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IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship
IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group A
IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group B
IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II Group A
IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II Group B
IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division III

Canada
Kazakhstan
Korea
Romania
China
DPR Korea

IIHF World Junior Championship
IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I Group A
IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I Group B
IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II Group A
IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II Group B
IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division III

Canada
Belarus
Kazakhstan
Great Britain
Croatia
China

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship
IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I Group A
IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I Group B
IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II Group A
IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II Group B
IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III Group A
IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III Group B

USA
Denmark
Austria
Korea
Romania
Iceland
Turkey

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship
IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I Gr. A
IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I Gr. B
IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Gr. A
IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Gr. B

USA
Czech Republic
Slovakia
Kazakhstan
Slovenia

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

USA
France

IIHF Inline Hockey World Championship
IIHF Inline Hockey World Championship Division I

Canada
Croatia

Champions Hockey League
IIHF Continental Cup
IIHF European Women's Champion's Cup

Lulea Hockey
Neman Grodno
SKIF Nizhni Novgorod

IIHF Ice Hockey Challenge Cup of Asia
IIHF Ice Hockey Challenge Cup of Asia Division I
IIHF Ice Hockey Women's Challenge Cup of Asia Division I
IIHF Ice Hockey U20 Challenge Cup of Asia

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Back photo: *Jocelyne Lamoureux of Team USA with the 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship trophy.*
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Full house: The 2015 IIHF World Championship brought in 741,690 spectators through the gates, setting a new attendance record.
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Red and Gold: Team Canada is on top of the hockey world after winning the country's first World Championship since 2007.
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Selfie time: USA's Monique Lamoureux gets her teammates in for a photo after winning gold at the 2015 Women's Worlds.
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Moment of triumph: Captain Curtis Lazar kisses the trophy after Canada defeated Russia 5-4 at the 2015 World Junior final in Toronto.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images



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Report of the President

The 2014/2015 season was a tremendously successful follow-up to a memorable Olympic season. We enjoyed not just some top-level ice hockey, but also some excellent efforts from organizers that helped produce many great tournaments.

We began the year in Toronto and Montreal, two of Canada's biggest ice hockey cities. It is great to see the World Juniors so well-supported there, the popularity and excitement surrounding the tournament in this country has far exceeded any of the expectations we might have had thirty years ago.

Bringing in over 19,000 fans into an arena for a junior hockey tournament is quite an achievement. It showed the passion for hockey in Canada, but it is also reflective of the level of talent on display at the World Juniors every year. This is great hockey that is highly competitive and fun to watch, and next year in Helsinki we look forward to bringing the World Juniors back to Europe and continuing to showcase this excellent tournament around the world.

At the Women's Worlds in Malmo, Sweden, we watched a wild final game between the two North American teams. Congratulations to the United States for a well-played tournament and claiming its sixth World Championship title.

We also took another step forward towards parity in women's hockey. Only two games in Malmo were decided by five or more goals. This reflects a competitive trend that's been ongoing for five years, and with strong performances from countries like Finland and Russia and encouraging progress from top division newcomers Japan, we hope to see more tight games in 2016.

We then moved on to our flagship tournament. On the heels of a successful run last year in Minsk, the 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship had a tough act to follow. But the organizers in Prague and Ostrava threw themselves into preparations, and were ready to put on a show when the first puck dropped on 1 May.

I must acknowledge the tremendous effort by the organizing committee in putting on a World Championship that not only broke the attendance record set by

Minsk, but also brought a genuine "hockey festival" atmosphere to each venue that made the IIHF World Championship a must-see event in the Czech Republic. I hope that through our knowledge-transfer initiatives we can carry on the great examples set by Minsk 2014 and Prague/Ostrava 2015.

On the IIHF's side, we reached new heights in our quest to bring in more fans to the game. The official IIHF and World Championship websites had 49.5 million cumulative page views. Thanks to an excellent cooperative effort with our marketing partner Infront, we were able to live stream games and make highlights available to fans around the world. With the great game action we witness each year at the Worlds, we must continue to harness new strategies in order to bring the game to a younger audience.

The digital media material, featuring highlights and news reports on the tournament, helped to promote and spread awareness of the IIHF Worlds to more fans around the world, supplementing the cumulative TV audience of around a billion in over 160 countries and territories. Videos on the official World Championship platforms were viewed over 11.4 million times during the event, especially on YouTube and Facebook – up 25 times compared to 2014.

As we head into the next season, and with Russia 2016 coming up, it is my hope that we can develop new and innovative methods of bringing the sport of ice hockey across as many technological platforms as we can. As people gravitate away from television and watch more sports on their computers and mobile phones, we can provide a great service to current and future fans by enabling them to watch their country on the ice wherever they are in the world.

On the club circuit, we closed out the inaugural Champions Hockey League season with Lulea HF sitting atop the European hockey world. Congratulations to Lulea, and congratulations to CHL chairman Anders Ternbom and the entire CHL office staff for their hard work in reviving a premier European club competition. To successfully organize and stage a pan-European club competition in the span of just two years is a remarkable achievement. I have no doubt that the CHL is here to stay and I hope that it will continue to grow and involve other top level leagues like Russia's KHL.

