)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
25.04.11	USA - Canada	3 - 2 ^{ot} (1-1, 1-0, 0-1)

Final Placing

1	USA	5	Sweden
2	Canada	6	Switzerland
3	Finland	7	Slovakia
4	Russia	8	Kazakhstan

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Noora Raty	FIN
Best Defenceman:	Meaghan Mikkelson	CAN
Best Forward:	Monique Lamoureux-Kolls	USA

Media All-Star Team

Goalkeeper:	Zuzana Tomcikova	SVK
Defenceman:	Meaghan Mikkelson	CAN
Defenceman:	Caitlin Cahow	USA
Forward:	Hilary Knight	USA
Forward:	Michelle Karvinen	FIN
Forward:	Hayley Wickenheiser	CAN
MVP:	Zuzana Tomcikova	SVK

USA confirms World Women's supremacy

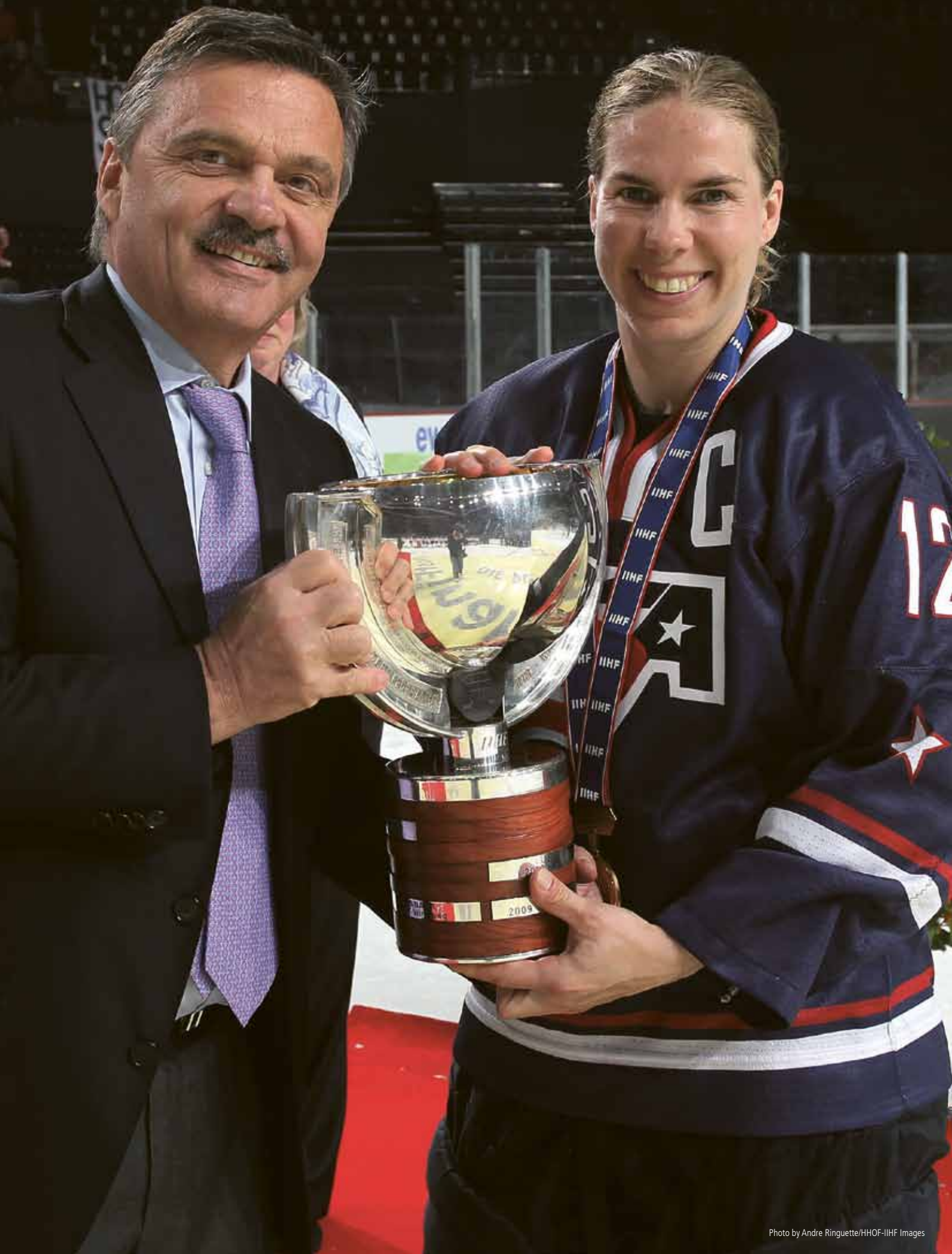
The Olympic loss in Vancouver is all but forgotten. The USA confirmed its IIHF World Women's Championship supremacy by winning its third consecutive gold medal, while also overtaking Canada in the World Ranking as the undisputed No. 1.

Ever since breaking Canada's streak of eight consecutive women's titles with the historic win in Sweden in 2005, the American women have dominated the World Championship.

Wins in 2005, 2008 and 2009 were followed up by yet another golden performance in 2011, this time thanks to Hilary Knight's championship winning goal at 7:48 of the 4-on-4 extra period in the gold-medal game giving the U.S. a 3-2 win over eternal rival Canada.

Finland re-confirmed its position as the number 3 power in women's hockey by claiming the country's 12th bronze medal since 1990 (including Olympics and World Women's Championship) by defeating Russia, also 3-2, also in OT.

USA A-OK: IIHF President René Fasel presents the winning trophy to Team USA captain Jenny Potter after the U.S. won a thrilling overtime game against Canada to claim the 2011 IIHF World Women's Championship.



2011 IIHF World Women's Championship Division I

Ravensburg, Germany

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
11.04.11	Norway - China	7 - 3 (3-1, 2-0, 2-2)
11.04.11	Austria - Germany	0 - 4 (0-0, 0-1, 0-3)
13.04.11	China - Austria	4 - 3 (2-3, 2-0, 0-0)
13.04.11	Germany - Latvia	2 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 0-0)
14.04.11	China - Latvia	1 - 3 (0-3, 1-0, 0-0)
14.04.11	Norway - Austria	3 - 1 (0-0, 1-1, 2-0)
16.04.11	Latvia - Norway	0 - 2 (0-1, 0-0, 0-1)
16.04.11	China - Germany	0 - 3 (0-0, 0-1, 0-2)
17.04.11	Austria - Latvia	2 - 1 (1-0, 1-0, 0-1)
17.04.11	Germany - Norway	3 - 1 (0-0, 0-0, 3-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Germany	4	4	0	0	0	12 : 2	12
2	Norway	4	3	0	0	1	13 : 7	9
3	Latvia	4	1	0	0	3	5 : 7	3
4	Austria	4	1	0	0	3	6 : 12	3
5	China	5	1	0	0	3	8 : 16	3

Strong Blue Line: Germany's solid defensive play allowed only a pair of goals through four games.



**2011
WORLD WOMEN
CHAMPIONSHIP
GERMANY
Ravensburg
Division I**

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goaltender:	Lolita Andrisevska	LAT
Best Defenceman:	Susann Gotz	GER
Best Forward:	Line Bialik	NOR

Final Placing

1	Germany	4	Austria
2	Norway	5	China
3	Latvia		

Germany is promoted to the 2012 IIHF Women's World Championship
China is relegated to the 2012 IIHF Women's World Championship Division IB.
Japan withdrew due to force majeure.