Another encouraging story to come out of 2014/2015 was the stabilization of the IIHF finances. I thank the work of IIHF Treasurer Luc Tardif, Financial Director Gion Veraguth, General Secretary Horst Lichtner and the IIHF Auditors in preparing the budget presentation and budget reduction proposals for the 2014 Semi-Annual Congress.

I would especially like to thank the MNAs for their understanding and cooperation with the cost-cutting measures that had to be implemented. I am happy to say that the IIHF is in a stable financial position going into the next Olympic cycle. We had to have difficult discussions in Tenerife, but I am proud of the way that our stakeholders met together and found a solution that was acceptable to everyone.

Despite the fact that we've had to scale back to ensure our financial well-being, there is plenty to be proud of. The 2015 IIHF World Championship generated a pre-tax profit of CZK 450 million (€16.6m) with income from ticket sales, much of which will go into grass-

roots hockey programs. The event also created CZK 1.3 billion in public income through taxes and insurances at national, provincial and municipal levels. The final game of the Division I Worlds between Hungary and Poland drew 12,632 fans.

These numbers demonstrate what can happen when an organizer fully commits to the marketing and staging of a World Championship. I hope that future tournament hosts can take lessons from our knowledge-sharing initiatives and turn their own World Championships into successful ventures.

René Fasel
IIHF President



IIHF President René Fasel awarding the 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship trophy to USA captain Luke Kunin.
Photo: Francois Laplante / HHOF-IIHF Images



• In the zone: Finnish goalie Pekka Rinne set a new modern-day shutout record at the 2015 IIHF Worlds, going 237 minutes without allowing a goal.
Photo: Andrea Cardin / HHOF-IIHF Images

Report of the General Secretary

The year following the Olympics often feels like turning a new page, and 2015 was no different.

The 2014/2015 season was immensely positive on many fronts. We once again broke the all-time World Championship attendance record for the second year in a row. The Prague/Ostrava 2015 tournament eclipsed the already impressive mark set by Minsk as 741,690 spectators came to the tournament to watch the games.

Ticket sales early on (89,129 packages sold on the first day) gave a good prediction that this tournament was going to be popular, but I don't think anyone expected that the previous record of 640,044 spectators was going to be broken with six games still left to play. It was an impressive achievement and a big congratulation goes to the 2015 Czech Organizing Committee.

The organizational efforts centered on providing a top-quality experience for both the teams and the fans, and the organizers delivered tremendously in this respect. An analysis of the existing success factors for World Championship organizers has been completed in cooperation with the 2015 Czech Local Organizing Committee, and will be presented at the 2015 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress.

Moving forward, we have so many great European cities where we will host the World Championship. Beginning with Moscow/St. Petersburg in Russia next year, followed by a unique co-hosting effort in Paris/Cologne and then Copenhagen/Herning, we have a great opportunity to keep this momentum going and benefit from the knowledge and analyses provided by past organizers.

We had some difficult decisions to make this year in order to bring the IIHF finances under control. As a result of the long-term IIHF budget revision presented at the 2014 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress, the IIHF will no longer be in a position to support the European Women's Cup competitions from the coming season. We have also had to move our Inline Competition to a biennial format. These proposals were among many measures that were presented at the Semi-Annual Congress in Tenerife and were unanimously approved by the delegates.

We regret that these steps had to be taken, however they were necessary to ensure our financial well-being going into the future. At the 2015 IIHF Annual Congress, IIHF Treasurer Luc Tardif indicated that since the last budget presentation the IIHF is in a financially stable position, and that the IIHF has moved in the right financial direction thanks to close cooperation with our MNAs in providing specific cost-cutting measures and accurate financial numbers. We sincerely thank our MNAs for their help.

Trying to stay ahead of the technological curve, the IIHF made inroads into the digital media world during the 2015 World Championship. Our close partnership with Infront Sports & Media, bolstered by a renewed contract and a focus on expanding the game's popularity, was important in this. We managed to develop a coverage plan that included live streaming of free market games while still respecting the broadcast contracts already in place with broadcasters.

Thanks to this excellent cooperation with Infront, the IIHF was able to make a wide variety of videos available on computers and mobile devices for hockey fans around the world, including live streaming, highlights, and interviews. We also distributed this content on our social media platforms, so that fans were able to watch and share highlights, interviews, on-ice sessions with players, and other entertaining content.

These new initiatives, in addition to Infront ensuring that the Worlds would be broadcast to fans in close to 160 territories, gave the tournament exceptional publicity and reach to a worldwide audience.

Our "second-screen" project, to which I referred to in last years' report, is still in development. We have made progress thanks to our IT department in developing new ways to display statistics on our tournament websites and the IIHF app.

At the office we said goodbye to some staff members this season. Club Competitions Manager Luzia Baldauf, Championship Coordinator Eric Trinkler, New Media Coordinator Florence Schelling, and IT Coordinator Patrick Bieler have moved on from the IIHF, we thank them for their hard work and we wish them well in their future careers.

In their place we welcome two new members to the IIHF staff. Piet Heer joined the Event Department. He previously worked at the International Ski Federation (FIS) as a Marketing and Events Intern and will work at the IIHF as an Event Coordinator. On the IT side, Elena Bernardo joins the IIHF as an IT and New Media Coordinator. She has worked as Junior Art Director at Interfacemarketing AG and also as a software and graphic programmer in Switzerland.

Going into the 2015/2016 season our goal will be to keep up the momentum that was built up on the successes of Minsk 2014 and Prague/Ostrava 2015. To do this we must keep up our efforts to assist tournament organizers by continuing to develop and enhance our knowledge-sharing program.

It is so important that we make sure we learn from our mistakes and always remember what worked for our tournaments in the past. This is why we need to establish a more comprehensive platform for knowledge-sharing between past, present, and future tournament organizers, in order to truly benefit from the lessons learned in the past.

We must also continue to develop new methods to make our tournaments more appealing to a younger audience, with technology playing an important role in this endeavor. It is not just the World Championship that we want to promote, but also all of our tournaments that should be given a broader platform to showcase our sport being played in countries across the world.

Overall I am very encouraged by what has happened in the championship program in the last few years. I am even more excited that with the improvements we have made there is still room to enhance and promote our product further, while doing so using fiscally responsible methods. I thank all of our partners and stakeholders for their excellent cooperation and willingness to assist us in bringing international hockey to new audiences worldwide.

Horst Lichtner
IIHF General Secretary



The 2015 IIHF Annual Congress took place in Prague, Czech Republic during the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images



Face plant: Finland's Jonne Tammela watches the puck cross the goal line behind Canada's Evan Cormier while Guillaume Brisebois and Nathan Noel look on at the 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship.
Photo: Francois Laplante / HHOF-IIHF Images

IIHF Council 2012-2016

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. Recipient of the French Legion of Honour Award in 2004. Recipient of Russia's Order of People's Friendship in 2011.



Kummola, Kalervo (FIN) Vice President-Europe & Africa

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 and Environment Committee. Also chairman of the Board of the Finnish Olympic Committee.



Nicholson, Bob (CAN) Vice President-Americas

Born on May 27, 1953 in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. Nicholson was Hockey Canada's president and CEO between 1998 and 2014. As Hockey Canada president he oversaw all operations for competitions that Canada participated in internationally, including the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship program and Olympic Winter Games. He was senior vice-president of the Canadian Hockey Association from 1992 to 1998 and vice-president of programs with the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association from 1990 to 1991. In 2014 he became Chief Executive Officer and Vice-Chairman of the Oilers Entertainment Group in Edmonton.



Wu, Thomas (HKG) Vice President-Asia & Oceania

Born on 3 September 1972 in Hong Kong, Wu serves as Managing Director of Hopewell Holdings Limited. He was selected "Young Global Leader" in 2006 by the World Economic Forum and received several awards recognising good corporate governance practices. Wu is also active in government and sports sectors and helps create synergy among different sectors. He has long been serving different government advisory roles in Hong Kong and China. Thomas localised ice hockey by co-founding the Hong Kong Amateur Hockey Club in 2001, now a cornerstone for hockey development in Hong Kong, and establishing the Hong Kong Academy of Ice Hockey in 2007. He also works with other ice hockey associations in the region on their development.



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.



Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer (HUN)

Born on July 3, 1977 in Budapest, Hungary. Kolbenheyer was the first registered female ice hockey player in Hungary, starting her career in 1990. She represented Hungary in 55 games with the national team. After her playing career she became the general manager of the women's national teams. As a lawyer she has been a member of the Hungarian Ice Hockey Federation's Disciplinary Committee since 2009, and member of the governing board since 2012. She is married and has three children.



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 Facilities Committee. IIHF Council member since 2003. Within Spain Gonzalez was the Vice President of the Spanish Ice Sports Federation (FEDH) before being elected President of the organization in 2014.

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. Served as chairman of the Swedish Ice Hockey Association from 2004 to 2015. 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.



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.



Henrik Bach Nielsen (DEN)

Born on July 12, 1966, in Herning, Denmark. Bach Nielsen served as a board member of Danish club AaB Aalborg for five years until 2005 when he was elected to the Board of the Danish Ice Hockey Association. In 2007, he was elected President of the Danish Ice Hockey Association. Bach Nielsen was a member of the Danish Sport Confederation's Media Committee 2006-2010. He is educated in Political Science and has held executive positions in a major Danish broadcaster company. Currently, he is the owner and president of a real estate development company.



Igor Nemecek (SVK)

Born on August 28, 1961 in Bratislava, Slovakia. Nemecek worked for Slovak Bratislava and continued at the Slovak Ice Hockey Federation as a Sports Manager. For several years he worked as the head coach of ice hockey teams in Austria and Italy. In 1999 he began work for the Slovak Ice Hockey Federation as General Secretary, achieving silver (2000), gold (2002) and bronze medals (2003) at the IIHF World Championships. In 2001 he joined the Slovak Olympic Committee as Vice President responsible for winter sports. He also served as General Secretary of the 2011 IIHF World Cham-



pionship Organizing Committee in Slovakia before becoming President of the Slovak Ice Hockey Federation.