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2011 IIHF World Women's Championship Division II

Caen, France

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
04.04.11	Denmark - Great Britain	8 - 1 (3-1, 3-0, 2-0)
04.04.11	DPR Korea - Czech Republic	0 - 5 (forfeit)
04.04.11	France - Italy	1 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 0-0)
05.04.11	Czech Republic - Great Britain	5 - 1 (1-0, 3-1, 1-0)
05.04.11	France - DPR Korea	5 - 0 (forfeit)
05.04.11	Italy - Denmark	1 - 3 (0-0, 1-1, 0-2)
07.04.11	Italy - Czech Republic	1 - 3 (1-1, 0-0, 0-2)
07.04.11	DPR Korea - Great Britain	0 - 5 (forfeit)
07.04.11	France - Denmark	3 - 1 (1-0, 2-0, 0-1)
09.04.11	Italy - DPR Korea	5 - 0 (forfeit)
09.04.11	Denmark - Czech Republic	0 - 7 (0-3, 0-3, 0-1)
09.04.11	Great Britain - France	1 - 4 (0-0, 0-1, 0-3)
10.04.11	DPR Korea - Denmark	0 - 5 (forfeit)
10.04.11	Great Britain - Italy	2 - 4 (1-1, 1-0, 0-3)
10.04.11	Czech Republic - France	3 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 2-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Czech Republic	5	5	0	0	0	23 : 2	15
2	France	5	4	0	0	1	13 : 5	12
3	Denmark	5	3	0	0	2	17 : 12	9
4	Italy	5	2	0	0	3	11 : 9	6
5	Great Britain	5	1	0	0	4	10 : 21	3
6	DPR Korea	5	0	0	0	5	0 : 25	0

Progress: The Czech women won all five of their games and move up to Division IA.



**2011
WORLD WOMEN
CHAMPIONSHIP
FRANCE
Division II**

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goaltender:	Caroline Baldin	FRA
Best Defenceman:	Katerina Flachsova	CZE
Best Forward:	Josefine Jakobsen	DEN

Final Placing

1	Czech Republic	4	Italy
2	France	5	Great Britain
3	Denmark	6	DPR Korea

The Czech Republic is promoted to the 2012 IIHF Women's World Championship Division IA.
DPR Korea is relegated to the 2012 IIHF Women's World Championship Division IIA.



Photo by Christine Mussler

2011 IIHF World Women's Championship Division III

Newcastle, Australia



2011
WORLD WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP
AUSTRALIA
Division III

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
01.02.11	Hungary - Croatia	12 - 1 (7-1, 2-0, 3-0)
01.02.11	Slovenia - Netherlands	0 - 3 (0-0, 0-2, 0-1)
01.02.11	Australia - Belgium	7 - 1 (1-1, 4-0, 2-0)
02.02.11	Netherlands - Croatia	9 - 0 (1-0, 5-0, 3-0)
02.02.11	Belgium - Hungary	1 - 9 (1-0, 0-2, 0-7)
02.02.11	Australia - Slovenia	7 - 4 (2-1, 3-2, 2-1)
03.02.11	Netherlands - Belgium	13 - 0 (2-0, 7-0, 4-0)
03.02.11	Slovenia - Croatia	3 - 1 (3-0, 0-0, 0-1)
03.02.11	Australia - Hungary	1 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 0-0)
05.02.11	Belgium - Slovenia	1 - 9 (0-3, 1-3, 0-3)
05.02.11	Hungary - Netherlands	2 - 5 (1-1, 1-0, 0-4)
05.02.11	Croatia - Australia	1 - 5 (1-1, 0-1, 0-3)
06.02.11	Slovenia - Hungary	3 - 4 ^{ot} (1-0, 1-2, 1-1)
06.02.11	Croatia - Belgium	2 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 1-0)
06.02.11	Netherlands - Australia	3 - 2 ^{so} (0-0, 1-1, 1-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Netherlands	5	4	1	0	0	33 : 4	14
2	Australia	5	4	0	1	0	22 : 9	13
3	Hungary	5	2	1	0	2	27 : 11	8
4	Slovenia	5	2	0	1	2	19 : 16	7
5	Croatia	5	1	0	0	4	5 : 29	3
6	Belgium	5	0	0	0	5	3 : 40	0

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Claudia van Leeuwen	NED
Best Defenceman:	Kitti Trencsenyi	HUN
Best Forward:	Natasha Farrier	AUS

Final Placing

1	Netherlands	4	Slovenia
2	Australia	5	Croatia
3	Hungary	6	Belgium

Netherlands is promoted to the 2012 IIHF Women's World Championship Division IB.
Belgium is relegated to the 2012 IIHF Women's World Championship Division IIB.



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Oranje Victory: The Netherlands emerged on top in the Division III round-robin tournament.

All Smiles: A 3-2 overtime victory over Russia and a well-earned bronze medal gave the Finnish women's team reason to celebrate in Zurich.



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2011 IIHF World Women's Championship Division IV

Reykjavik, Iceland



2011
WORLD WOMEN
CHAMPIONSHIP
ICELAND
Division IV

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
27.03.11	South Africa - Korea	0 - 6 (0-3, 0-0, 0-3)
27.03.11	New Zealand - Iceland	3 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 1-0)
28.03.11	Romania - South Africa	3 - 1 (2-0, 1-0, 0-1)
29.03.11	Korea - New Zealand	1 - 3 (1-2, 0-0, 0-1)
29.03.11	Iceland - Romania	3 - 2 (2-0, 1-0, 0-2)
30.03.11	South Africa - Iceland	1 - 5 (1-0, 0-2, 0-3)
31.03.11	New Zealand - South Africa	7 - 2 (2-1, 2-0, 3-1)
31.03.11	Korea - Romania	4 - 2 (0-1, 2-1, 2-0)
01.04.11	Romania - New Zealand	2 - 7 (0-3, 1-2, 1-2)
01.04.11	Iceland - Korea	1 - 4 (0-1, 1-1, 0-2)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	New Zealand	4	4	0	0	0	20 : 6	12
2	Korea	4	3	0	0	1	15 : 6	9
3	Iceland	4	2	0	0	2	10 : 10	6
4	Romania	4	1	0	0	3	9 : 15	3
5	South Africa	4	0	0	0	4	4 : 21	0

Culture Crash: Despite the best efforts of goaltender So Jung Shin, New Zealand came out on top 3-1 and eventually won the tournament.

Final Placing

1	New Zealand	4	Romania
2	Korea	5	South Africa
3	Iceland		

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	So Jung Shin	KOR
Best Defenceman:	Anna Agustsdottir	ISL
Best Forward:	Emma Gray	NZL

New Zealand is promoted to the 2012 IIHF Women's World Championship Division IIA. South Africa is relegated to the 2012 IIHF World Championship Division IIB Qualification.



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2011 IIHF World Women's Championship Division V

Sofia, Bulgaria



2011
WORLD WOMEN
CHAMPIONSHIP
BULGARIA
Division V

Date	Game	Score
14.03.11	Poland - Ireland	23 - 0 (7-0, 9-0, 7-0)
14.03.11	Bulgaria - Turkey	2 - 1 (1-1, 0-0, 1-0)
15.03.11	Turkey - Spain	0 - 7 (0-1, 0-1, 0-5)
15.03.11	Poland - Bulgaria	19 - 0 (5-0, 8-0, 6-0)
16.03.11	Ireland - Turkey	0 - 3 (0-3, 0-0, 0-0)
16.03.11	Bulgaria - Spain	0 - 7 (0-1, 0-3, 0-3)
18.03.11	Spain - Poland	4 - 5 (3-1, 1-3, 0-0)
18.03.11	Ireland - Bulgaria	0 - 3 (0-2, 0-1, 0-0)
19.03.11	Spain - Ireland	14 - 0 (8-0, 4-0, 2-0)
19.03.11	Turkey - Poland	0 - 14 (0-4, 0-5, 0-5)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Poland	4	3	1	0	0	61 : 4	11
2	Spain	4	3	0	1	0	32 : 5	10
3	Bulgaria	4	2	0	0	2	5 : 27	6
4	Turkey	4	1	0	0	3	4 : 23	3
5	Ireland	4	0	0	0	4	0 : 43	0

Poland is promoted to the 2012 IIHF Women's World Championship Division IIB.

A Great Start: In their first game, Poland scored 23 goals, setting them off on an undefeated run through Division V and earning promotion in their first ever IIHF tournament.

Final Placing

1	Poland	4	Turkey
2	Spain	5	Ireland
3	Bulgaria		

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Kamelia Ivanova	BUL
Best Defenceman:	Vanessa Abrisqueta	ESP
Best Forward:	Karolina Pozniewska	POL



Photo by Banchuk Antonov

2011 IIHF World Women's U18 Championship

Stockholm, Sweden

Preliminary Round

Group A

Date	Game	Score
01.01.11	Canada - Switzerland	9 - 1 (2-0, 3-1, 4-0)
01.01.11	Germany - Finland	1 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 0-0)
02.01.11	Germany - Switzerland	4 - 2 (3-0, 0-0, 1-2)
02.01.11	Finland - Canada	0 - 6 (0-2, 0-2, 0-2)
04.01.11	Switzerland - Finland	1 - 4 (1-2, 0-0, 0-2)
04.01.11	Canada - Germany	8 - 1 (1-0, 4-0, 3-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Canada	3	3	0	0	0	23:2	9
2	Germany	3	2	0	0	1	6:10	6
3	Finland	3	1	0	0	2	4:8	3
4	Switzerland	3	0	0	0	3	4:17	0

Group B

Date	Game	Score
01.01.11	USA - Czech Republic	11-0 (2-0, 5-0, 4-0)
01.01.11	Sweden - Japan	2 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 0-0)
02.01.11	Japan - USA	1 - 7 (1-2, 0-2, 0-3)
02.01.11	Sweden - Czech Republic	3 - 2 (1-1, 1-1, 1-0)
04.01.11	Czech Republic - Japan	4 - 1 (1-1, 2-0, 1-0)
04.01.11	USA - Sweden	10 - 0 (4-0, 3-0, 3-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	USA	3	3	0	0	0	28:1	9
2	Sweden	3	2	0	0	1	5:13	6
3	Czech Republic	3	1	0	0	2	6:15	3
4	Japan	3	0	0	0	3	3:13	0

Relegation Round

Date	Game	Score
05.01.11	Japan - Switzerland	0 - 4 (0-0, 0-2, 0-2)
07.01.11	Switzerland - Japan	1 - 5 (1-0, 0-3, 0-2)
08.01.11	Japan - Switzerland	1 - 5 (0-1, 1-3, 0-1)

Playoff Round

Quarter-Finals

Date	Game	Score
05.01.11	Germany - Czech Republic	1 - 3 (0-0, 0-1, 1-2)
05.01.11	Sweden - Finland	2 - 3 or (0-0, 1-2, 1-0)

Semi-Finals

Date	Game	Score
07.01.11	Canada - Finland	6 - 1 (2-0, 3-0, 1-1)
07.01.11	USA - Czech Republic	14 - 1 (2-1, 5-0, 7-0)

5th-place Game

Date	Game	Score
07.01.11	Germany - Sweden	0 - 2 (0-2, 0-0, 0-0)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
08.01.11	Finland - Czech Republic	3 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 0-0)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
08.01.11	USA - Canada	5 - 2 (2-0, 2-2, 1-0)

2011 IIHF World Women's U18 Championship Division I

Dmitrov, Russia

Date	Game	Score
28.03.11	Norway - Slovakia	0 - 1 (0-1, 0-0, 0-0)
28.03.11	Austria - France	5 - 0 (2-0, 1-0, 2-0)
28.03.11	Kazakhstan - Russia	0 - 19 (0-5, 0-8, 0-6)
29.03.11	France - Norway	0 - 5 (0-3, 0-2, 0-0)
29.03.11	Slovakia - Kazakhstan	11 - 3 (5-2, 3-0, 3-1)
29.03.11	Russia - Austria	6 - 1 (1-1, 2-0, 3-0)
31.03.11	Kazakhstan - Austria	0 - 7 (0-1, 0-3, 0-3)
31.03.11	France - Slovakia	1 - 2 (1-1, 0-1, 0-0)
31.03.11	Russia - Norway	4 - 1 (2-0, 0-1, 2-0)
01.04.11	France - Kazakhstan	4 - 3 (1-1, 1-1, 2-1)
01.04.11	Austria - Norway	4 - 3 (1-0, 1-1, 2-2)
01.04.11	Slovakia - Russia	0 - 5 (0-2, 0-3, 0-0)
03.04.11	Norway - Kazakhstan	7 - 2 (3-0, 3-1, 1-1)
03.04.11	Slovakia - Austria	5 - 2 (2-0, 1-0, 2-2)
03.04.11	Russia - France	10 - 0 (4-0, 3-0, 3-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Russia	5	5	0	0	0	44:2	15
2	Slovakia	5	4	0	0	1	19:11	12
3	Austria	5	3	0	0	2	19:14	9
4	Norway	5	2	0	0	3	16:11	6
5	France	5	1	0	0	4	5:25	3
6	Kazakhstan	5	0	0	0	5	8:48	0



**2011
WORLD WOMEN U18
CHAMPIONSHIP
SWEDEN**
Stockholm

Final Placing

1	USA	5	Sweden
2	Canada	6	Germany
3	Finland	7	Switzerland
4	Czech Republic	8	Japan

Japan is relegated to 2012 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goaltender:	Isabella Portnoj	FIN
Best Defenceman:	Milica McMillen	USA
Best Forward:	Alex Carpenter	USA

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USA owns women's U18.

Since the inception of this youngest category into the IIHF's championship program, the USA has won three out of four gold medals. In the process, they have won 19 out 20 games with a goal difference of 173-19.

In this U18 event in northern Stockholm, the USA team was more superior than ever; 11-0 against the Czechs, 7-1 vs. Japan, 10-0 against the host Sweden, then the Czechs again in the semis (14-1) and finally 5-2 against Canada in the fourth consecutive final between the two countries. The Americans dominated in every individual category, scoring and awards.

Finland took the bronze medal by defeating the Czechs 3-0, thanks to the excellent goaltending from Isabella Portnoj. Japan was relegated to Division I.



**2011
WORLD WOMEN U18
CHAMPIONSHIP
RUSSIA**
Division I

Final Placing

1	Russia	4	Norway
2	Slovakia	5	France
3	Austria	6	Kazakhstan

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Romana Kiapesova	SVK
Best Defenceman:	Angelina Goncharenko	RUS
Best Forward:	Anna Meixner	AUT

Russia is promoted to the 2012 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship.



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Payback Time: A year after Canada beat the US to win its first ever U18 Women's Championship, the US team got revenge, winning the gold medal game 5-2, its third U18 championship.



Bronze Beauty: Russian goaltender Anna Prugova can only watch as Karoliina Rantamäki's shot flies past her and into the net in overtime, sealing the bronze medal for Finland at the 2011 World Women's Championship in Zurich, Switzerland.



2011 IIHF InLine Hockey World Championship

Pardubice, Czech Republic



**INLINE HOCKEY
WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
CZECH REPUBLIC**

Preliminary Round

Group A - Top Division

Date	Game	Score
19.06.11	Canada - Slovenia	4 - 6 (2-0, 0-4, 2-1, 0-1)
19.06.11	Slovakia - USA	3 - 12 (1-2, 1-2, 0-3, 1-5)
20.06.11	Canada - Slovakia	6 - 3 (1-2, 2-0, 2-0, 1-1)
20.06.11	USA - Slovenia	4 - 2 (0-1, 3-0, 1-1, 0-0)
21.06.11	Slovenia - Slovakia	6 - 5 (3-1, 2-2, 1-1, 0-1)
21.06.11	USA - Canada	6 - 3 (0-1, 4-2, 0-0, 2-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	USA	3	3	0	0	0	22 : 8	9
2	Slovenia	3	2	0	0	1	14 : 13	6
3	Canada	3	1	0	0	2	13 : 15	3
4	Slovakia	3	0	0	0	3	11 : 24	0