Luc Tardif (FRA)

Born on March 29, 1953 in Trois-Rivières, Canada. Tardif played ice hockey in his native country from age 3 to university level. He came to Europe in 1975 where he played in Brussels (Belgium) before moving to France in 1978 to play for Chamonix and later Rouen. After his player career, the dual Canadian-French citizenship holder was in charge of Rouen's youth ice hockey program for several years. In 2000, he was appointed head of the ice hockey department at the French Ice Sports Federation. In 2006, he was elected as first President of the newly created French Ice Hockey Federation, a position he was re-elected for in 2010 and 2014. He was named Chef de Mission of the French delegation for the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi.



Vladislav Tretiak (RUS)

Born on April 25, 1952 in Orudievo, Russia. As a goalkeeper Tretiak won three Olympic gold medals (1972, 1976, 1984) and ten World Championships (1970-1971, 1973-1975, 1978-1979, 1981-1983) with the Soviet national team, and nine European Cups (1970, 1973-1975, 1978-1979, 1981-1983) and 13 Soviet championships (1970-1973, 1975, 1977-1984) with CSKA Moscow. He was acknowledged best goalkeeper of the century during the IIHF's 100-year anniversary. Tretiak was in the International Olympic Committee's Athletes' Commission between 1981 and 1991 and worked as a goalie consultant for the Chicago Blackhawks between 1991 and 2003. He was an assistant coach of the Russian national team at several occasions including the 1998 and 2002 Olympic Winter Games. Tretiak has been a member of the Russian State Duma (parliament) since 2003. In 2006 he was elected President of the Ice Hockey Federation of Russia, a position he has held since.



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.



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Sweden's Filip Forsberg gets tied up against Germany's Benedikt Kohl at the 2015 IIHF World Championship.
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IIHF Survey of Players