Group B - Top Division

Date	Game	Score
19.06.11	Sweden - Finland	4 - 10 (1-1, 2-1, 1-2, 0-6)
19.06.11	Germany - Czech Rep.	1 - 9 (0-1, 0-2, 0-5, 1-1)
20.06.11	Sweden - Germany	9 - 7 (1-1, 4-2, 1-3, 3-1)
20.06.11	Czech Rep. - Finland	9 - 2 (3-1, 1-0, 3-1, 2-0)
21.06.11	Finland - Germany	7 - 5 (2-1, 3-1, 0-1, 2-2)
21.06.11	Czech Rep. - Sweden	6 - 3 (2-1, 0-0, 2-0, 2-2)

Rk	Team	GP	W	WT	LT	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Czech Rep.	3	3	0	0	0	24 : 6	9
2	Finland	3	2	0	0	1	19 : 18	6
3	Sweden	3	1	0	0	2	16 : 23	3
4	Germany	3	0	0	0	3	13 : 25	0

Group C - Division I

Date	Game	Score
19.06.11	Australia - Great Britain	1 - 6 (0-1, 0-2, 0-1, 1-2)
19.06.11	South Africa - Austria	1 - 10 (0-3, 0-1, 0-4, 1-2)
20.06.11	Australia - South Africa	11 - 3 (1-0, 3-0, 4-1, 3-2)
20.06.11	Austria - Great Britain	3 - 7 (0-1, 1-3, 1-0, 1-3)
21.06.11	Great Britain - South Africa	7 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 2-0, 2-0)
21.06.11	Austria - Australia	4 - 3 (2-0, 0-1, 2-2, 0-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	WT	LT	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Great Britain	3	3	0	0	0	20 : 4	9
2	Austria	3	2	0	0	1	17 : 11	6
3	Australia	3	1	0	0	2	15 : 13	3
4	South Africa	3	0	0	0	3	4 : 28	0

Group D - Division I

Date	Game	Score
19.06.11	Hungary - Argentina	4 - 2 (1-0, 1-0, 2-0, 0-2)
19.06.11	New Zealand - Croatia	1 - 7 (0-3, 0-1, 0-2, 1-1)
20.06.11	Hungary - New Zealand	5 - 4 (0-1, 0-0, 2-1, 3-2)
20.06.11	Croatia - Argentina	7 - 1 (2-0, 3-0, 2-1, 0-0)
21.06.11	Argentina - New Zealand	5 - 6 (1-1, 1-2, 1-2, 2-1)
21.06.11	Croatia - Hungary	2 - 5 (0-1, 0-2, 2-0, 0-2)

Rk	Team	GP	W	WT	LT	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Hungary	3	3	0	0	0	14 : 8	9
2	Croatia	3	2	0	0	1	16 : 7	6
3	New Zealand	3	1	0	0	2	11 : 17	3
4	Argentina	3	0	0	0	3	8 : 17	0



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Top Division Quarter-Finals

Date	Game	Score
23.06.11	Slovenia - Sweden	2 - 6 (2-0, 0-2, 0-1, 0-3)
23.06.11	Finland - Canada	5 - 6 (1-1, 1-3, 2-1, 1-1)
23.06.11	Czech Rep. - Slovakia	9 - 2 (3-1, 3-0, 1-0, 2-1)
23.06.11	USA - Germany	16 - 1 (3-0, 3-0, 5-1, 5-0)

Division I Quarter-Finals

Date	Game	Score
23.06.11	Austria - New Zealand	10 - 9 or(3-0, 3-3, 1-1, 2-5)
23.06.11	Croatia - Australia	3 - 7 (2-3, 1-3, 0-0, 0-1)
23.06.11	Great Britain - Argentina	12 - 0 (3-0, 2-0, 4-0, 3-0)
23.06.11	Hungary - South Africa	4 - 2 (0-1, 0-0, 1-0, 3-1)

Top Division Placement Games

Date	Game	Score
24.06.11	Slovenia - Germany	5 - 3 (1-1, 1-1, 1-1, 2-0)
24.06.11	Finland - Slovakia	5 - 4 so(0-1, 0-0, 2-0, 2-3)

Division I Placement Games

Date	Game	Score
24.06.11	New Zealand - Argentina	5 - 6 or(1-0, 2-1, 1-3, 1-1)
24.06.11	Croatia - South Africa	6 - 3 (3-1, 2-0, 0-0, 1-2)

Top Division Semi-Finals

Date	Game	Score
24.06.11	Sweden - Czech Rep.	4 - 8 (2-2, 0-1, 0-2, 2-3)
24.06.11	Canada - USA	2 - 4 (0-2, 1-1, 1-1, 0-0)

Division I Semi-Finals

Date	Game	Score
24.06.11	Hungary - Austria	5 - 4 (0-0, 1-3, 1-1, 3-0)
24.06.11	Great Britain - Australia	11 - 3 (2-1, 3-1, 4-1, 2-0)

Top Division Relegation Round

Date	Game	Score
25.06.11	Germany - Slovakia	9 - 0 (3-0, 4-0, 1-0, 1-0)

Slovakia is relegated to Division I.

Bronze Medal Games

Date	Game	Score
25.06.11	Australia - Austria	4 - 8 (2-2, 2-4, 0-2, 0-0)
25.06.11	Canada - Sweden	13 - 7 (1-2, 5-0, 5-3, 2-2)

Gold Medal Games

Date	Game	Score
25.06.11	Great Britain - Hungary	3 - 2 (2-0, 1-2, 0-0, 0-0)
25.06.11	Czech Republic - USA	3 - 2 (1-0, 2-1, 0-1, 0-0)

Final Placing - Top Division

1	Czech Republic	5	Finland
2	USA	6	Slovenia
3	Canada	7	Germany
4	Sweden	8	Slovakia

Slovakia is relegated to Division I.

Final Placing - Division I

1	Great Britain	5	Croatia
2	Hungary	6	Argentina
3	Austria	7	New Zealand
4	Australia	8	South Africa

Great Britain is promoted to the Top Division. Argentina, New Zealand, and South Africa are relegated from the World Championship Division I.

Keep Away: Czech forward Martin Vozdecky gets past a U.S. player en route to the gold medal win at home in Pardubice.

2010-2011 IIHF Continental Cup



First Round

Group A – Jaca, Spain

Date	Game	Score
24.09.10	Jaca - Bat Yam	15 - 0 (2-0, 7-0, 6-0)
25.09.10	Bat Yam - Ankara	3 - 8 (0-3, 1-3, 2-2)
26.09.10	Ankara - Jaca	1 - 7 (1-4, 0-1, 0-2)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Jaca (ESP)	2	2	0	0	0	22 : 1	6
2	Ankara Uni. (TUR)	2	1	0	0	1	9 : 10	3
3	Bat Yam (ISR)	2	0	0	0	2	3 : 23	0
4	Energija Elektrenai (Lithuania) - unable to participate							

CH Jaca (ESP) qualified to second round.

Second Round

Group B – Tilburg, Netherlands

Date	Game	Score
22.10.10	Cracovia - Kohtla-Järve	9 - 1 (1-0, 4-0, 4-1)
22.10.10	Tilburg - Jaca	8 - 2 (2-1, 3-0, 3-1)
23.10.10	Cracovia - Jaca	10 - 1 (2-0, 5-1, 3-0)
23.10.10	Kohtla-Järve - Tilburg	7 - 4 (5-1, 0-2, 2-1)
24.10.10	Tilburg - Cracovia	4 - 5 (0-0, 2-1, 2-4)
24.10.10	Jaca - Kohtla-Järve	3 - 5 (2-1, 0-2, 1-2)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Cracovia (POL)	3	3	0	0	0	24 : 6	9
2	Kohtla-Järve (EST)	3	2	0	0	1	13 : 16	6
3	Tilburg (NED)	3	1	0	0	2	16 : 14	3
4	Jaca (ESP)	3	0	0	0	3	6 : 23	0

Cracovia Krakow (POL) qualified to third round.

Group C – Maribor, Slovenia

Date	Game	Score
22.10.10	Karaganda - Dunaujvaros	7 - 0 (3-0, 2-0, 2-0)
22.10.10	Maribor - M. Ciuc	3 - 8 (1-3, 1-4, 1-1)
23.10.10	M. Ciuc - Karaganda	4 - 3 (3-2, 0-0, 1-1)
23.10.10	Dunaujvaros - Maribor	2 - 3 (2-2, 0-0, 0-1)
24.10.10	Dunaujvaros - M. Ciuc	5 - 2 (1-0, 1-0, 3-2)
24.10.10	Maribor - Karaganda	2 - 6 (0-2, 2-2, 0-2)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Miercurea Ciuc (ROU)	3	2	0	0	1	14 : 11	6
2	Karaganda (KAZ)	3	2	0	0	1	16 : 6	6
3	Maribor (SLO)	3	1	0	0	2	8 : 16	3
4	Dunaujvaros (HUN)	3	1	0	0	2	7 : 12	3

SC Miercurea Ciuc (ROU) qualified to third round.

Third Round

Group D – Rouen, France

Date	Game	Score
26.11.10	Coventry - Liepaja	6 - 1 (3-0, 3-0, 0-1)
26.11.10	Rouen - Cracovia	1 - 2 ^{ot} (0-1, 1-0, 0-0)
27.11.10	Cracovia - Coventry	1 - 6 (0-1, 1-3, 0-2)
27.11.10	Liepaja - Rouen	1 - 4 (1-1, 0-3, 0-0)
28.11.10	Cracovia - Liepaja	7 - 5 (3-0, 4-2, 0-3)
28.11.10	Rouen - Coventry	7 - 3 (3-2, 3-1, 1-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Rouen (FRA)	3	2	0	1	0	12 : 6	7
2	Coventry (GBR)	3	2	0	0	1	15 : 9	6
3	Cracovia (POL)	3	1	1	0	1	10 : 12	5
4	Liepaja (LAT)	3	0	0	0	3	7 : 17	0

The Rouen Dragons (FRA) qualified to the Super Final.

Group E – Asiago, Italy

Date	Game	Score
26.11.10	SønderjyskE - Miercurea Ciuc	5 - 3 (1-1, 4-1, 0-1)
26.11.10	Asiago - Sokil Kyiv	4 - 3 ^{so} (1-0, 2-1, 0-2)
27.11.10	Sokil Kyiv - SønderjyskE	2 - 3 (0-0, 2-1, 0-2)
27.11.10	Asiago - Miercurea Ciuc	6 - 1 (3-0, 1-0, 2-1)
28.11.10	Miercurea Ciuc - Sokil Kyiv	4 - 7 (1-2, 0-3, 3-2)
28.11.10	SønderjyskE - Asiago	4 - 3 ^{so} (0-1, 1-0, 2-2)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	SønderjyskE (DEN)	3	2	1	0	0	12 : 8	8
2	Asiago (ITA)	3	1	1	1	0	13 : 8	6
3	Sokil Kyiv (UKR)	3	1	0	1	0	12 : 11	4
4	M. Ciuc (ROU)	3	0	0	0	3	8 : 18	0

SønderjyskE Vojens (DEN) qualified to Super Final.

Super Final

Group F – Minsk, Belarus

Date	Game	Score
14.01.11	Salzburg - Rouen	6 - 1 (2-1, 1-0, 3-0)
14.01.11	Y. Minsk - SønderjyskE	2 - 1 (1-0, 1-1, 0-0)
15.01.11	Rouen - Y. Minsk	2 - 4 (1-0, 1-2, 0-2)
15.01.11	Salzburg - SønderjyskE	3 - 2 (2-1, 1-1, 0-0)
17.01.11	SønderjyskE - Rouen	3 - 2 (0-0, 1-1, 2-1)
16.01.11	Y. Minsk - Salzburg	4 - 3 (3-1, 1-0, 0-2)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Y. Minsk (BLR)	3	3	0	0	0	10 : 6	9
2	Salzburg (AUT)	3	2	0	0	1	12 : 7	6
3	SønderjyskE (DEN)	3	1	0	0	2	6 : 7	3
4	Rouen (FRA)	3	0	0	0	3	5 : 13	0

Final Placing

Rk	Team
1	Yunost Minsk BLR
2	Red Bull Salzburg AUT
3	SønderjyskE Vojens DEN
4	Rouen Dragons FRA

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Mika Oksa	Yunost
Best Defenceman:	Dustin VanBallengoie	SønderjyskE
Best Forward:	Ryan Duncan	Salzburg

Let it rain: Yunost Minsk captain Alexander Ryadinski accepts the Continental Cup plate after defeating Red Bull Salzburg in the Minsk Arena, venue for the 2014 World Championship.



Photo: Vacheslav Isurakov

2010-2011 European Women's Champions Cup



First Round

Group A – Bolzano, Italy

Date	Game	Score
29.10.10	Lugano - Slough	10 - 1 (4-0, 2-1, 4-0)
29.10.10	Bolzano - Valladolid	5 - 0 (2-0, 2-0, 1-0)
30.10.10	Valladolid - Lugano	0 - 16 (0-11, 0-5, 0-0)
30.10.10	Slough - Bolzano	1 - 3 (1-1, 0-1, 0-1)
31.10.10	Slough - Valladolid	5 - 0 (2-0, 0-0, 3-0)
31.10.10	Bolzano - Lugano	0 - 5 (0-3, 0-2, 0-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Lugano (SUI)	3	3	0	0	0	31 : 1	9
2	Bolzano (ITA)	3	2	0	0	1	8 : 6	6
3	Slough (GBR)	3	1	0	0	2	7 : 13	3
4	Valladolid (ESP)	3	0	0	0	3	0 : 26	0

HC Lugano (SUI) qualified to second round

Group B – Ankara, Turkey

Date	Game	Score
29.10.10	Almaty - Grenoble	4 - 0 (1-0, 3-0, 0-0)
29.10.10	Ankara - Maribor	5 - 7 (1-2, 1-2, 3-3)
30.10.10	Almaty - Maribor	16 - 0 (5-0, 5-0, 6-0)
30.10.10	Ankara - Grenoble	0 - 10 (0-3, 0-1, 0-6)
31.10.10	Grenoble - Maribor	7 - 2 (3-0, 3-1, 1-1)
31.10.10	Almaty - Ankara	15 - 0 (6-0, 3-0, 6-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Almaty (KAZ)	3	3	0	0	0	35 : 0	9
2	Grenoble (FRA)	3	2	0	0	1	17 : 6	6
3	Maribor (SLO)	3	1	0	0	2	9 : 28	3
4	Mil. Ankara (TUR)	3	0	0	0	3	5 : 32	0

Aisulu Almaty (KAZ) qualified to second round.

Group C – Jelgava, Latvia

Date	Game	Score
29.10.10	Herlev - Välerenga	0 - 3 (0-1, 0-2, 0-0)
29.10.10	Laima Riga - Bytom	8 - 1 (5-0, 1-1, 2-0)
30.10.10	Välerenga - Bytom	8 - 4 (3-2, 3-1, 2-1)
30.10.10	Laima Riga - Herlev	0 - 6 (0-2, 0-0, 0-4)
31.10.10	Bytom - Herlev	5 - 15 (0-7, 3-5, 2-3)
31.10.10	Välerenga - Laima Riga	2 - 1 (0-1, 2-0, 0-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Välerenga (NOR)	3	3	0	0	0	13 : 5	9
2	Herlev (DEN)	3	2	0	0	1	21 : 8	6
3	Laima Riga (LAT)	3	1	0	0	2	9 : 9	3
4	Bytom (POL)	3	0	0	0	3	10 : 31	0

Välerenga (NOR) qualified to second round.