2014/2015 Season

FEDERATION	PLAYERS				REFEREES		RINKS		PARTICIPATION in 2015 IIHF World Championships	POPULATION
	Registered	Senior	Under-20	Female	Male	Female	Indoor	Outdoor		
Andorra	52	17	24	11	0	0	1	0		85,580
Argentina	1,010	670	180	160	25	5	0	1		43,431,886
Armenia	294	67	227	0	18	0	3	4		3,056,382
Australia	4,264	2,743	1,132	389	251	27	10	0	WM II, WM20 II, WM18 II, WW II	22,751,014
Austria	11,754	6,069	5,009	676	254	11	47	72	WM, WM20 I, WM18 I, WW I, WW18 I	8,665,550
Belarus	4,851	1,569	3,277	5	118	0	31	3	WM, WM20 I, WM18 I	9,589,689
Belgium	2,571	1,216	1,103	252	34	4	16	0	WM II, WM20 II, WM18 II, WW II	11,323,973
Bosnia & Herzegovina	197	44	123	30	6	0	1	0	WM III	3,867,055
Brazil	542	318	172	52	25	0	4	0		204,259,812
Bulgaria	565	95	405	65	33	2	5	4	WM II, WM18 III, WW IIQ	7,186,893
Canada	721,504	116,884	518,008	86,612	30,444	2,266	2,631	5,000	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	35,099,836
Chile	18	9	5	4	0	0	1	0		17,508,260
China	1,225	200	708	317	65	33	48	64	WM II, WM20 III, WM18 II, WW I, WW18 IQ	1,367,485,388
Chinese Taipei	890	85	658	147	60	14	0	0	WM18 III	23,415,126
Croatia	616	125	433	58	15	1	2	4	WM I, WM20 II, WM18 II, WW II	4,464,844
Czech Republic	109,103	79,838	26,551	2,714	4,463	264	21	148	WM, WM20, WM18, WW I, WW18	10,644,842
Denmark	4,295	1,680	2,198	417	114	5	26	0	WM, WM20, WM18 I, WW I, WW18 IQ	5,581,503
DPR Korea	1,575	640	420	515	20	0	3	12	WM III, WW I	24,983,205
Estonia	843	194	619	30	60	8	6	4	WM I, WM20 II, WM18 II	1,265,420
Finland	75,871	29,683	39,731	6,457	1,814	62	260	24	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	5,476,922
FYR Macedonia	137	86	51	0	3	0	1	3		66,553,766
France	20,656	8,324	10,217	2,115	102	7	135	9	WM, WM20 I, WM18 I, WW I, WW18 I	2,096,015
Georgia	492	64	386	42	4	0	4	1	WM III	4,931,226
Germany	25,201	7,196	15,646	2,359	1,052	50	202	45	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18 I	80,854,408
Great Britain	10,896	5,625	4,170	1,101	282	19	63	0	WM I, WM20 II, WM18 II, WW II, WW18 IQ	64,088,222
Greece	713	463	153	97	4	2	0	0		10,775,643
Hong Kong	1,631	514	903	214	18	0	4	0	WM III, WM18 III, WW IIQ	7,141,106
Hungary	4,622	636	3,509	477	114	4	24	13	WM I, WM20 I, WM18 I, WW I, WW18 I	9,897,541
Iceland	511	62	357	92	15	2	3	0	WM II, WM20 II, WM18 III, WW II	331,918
India	1,104	315	541	248	10	2	10	4		1,251,695,584
Ireland	232	72	120	40	2	2	0	5		4,892,305
Israel	849	326	488	35	22	0	3	0	WM II, WM18 III	8,049,314
Italy	5,851	1,362	4,149	340	158	6	45	24	WM I, WM20 I, WM18 I, WW I, WW18 IQ	61,855,120
Japan	19,287	9,965	7,103	2,219	825	60	34	123	WM I, WM20 I, WM18 I, WW, WW18	126,919,659
Kazakhstan	4,892	438	4,279	175	49	8	19	128	WM I, WM20 I, WM18 I, WW II, WW18 IQ	18,157,122
Korea	2,207	133	1,880	194	55	8	38	4	WM I, WM20 II, WM18 II, WW II	49,115,196
Kuwait	440	97	242	101	1	1	2	0		2,788,534
Kyrgyzstan	501	247	254	0	11	0	3	2		5,664,939
Latvia	5,841	4,017	1,722	102	139	26	19	0	WM, WM20 I, WM18, WW I	1,986,705
Liechtenstein	86	65	21	0	0	0	0	0		37,624
Lithuania	1,403	484	883	36	33	1	8	4	WM I, WM20 II, WM18 I	2,884,433
Luxembourg	392	130	235	27	26	8	3	1	WM III	570,252
Macau	144	48	71	25	7	1	1	0		592,731
Malaysia	295	119	137	39	15	2	1	0		30,513,848
Mexico	2,020	243	1,427	350	14	0	23	0	WM II, WM20 III, WM18 III, WW II	121,736,809
Mongolia	653	275	374	4	8	0	0	13		2,992,908
Morocco	151	110	27	14	2	0	2	0		33,322,699
Netherlands	5,615	0	4,923	692	50	7	26	2	WM I, WM20 II, WM18 II	16,947,904
New Zealand	1,277	665	428	184	50	10	6	3	WM II, WM20 III, WM18 III, WW II	4,438,393
Norway	6,629	1,818	4,179	632	255	15	45	1	WM, WM20 I, WM18 I, WW I, WW18 I	5,207,689
Oman	60	36	24	0	0	0	1	0		3,286,936
Poland	2,575	713	1,494	368	76	3	35	6	WM I, WM20 I, WM18 II, WW II, WW18 IQ	38,562,189
Qatar	114	11	99	4	5	0	3	0		2,194,817
Romania	1,075	168	839	68	40	4	6	15	WM II, WM20 II, WM18 II	21,666,350
Russia	99,172	11,320	86,100	1,752	1,120	26	450	2,553	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	142,423,773
Serbia	849	224	590	35	24	2	3	1	WM II, WM20 II, WM18 II	7,176,794
Singapore	461	278	149	34	21	2	2	0		5,674,472
Slovakia	11,518	3,285	7,542	691	319	12	64	17	WM, WM20, WM18, WW I, WW18 I	5,445,027
Slovenia	988	117	807	64	37	1	7	0	WM, WM20 I, WM18 I, WW II	1,983,412
South Africa	682	187	356	139	8	2	5	1	WM II, WM20 III, WM18 III, WW IIQ	53,675,563
Spain	923	197	521	205	30	1	16	0	WM II, WM20 II, WM18 II, WW II	48,146,134
Sweden	60,089	13,060	43,311	3,718	4,628	104	358	136	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	9,801,616
Switzerland	23,296	6,639	15,530	1,127	1,209	53	159	30	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	8,121,830
Thailand	359	116	207	36	5	0	13	0		67,976,405
Turkey	1,300	226	727	347	125	62	8	20	WM III, WM20 III, WM18 III, WW IIQ	79,414,269
Turkmenistan	182	62	120	0	0	0	4	0		5,231,422
Ukraine	6,181	2,425	3,724	32	53	0	26	7	WM I, WM20 I, WM18 I	44,429,471
United Arab Emirates	900	342	443	115	19	2	9	0	WM III	5,779,760
United States	533,172	156,357	307,071	69,744	21,872	1,319	1,900	500	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	321,368,864

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(all tournaments from the 2014/2015 season)				WM20 III	IIHF U20 World Championship Division III	WW IIQ	IIHF Women's World Championship Division II Qualification
WM	IIHF World Championship			WM18	IIHF U18 World Championship	WW18	IIHF U18 Women's World Championship
WM I	IIHF World Championship Division I			WM18 I	IIHF U18 World Championship Division I	WW18 I	IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I
WM II	IIHF World Championship Division II			WM18 II	IIHF U18 World Championship Division II	WW18 IQ	IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I Qualification
WM III	IIHF World Championship Division III			WM18 III	IIHF U18 World Championship Division III		
WM20	IIHF U20 World Championship			WW	IIHF Women's World Championship		
WM20 I	IIHF U20 World Championship Division I			WW I	IIHF Women's World Championship Division I		
WM20 II	IIHF U20 World Championship Division II			WW II	IIHF Women's World Championship Division II		