Group D – Rouen, France

Date	Game	Score
29.10.10	Spisska N. Ves - M. Ciuc	12 - 1 (1-1, 5-0, 6-0)
29.10.10	Vienna - UTE-Marilyn	17 - 0 (5-0, 3-0, 9-0)
30.10.10	UTE-Marilyn - M. Ciuc	6 - 0 (2-0, 1-0, 3-0)
30.10.10	Vienna - Spisska N. Ves	11 - 0 (2-0, 4-0, 5-0)
31.10.10	Spisska N. Ves - UTE-Marilyn	3 - 1 (1-0, 0-0, 2-1)
31.10.10	M. Ciuc - Sabres Vienna	0 - 15 (0-8, 0-4, 0-3)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Sabres Vienna (AUT)	3	3	0	0	0	43 : 0	9
2	Spisska Nova Ves (SVK)	3	2	0	0	1	15 : 13	6
3	UTE-Marilyn (HUN)	3	1	0	0	2	7 : 20	3
4	Miercurea Ciuc (ROU)	3	0	0	0	3	1 : 33	0

EHV Sabres Vienna (AUT) qualified to second round.

Second Round

Group E – Slany, Czech Republic

Date	Game	Score
03.12.10	Lugano - Vienna	8 - 3 (3-1, 3-1, 2-1)
03.12.10	SKIF - Slavia	4 - 3 so (1-0, 0-2, 2-1)
04.12.10	SKIF - Lugano	4 - 5 ot (0-2, 3-1, 1-1)
04.12.10	Slavia - Vienna	6 - 3 (2-0, 0-2, 4-1)
05.12.10	Vienna - SKIF	1 - 8 (0-3, 1-3, 0-2)
05.12.10	Lugano - Slavia	5 - 3 (1-1, 2-0, 2-2)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Lugano (SUI)	3	2	1	0	0	18 : 10	8
2	SKIF N. Novgorod (RUS)	3	1	1	1	0	16 : 9	6
3	Slavia Prague (CZE)	3	1	0	1	0	12 : 12	4
4	Sabres Vienna (AUT)	3	0	0	0	3	7 : 22	0

HC Lugano (SUI) and SKIF Nizhni Novgorod (RUS) qualified for Final Round.

Group E – Lohja, Finland

Date	Game	Score
03.12.10	Ilves Tampere - Berlin	2 - 1 (0-0, 2-0, 0-1)
03.12.10	Almaty - Välerenga	1 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 0-0)
04.12.10	Ilves Tampere - Almaty	1 - 3 (1-1, 0-1, 0-1)
04.12.10	Välerenga - Berlin	1 - 5 (0-3, 1-1, 0-1)
05.12.10	Berlin - Almaty	0 - 3 (0-0, 0-0, 0-3)
05.12.10	Välerenga - Ilves Tampere	1 - 4 (0-0, 0-2, 1-2)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Almaty (KAZ)	3	3	0	0	0	7 : 1	9
2	Ilves Tampere (FIN)	3	2	0	0	1	7 : 5	6
3	OSC Berlin (GER)	3	1	0	0	2	6 : 6	3
4	Välerenga Oslo (NOR)	3	0	0	0	3	2 : 10	0

Aisulu Almaty (KAZ) and Ilves Tampere (FIN) qualified for Final Round.

Final Round

Group F – Lugano, Switzerland

Date	Game	Score
25.02.11	Ilves Tampere - SKIF	5 - 3 (4-0, 0-2, 1-1)
25.02.11	Lugano - Almaty	2 - 1 so (0-0, 0-1, 1-0)
26.02.11	SKIF - Almaty	2 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 1-0)
26.02.11	Ilves Tampere - Lugano	5 - 4 ot (0-0, 3-2, 1-2)
27.02.11	Almaty - Ilves Tampere	0 - 1 (0-0, 0-1, 0-0)
27.02.11	Lugano - SKIF	4 - 5 ot (1-1, 0-2, 3-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Ilves Tampere (FIN)	3	2	1	0	0	11 : 7	8
2	SKIF N. Novgorod (RUS)	3	1	1	0	1	10 : 9	5
3	Lugano (SUI)	3	0	1	2	0	10 : 11	4
4	Almaty (KAZ)	3	0	0	1	2	1 : 5	1

Final Placing

Rk	Team
1.	Ilves Tampere FIN
2.	SKIF Nizhni Novgorod RUS
3.	HC Lugano SUI
4.	Aisulu Almaty KAZ

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Daria Obyednova	Aisulu Almaty
Best Defenceman:	Nicole Bullo	HC Lugano
Best Forward:	Saara Tuominen	Ilves Tampere

IIHF Calendar of Events

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships

IIHF World Championship		
2012	FINLAND & SWEDEN, Helsinki & Stockholm	4-20.5.12
2013	SWEDEN & FINLAND	3-19.5.13
2014	BELARUS: Minsk	9-25.5.14
2015	CZECH REPUBLIC, Prague & Ostrava	1-17.5.15
2016	RUSSIA, Moscow & St. Petersburg	29.4.16-15.5.16

IIHF World Championship Division I Group A		
2012	SLOVENIA, Ljubljana	15-21.4.12

IIHF World Championship Division I Group B		
2012	POLAND, Krynica	15-21.4.12

IIHF World Championship Division II Group A		
2012	ICELAND, Reykjavik	12-18.4.12

IIHF World Championship Division II Group B		
2012	BULGARIA, Sofia	2-8.4.12

IIHF World Championship Division III		
2012	TURKEY, Erzurum	15-21.4.12

IIHF U20 World Championship		
2012	CANADA, Calgary & Edmonton	26.12.11 - 5.1.12
2013	RUSSIA, Ufa	26.12.12 - 5.1.13
2014	SWEDEN, Malmo	26.12.13 - 5.1.14

IIHF U20 World Championship Division I Group A		
2012	GERMANY, Garmisch-Partenkirchen	11-17.12.11

IIHF U20 World Championship Division I Group B		
2012	POLAND, Tychy	12-18.12.11

IIHF U20 World Championship Division II Group A		
2012	UKRAINE, Donetsk	12-18.12.11

IIHF U20 World Championship Division II Group B		
2012	ESTONIA, Tallinn	10-16.12.11

IIHF U20 World Championship Division III		
2012	NEW ZEALAND, Dunedin	16-22.1.12

IIHF U18 World Championship		
2012	CZECH REPUBLIC, Brno & Znojmo	12-22.4.12
2013	RUSSIA, Sochi	11-21.4.13
2014	FINLAND, TBA	TBA

IIHF U18 World Championship Division I Group A		
2012	SLOVAKIA, Piestany	11-17.4.12

IIHF U18 World Championship Division I Group B		
2012	HUNGARY, Szekesfehervar	11-17.4.12

IIHF U18 World Championship Division II Group A		
2012	NETHERLANDS, Heerenveen	31.3.12-6.4.12

IIHF U18 World Championship Division II Group B		
2012	SERBIA, Novi Sad	17-23.3.12

IIHF U18 World Championship Division III Group A		
2012	BULGARIA, Sofia	12-18.3.12

IIHF U18 World Championship Division III Group B		
2012	TURKEY, Erzurum	11-17.3.12

IIHF Women's World Championship		
2012	USA, Burlington (Vermont)	7-14.4.12
2013	CANADA, Ottawa	TBA
2014	SWEDEN, TBA	TBA

IIHF Women's World Championship Division I, Group A		
2012	Applicant: LATVIA, Ventspils	25-31.3.12

IIHF Women's World Championship Division I, Group B		
2012	GREAT BRITAIN, Hull	9-16.4.12

IIHF Women's World Championship Division II, Group A		
2012	SLOVENIA, TBA	25-31.3.12

IIHF Women's World Championship Division II, Group B		
2012	KOREA, Seoul	10-16.3.12

IIHF U18 Women's World Championship		
2012	CZECH REPUBLIC, Zlin & Prerov	31.12.11-7.1.12

IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I		
2012	Applicant: TBA	TBA

IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I Qualification		
2012	Applicant: ITALY, Asiago	27.11.11-4.12.11

IIHF InLine Hockey Championships

IIHF InLine Hockey World Championship		
2012	GERMANY, Ingolstadt	1-7.6.12

IIHF Club Championship Events

IIHF European Women Champions Cup		
2012	First Round: Latvia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia	28-30.10.11
	Second Round: Finland, 2nd host TBD	2-4.12.11
	Final Round: TBD	24-26.2.12

IIHF Continental Cup		
2012	First Round: Ankara	30.9.11-2.10.11
	Second Round: Dunaujvaros, Miercurea Ciuc	21-23.10.11
	Third Round: Herning, Donetsk	25-27.11.11
	Super Final: Rouen	13-15.1.12

National Team Breaks

2011-2012 Season		
1 st International Break		29.8.11-4.9.11
2 nd International Break		7-13.11.11
3 rd International Break		12-18.12.11
4 th International Break		6-12.2.12

Olympic Events

Olympic Winter Games		
2014	RUSSIA, Sochi	7-23.2.14
2018	KOREA, PyeongChang	9-25.2.18

Youth Olympic Winter Games		
2012	AUSTRIA, Innsbruck & Seefeld	12-22.1.12

Other International Tournaments

IIHF Challenge Cup of Asia		
2012	TBA	TBA

IIHF Women's Challenge Cup of Asia		
2012	TBA	TBA

IIHF Congresses

Semi-Annual Congress		
2011	TURKEY, Istanbul	22-24.9.11
2012	JAPAN, Tokyo	24-30.9.12
2013	PORTUGAL, Cascais	19-21.9.13

Annual Congress		
2012	FINLAND, Helsinki	17-20.5.12
2013	SWEDEN, Stockholm	16-19.5.12

General Congress		
2012	JAPAN, Tokyo	24-30.9.12



Four to the Floor: Goaltender Igor Bobkov of Russia gets ready to be mobbed by teammates as the horn blows the end of Russia's incredible comeback win over Canada at the 2011 World U20 Championship.



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2011-2012 IIHF Championship Program

Men's Senior Championships

2012 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship

Group A	Group B
Russia	Finland
Sweden	Canada
Czech Republic	USA
Germany	Switzerland
Norway	Slovakia
Latvia	Belarus
Denmark	France
Italy	Kazakhstan

2012 Ice Hockey IIHF World Championship Division I

Group A	Group B
Austria	Korea
Slovenia	Poland
Hungary	Netherlands
Great Britain	Lithuania
Japan	Romania
Ukraine	Australia

2012 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II

Group A	Group B
Spain	Belgium
Estonia	China
Croatia	Mexico
New Zealand	Bulgaria
Serbia	Israel
Iceland	South Africa

2012 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division III

DPR Korea
Ireland
Turkey
Luxembourg
Greece
Mongolia

U20 World Championships

2012 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship

Group A	Group B
Russia	Canada
Sweden	USA
Switzerland	Finland
Slovakia	Czech Republic
Latvia	Denmark

2012 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I

Group A	Group B
Norway	Italy
Germany	Kazakhstan
Slovenia	Croatia
Belarus	Japan
Austria	Poland
Great Britain	France

2012 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II

Group A	Group B
Lithuania	Romania
Ukraine	Belgium
Hungary	Estonia
Netherlands	Australia
Korea	Mexico
Spain	Serbia

2012 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division III

Iceland
China
DPR Korea
Turkey
New Zealand
Bulgaria



U18 World Championships

2012 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship

Group A	Group B
USA	Sweden
Canada	Russia
Finland	Germany
Czech Republic	Switzerland
Denmark	Latvia

2012 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I

Group A	Group B
Norway	Kazakhstan
Slovakia	Belarus
Slovenia	Hungary
Italy	Poland
Japan	Austria
France	Ukraine

2012 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II

Group A	Group B
Great Britain	Spain
Korea	Estonia
Romania	China
Netherlands	Serbia
Croatia	Australia
Lithuania	Iceland

2012 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III

Group A	Group B
Belgium	Israel
New Zealand	Turkey
Mexico	Ireland
Chinese Taipei	Mongolia
Bulgaria	
South Africa	

2012 Women's World Championships

2012 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship

Group A	Group B
USA	Sweden
Canada	Switzerland
Finland	Slovakia
Russia	Germany

2012 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I

Group A	Group B
Japan	China
Kazakhstan	France
Norway	Denmark
Latvia	Italy
Austria	Great Britain
Czech Republic	Netherlands

2012 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II

Group A	Group B
DPR Korea	Belgium
Australia	Korea
Hungary	Iceland
Slovenia	Poland
Croatia	South Africa
New Zealand	Spain

2012 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship

Group A	Group B
USA	Canada
Czech Republic	Finland
Sweden	Germany
Russia	Switzerland

2012 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I

Group A
Japan
Slovakia
Austria
Norway
Qualifier 1
Qualifier 2

2012 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I Qualification

Group A
France
Kazakhstan
Hungary
Great Britain
Italy



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Undying Passion: The 2012 U20s will be held in Calgary and Edmonton, as Team Canada tries to reclaim World Junior supremacy on home ice.

IIHF Supplier Pool

Giving around the globe

The IIHF Equipment Supplier Support Program was established in 1994 with the main objective of bringing together the IIHF and equipment manufacturers to assist in the growth of ice hockey by distributing equipment to Member National Associations. Since then, it has become a highly successful tool which has brought many benefits to the sport.

This program, working in conjunction with the IIHF Learn to Play Program - and IIHF Recruitment Program - enables families new to ice hockey to experience the positive aspects of participating and get involved for little or no cost.

The IIHF Supplier Pool Members; Bauer, Busch, Easton Sports, Graf, Fischer, Frontier, Rebellion, Reebok/CCM, Sherwood Inc, Tackla and Warrior, have all made contributions to qualifying National Associations. Gufex is the exclusive game puck supplier of the IIHF.

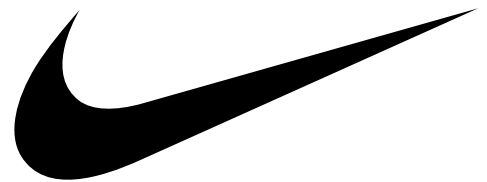
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SINCE 1970The CCM logo is the word "CCM" in a stylized, italicized red font with a registered trademark symbol.The Koho logo features a black circle with a white "K" inside, with a registered trademark symbol.
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Nike, Inc. is the world's leading designer, marketer and distributor of authentic athletic footwear, apparel, equipment and accessories for a wide variety of sports and fitness activities. Nike has been a highly valued partner of the IIHF since 1996 and produced the official IIHF uniforms at the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games as well as for the 2011 IIHF World Championship, 2011 IIHF World U20 Championship and 2011 IIHF World Women's Championship. In 2012 Nike will also be the official provider of uniforms at the 2012 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Finland and Sweden, the 2012 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship in Canada and the IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship in Burlington, Vermont, USA.



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On Time: Tissot was visible on the boards and the players' sleeves at the 2011 IIHF World Championship in Slovakia.

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TISSOT - OFFICIAL TIMEKEEPER OF THE IIHF

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Jumping Kangaroos: Pure joy overtakes Australian goalkeeper Fraser Carson and forward Austin McKenzie as they crash into each other in celebration of their team's first place finish at the 2011 World U18 Division III Championship in Taipei City.

IIHF.com

New record numbers

The steady growth of IIHF.com during the IIHF World Championship continued this year in Slovakia.

IIHF.com averaged 258,147 visits per day during the 2011 IIHF World Championship in Bratislava and Košice. That's almost 12 per cent more than last year in Germany (231,153) and 2.5 times more since the redesign in 2007.

The numbers peaked on 13th May when the semi-finals were played between the Czechs and Sweden and Finland vs. Russia, which included Mikael Granlund's phenomenal goal. A record number of 343,242 visits were registered on that day.

During the World Championship period IIHF.com had 4,584,990 visits compared to 4,065,490 in Germany 2010 and 3,313,846 in Switzerland 2009. The traffic summed up to almost six Terabytes, which is the capacity of 8,800 CDs.