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Stephane da Costa scores a shootout game-winning goal against Latvia at the 2015 IIHF Worlds. France has competed in the top division since 2008.
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Member since 1989



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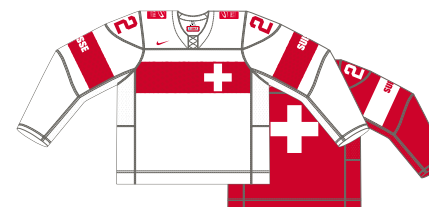
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Russia's World Junior team has won a medal in seven of the last eight tournaments.

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World Championship & Olympic Results timeline 1920-2015

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Bold - denotes top pool status. WM = Worlds Men, OG = Olympic Games

All Olympic Ice Hockey Tournaments between 1920 and 1968 also counted as World Championships.

In the Olympic years 1980, 1984 and 1988, no IIHF World Championships were staged.

The placings of the German team in the Olympics 1952 - 1964 are assigned to FRG since the teams were comprised by players only from the Federal Republic of Germany.

The placing of CIS in the 1992 Olympic Winter Games is assigned to Russia.

SRB replaced YUG as of 2003

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Team USA's Jincy Dunne raises the IIHF U18 Women's World Championship trophy after scoring the overtime winner in the gold medal game.
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The IIHF and Infront

Making history and building the future

The partnership between the IIHF and Infront has bred success - and this year was no exception as a mutual long-term vision unfolds at both the national team and club level.

2015 IIHF Worlds – breaking records

The 79th IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Prague and Ostrava broke the previous record for spectator attendance with a whopping 741,690 fans, whilst TV coverage reached out to more than 160 territories across the globe. New or expanded contracts ensured additional coverage in Italy, the Netherlands, Thailand, Myanmar, Indonesia and Malaysia among others. Further appeal for stakeholders and commercial partners was provided, as a new VIP hospitality concept with premium branding and a recognisable design was implemented, welcoming around 8,000 guests and representatives of 14 high profile sponsor brands from 11 different countries. Many loyal sponsors have accompanied the tournament for a decade or more, with Official Main Sponsor Škoda having activated this year's event in its Czech home market most extensively.

Team Jackpot – launched and won

As Infront strives to invest in the sport and introduce new highlights each year, the 2015 event saw the launch of the Infront funded 'Team Jackpot' - a recurring CHF 1 million prize as an additional incentive for the competition. It requires a team to win all ten games of the tournament in regulation – which Canada managed to achieve already in its initial year.

As another novelty in 2015, a comprehensive social media concept was initiated in order to fully immerse fans across the entire tournament. The focus was on video content, created to go socially viral, spread on YouTube, Twitter, Facebook and the official event app presented by Škoda – resulting in a total of 9.9 million video views. On YouTube, watch time increased by factor 32 up to 353,000 hours as compared to 2014.

These initiatives will be further enhanced through the coming years, establishing the www.iihf.com platform as a central hub for content and first point of access for fans. The overall target is to foster the market potential of more than 130 million fans worldwide through integrated outlets that offer 'peaks' at times of the year when the events are held but encourage greater interaction and engagement, with the sport, its events and sponsors on a consistent basis.

Promoting heritage, building the future

As part of the long-term development plan for global ice hockey, Infront has also initiated the first steps towards the full digitisation and commercial exploitation of the IIHF archive material – approximately 4,800 hours of

historical content. The full legacy of major past events is currently being transferred to Infront's production and multimedia facilities in Milan, where the material will be registered, catalogued and indexed through a purpose-built, state-of-the-art database that will allow for instant use in various formats – including broadcast and social media ready.

Champions Hockey League - surpassing expectations

Moving on to club ice hockey, the Champions Hockey League has enriched the annual ice hockey calendar demonstrating its sportive and commercial appeal already from its inaugural season. In a fully operational role, Infront handled the worldwide distribution of media rights as well as the centralised marketing, providing substantial support for the overall development of the new league.

A total of 161 exciting games at 45 unique venues in 12 European countries were delivered as 490,848 cumulative spectators enjoyed the live action. Fans were digitally immersed via social media platforms developed around the event, resulting in over 6 million web page views, close to 36,000 Facebook likes and 14,000 Twitter followers.

The broadcast coverage surpassed expectations with close to 400 hours of live content produced and the final available live on TV in over 18 territories worldwide.

This resulted in great visibility and impact for the aligned sponsors – all making use of the only pan-European platform available in the sport of ice hockey, right from its very beginning.

Success today for growth tomorrow

Even after more than 30 years of partnership, the continued upward trend of the IIHF Worlds and the knowledge transfer to the Champions Hockey League are setting a benchmark in the global sports landscape. Strikingly, the partnership between the IIHF and Infront continues to embrace all opportunities across media and commercial landscapes to spread the sport's appeal.