Canada had the most visited team profile while the most clicked player profile was Alexander Ovechkin's.

The IIHF World Championship page is run in partnership with Infront and since 2009 jointly with the organizing committees. Apart from the live applet, live stream and the extensive photo gallery, IIHF.com published nine stories per day with information from the

arena, complemented with side stories and congress coverage. An app for iPhone and iPad was launched as well as a microsite in co-operation with the Official Main Sponsor, Skoda.

The countries with the most visitors were (in order): Russia, USA, Finland, Canada, Slovakia, Germany, Czech Republic, Latvia, Sweden and Great Britain. The most frequent fans in North America came from Ontario, Quebec, New York, California and British Columbia. The cities with most traffic were Bratislava, Riga, Moscow, Prague and Helsinki. IIHF.com registered fans from 207 countries during the World Championship.

The event with the second-most visits in the 2010-2011 season was the 2011 IIHF World U20 Championship in Buffalo and Niagara, USA, with 92,508 visits per day and 1,130,208 in total. The U20 page did not only offer game information, news, featured stories and photos, but also video highlights and features in partnership with TSN.

By July the IIHF had 48,000 fans on Facebook. During the 2011 World Championship the IIHF's Facebook page recorded 8,796,102 post views and 32,025 post feedbacks. With the start of the event the IIHF also launched its Twitter news service with more than 6,500 followers and a YouTube channel.



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Looking out for hockey's history

Hockey Hall of Fame

Induction - 2010

The Hockey Hall of Fame is renowned as a place where hockey's past achievements are preserved, showcased and celebrated. It remained true to its form when the 18-person Selection Committee assembled to select its Inductee class for the 2010 annual celebration. The outcome of the Committee's hard work and deliberation truly was historic – since, for the first time in HHOF existence, two females were called and welcomed into our prestigious Hall of Fame. Pioneers Cammi Granato (USA) and Angela James (CAN) were bestowed the honour this past November, and were accompanied by fellow Inductee Dino Ciccarelli into the Player Category, while both Jim Devellano and Daryl "Doc" Seaman gained entry into the Builder Category.

Although the highlight of our Induction celebration was the formal Induction ceremony Monday, November 8th, over the last many years we have incorporated a number of exciting events within and around the museum here in Toronto during the weekend in advance of this premier event. Visitors to the HHOF on the Friday had the opportunity to meet a number of Hall of Famers who were onsite for a book signing session.

The next day, the HHOF's Phil Pritchard and Ron Ellis teamed up with legendary coach Scotty Bowman to the delight of all in attendance as the trio entertained guests with stories during our Tales of the Cup segment. The venue changed in the evening when the current Inductees were lauded during the pre-game ceremonial proceedings of the annual Hall of Fame Game (which featured the Toronto Maple Leafs play host to the Buffalo Sabres). Inductees were introduced and welcomed amidst a procession of past Hall of Fame greats.

The Sunday of Induction weekend offered a great range of family entertainment – the HHOF Legends Classic hockey game featuring numerous stars of yesteryear – most recently featured rivals Canada vs. USA. Once again fans got a glimpse of the Inductees as they received their Honoured Members blazer prior to the game and were also treated to two separate sets of live music by Canadian rock band Honeymoon Suite.

It's Happening @ HHOF

Even during the middle of summer, hockey still remained in the spotlight in Toronto and specifically at the Hockey Hall of Fame. As witnessed in August 2010, HHOF was the venue for another first for women's ice hockey. The Canadian Women's Hockey League, a professional women's league in North America, conducted the first ever draft of eligible

players here in the majestic Great Hall. That same month also saw HHOF host the inaugural evening of the World Hockey Summit, which brought out many of the who's who in ice hockey from across the globe in efforts to share ideas and discuss ways to improve the sport of ice hockey. Special guests from the relevant interest groups were in attendance, including numerous participants from the IIHF family as well as the staff itself.

This past year saw numerous other promotions here within HHOF and via our website – www.hhof.com. We strive to enhance our guest's experience within an increasingly competitive tourism market. Individuals, families, groups, students and of course ice hockey teams are all factored into how we showcase and promote the HHOF brand. Interestingly, much like the sport itself, which has witnessed an increase in ice hockey globally, we here have enjoyed increased attendance with our international guests – and we are even more positioned to entertain and educate everyone with our enhanced international section within the museum.

A Legacy of Projects

As mentioned, the Hockey Hall of Fame was proud to expand its area dedicated to international ice hockey this past fall. Led by our Chairman Bill Hay and President & COO Jeff Denomme, our World of Hockey Zone, now boasts over 550 m² of exhibit area – making it the largest dedicated zone within the museum. With the increased space, even greater prominence has led to an enhanced tribute of the members of the International Ice Hockey Federation Hall of Fame. Members of the Triple Gold Club are also now recognized within the World of Hockey Zone as a result of this expansion project.

A by-product of this World of Hockey Zone expansion was HHOF's Spirit of Hockey retail store relocate from the concourse level, to its current location located on the street level. It is expected that this increased visibility, coupled with a larger, more modern flow within it, will translate into visitor satisfaction.

These two capital projects coincided with our 2010 Induction weekend, and therefore many dignitaries were on hand for the media event. The IIHF's own Szymon Szemberg took the opportunity to expand upon these newest legacy projects as well as reaf-

firm to all the ongoing close partnership that has developed between the IIHF and HHOF over the years. Although not present for this grand opening, President René Fasel was on hand for the Induction evening, and at our subsequent Board of Directors' meeting. We are grateful for his continued support of the Hockey Hall of Fame's mandate.

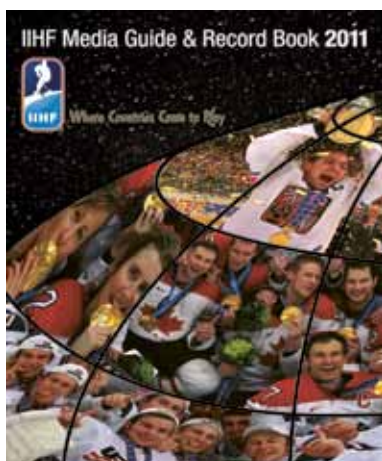
Globetrotting with HHOF

Led by Phil Pritchard, our Outreach Program continues to serve as an important extension of the museum proper, supporting a wide variety of events, mostly within North America but increasingly in Europe and beyond. For instance, together with the Hungarian Ice Hockey Federation, HHOF staff provided a world-class international ice hockey exhibit in conjunction with the 2011 IIHF World Championship Division I Group A this past April. Due to its modular composition, our crew can structure any exhibit in multiple configurations as required for any event.

Pritchard once again was on hand to formally introduce the 2011 IIHF Hall of Fame Inductees to the media and fans in May during the 2011 IIHF World Championship in Slovakia. Fittingly, all of these IIHF Honoured Members now have a dedicated plaque displayed prominently within the International section of HHOF. Congratulations to this newest class!

Finally, the most famous team trophy in pro sports, the Stanley Cup, as usual made its sojourn around Europe this past summer as part of the annual ritual of players/management getting their day with the Cup. The 2010 champions were Chicago Blackhawks, and accordingly the Cup travelled to Slovakia, Sweden, Finland and for the first time - France. Many IIHF friends and family were on hand to help celebrate throughout the tour.

Hallowed Halls: The IIHF presence at the Hockey Hall of Fame includes a wing dedicated to international ice hockey (top), featuring memorabilia from Olympics and World Championships (middle) along with a tribute to members of the IIHF Hall of Fame (below).



The IIHF Media Guide and Record Book has been updated and made available on DVD.



Parting Shot

Love is a Finn Playing Hockey

A Finnish hockey player is enveloped by his goaltender after getting a win in the preliminary round of the 2011 IIHF World U18 Championship.



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The Future is Now: At just 19 years old, Mikael Granlund is already a World Champion. The young Finn and others like him will carry the torch into the next generation of hockey superstars.