Infront is proud to be an essential part of the ice hockey family and a contributor to events that drive innovation in the global sports landscape. From the short to mid-term, working on current tournaments toward long-term development, our joint vision and high ambitions for the global sport of ice hockey with its growing community and loyal partners is firmly positioned in our mind-set.



Bruno Marty presents the Infront Jackpot to Canada's Sidney Crosby.

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Slovakia's Tomas Jurco gets a shot off on Slovenia's Robert Kristan at the 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.
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Great Danes: Fans in Toronto's Air Canada Centre enthusiastically cheered on the Danish national team during their 2015 World Junior campaign.
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IIHF Semi-Annual Congress Tenerife, Spain

18-19 September, 2014

All enclosures available on IIHF Intranet

The President opened the 2014 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress and welcomed all present to Tenerife, Spain. He asked Congress to honour members of the hockey family who had passed away since the 2014 IIHF Annual Congress in Minsk, Belarus.

Miroslav Hlinka
Bob Suter
Seth Martin
Florian Gheorghe
Fritz Naef
Miguel Gutierrez Porter
Jaroslav Walter

Report of the President

Olympic Winter Games 2014 in Sochi, Russia

The IIHF President began his report commenting on the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi. He was looking back with pride at what has been a successful Olympic year, not just for the achievements in Sochi but also of other tournaments as the WM in Minsk and the U20 in Malmö, Sweden. Additionally he congratulated Canada on winning both the women's and men's tournament emphasizing the special final that occurred in the women's tournament. He stated that as a result of the women's final and as request by USA Hockey, the IIHF would look into a four man officiating system for the Women's Tournament. Such would allow further development of the Women's game.

World Championship 2014 in Minsk, Belarus

Next the President moved onto the WM in Minsk offering the Minsk OC – and especially Yevgeni Vorsin - a round of applause for their exemplary work. With its 640'044 spectators during the tournament, this Championship has set a new record after the World Championship Prague in 2004.

Champions Hockey League

The Champions Hockey League had just kicked off in August 2014. Some more information about the new league would follow at a later stage by its CEO, Martin Baumann, who would address Congress with a presentation.

Financial Situation

At the last Annual Congress in Minsk, Congress had been informed by the IIHF Council and especially the Treasurer, Luc Tardif about the financial situation of the IIHF.

The IIHF must move into a position of planning for its financial future and to again enlighten the discussion points, the President announced that in this year's budget over CHF 8 million had been spent to balance the budget. Such necessarily would have to change in the future. For this reason a special working group had been set up to discuss and make proposals to IIHF Council on how to face such challenges. Such working group would consist of some IIHF Council Members. In addition to the proposals of the Working Group and to decrease the IIHF expenditures, the MNA's had also been requested to submit proposals and such – together with the ones from the Working Group – they would be presented to Con-

gress a bit later that day. He, at that point thanked the countries which had submitted their proposals for reducing IIHF expenses.

While he reassured Congress that the IIHF is not currently in a financial crisis, he explained that the IIHF must take steps to maintain its current financial viability/status in order to ensure its financial future. He provided an example of why the IIHF was in the current financial situation by way of the Olympics. Specifically, in Vancouver the IIHF had received 40 million USD for the participation and around 10 million USD for the extra cost because of the NHL player participation. Such had been nearly the same revenue amount in Sochi, but the USD would now be worth 20% less than after Vancouver which consequently would lead to a missing income of CHF 10 million. A forecast done by the IIHF External Auditors had been done and they would expect that until 2018 the USD would decrease to 0.7 USD versus 1 CHF.

Therefore a good and well elaborated plan has to be set up and the expenses have to be reduced. For this reason the President asked the MNA's to actively participate in the following discussion.

Report of the IIHF Activities

Report of the IIHF Committees

Medical Committee

Council Member Henrik Bach Nielsen as Chairmen of the Committee added no further remarks to the Annual Report but mentioned that there had been a workshop with the Medical Supervisor in Copenhagen the week before Congress. He indicated that the Workshop brought all of the supervisors together and focused on creating a consistent and high skill level among all Supervisors. He indicated that the level of the IIHF Supervisors is and was exemplified through the character of the entire Medical Supervisor Group.

Officiating Committee

No additional comments to the Annual Report by its Chairman Christer Englund. Nevertheless, the President added that the IIHF Office would be working on an improvement of officiating after the various challenges at the World Championship in Minsk and the Congress would be informed in detail about such proposals at the 2015 Annual Congress in Prague, Czech Republic.

Women's Committee

Council Member Zsuzsanna Kolbenhayer and Chairmen of the Committee addressed Congress and showed them a presentation about the Women's Hockey Development Camp, the Women's Summit and the Women's U18 High Performance Camp operated in July 2014 in Vierumäki (Enclosure 5.2). She indicated that the focus of the four year period was initiated immediately after the 2010 Olympics as a result of the IOC President's statement that the IIHF must do something to reduce the huge gap between the top two teams and the rest of women's ice hockey. In acting on the IOC President's request, the IIHF initiated a plan at the Hockey Summit held in Toronto, Canada in August 2010, promising to earmark 2 million for women's ice hockey. After detailing the plan, she offered the floor to Bob Nicholson to explain some of the initiatives of the Development Committee on Women's ice hockey for the last four years; specifically, the development camps in Vierumäki.

Once taking the floor, Bob Nicholson first thanked Zsuzsanna Kolbenhayer on her work with Women's ice hockey and then moved on to detail some of the progress that was made at the Women's Hockey Development Camp. A huge step had been taken in Women's ice hockey since the Olympic Winter Games 2010 in Vancouver. This year the focus had been on females born in 1998 and 1999 which had attended the various camps in Vierumäki this summer. The goal would still be to improve and develop the Women's game. He especially thanked Dave Fitzpatrick and Aku Nieminen from the IIHF Office and the Committee Members. Vierumäki would be the best place to train and it would be extremely beneficial to have such location available and cooperating with the IIHF. The Vierumäki students attending the Coaching Degree Program there would be assigned to work with participating IIHF Member National Countries and to discuss and act on further steps.

After Bob Nicholson spoke he turned the floor back to Zsuzsanna Kolbenhayer to speak about the high performance camp. With respect to the High Performance Camp, Zsuzsanna Kolbenhayer thanked both the USA and Canada for their support and human leadership resources attending the High Performance Camp. Zsuzsanna Kolbenhayer concluded providing a bit of information on the success of the Women's Hockey Summit detailing that the ideas coming out of the Summit focused on the future of Women's Ice Hockey looking toward the 2018 Olympic Games.

Report of the General Secretary

Horst Lichtner gave a brief report about the IIHF Activities during the last months. He first thanked everybody in the office for the hard work during the year as the IIHF Office always has extra duties and responsibilities during the Olympic season. He provided a few details outlining the challenges the IIHF Office staff faced this year as a result of the Olympics in Russia and concluded with respect to such thanking the NHL and NHLPA for their cooperation with the IIHF to ensure a successful Olympic Winter Games in Russia.

As already informed at the Annual Congress in Minsk, the IIHF has prolonged the contract with Infront Sports and Media AG. Following the contract extension, a number of working groups had been set up to improve many aspects of the IIHF especially in the area of new media. The combination of TV pictures together with data of the Soccer World Championship in Brazil had been a benchmark and would be the future of sport. The IIHF would be appreciative to have Infront as a partner because they would be a leader in that area and he therefore would hope that the IIHF could benefit from their knowledge showing first results possibly already by the Annual Congress in Prague, Czech Republic.

With respect to office staff changes, he indicated that Szymon Szemberg, while not physically leaving the IIHF office, has left the IIHF moving over to work with the new Champions Hockey League which has offices in the IIHF new building. He further explained that Kristina Koch has left the IIHF to continue her studies in Toronto, Canada, Irina Strakhova, who participated at various World Championships in Figure Skating, joined the IIHF in June as the new Executive Assistant to the President. Victoria Metzger recently joined the IIHF as IIHF Receptionist, while Patrick Bieler, Swiss Citizen is the new IIHF IT Coordinator, replacing Marcis Grasis who has returned back home to Latvia. In addition Samuel Ammann had joined the IIHF beginning this year as Event Coordinator.

CHL Report

Martin Baumann, CEO of the Champions Hockey League then addressed Congress, providing a brief presentation regarding the structure, organization and operation of the CHL. Specifically, he

stated that before the CHL play-offs even begin, the CHL will have obtained over 400'000 fans. The KHL would not yet be part of the CHL but it would be important to have them participating and they would be confident that such would happen eventually. Russian clubs would be part of European Leagues in other sports and should also be part of the ice hockey league.

Martin Baumann went on to detail the future plan of the CHL in a three essential phases, i.e. 1-3 year plan, 4-6 year plan, 7-9 year plan. Lastly he then thanked Infront, especially Philippe Blatter and Bruno Marty for their support during the last months as well as the IIHF Council, Delegates and Guest for their support for having invited him to the Congress and to present on the CHL.

Allocation of 2015 IIHF Championships

The General Secretary remarked that there was one Championship of which the Organizer withdrew from hosting, one Championship of which the right to host needed to be confirmed with the IOC and one championship which was not allocated during the 2014 Annual Congress.

WM Div I, Group A, Ukraine

Horst Lichtner informed Congress that the 15th of August 2014, the IIHF Office has been informed by the Ice Hockey Federation of Ukraine that they would declare the revocation of hosting the 2015 IIHF WM I, Group A Tournament in Donetsk, Ukraine. Such had been based on the difficult political situation the country has been facing during the last several months and is considered force majeure according to the IIHF Bylaws.

Following such withdrawal, the Polish Ice Hockey Federation has contacted the IIHF and expressed the willingness of the Polish Authorities, the Ministry of Sport and Tourism as well as the City of Krakow, to host the above mentioned tournament according to their offer presented during the 2014 IIHF Annual Congress in Minsk, Belarus. Such had been reaffirmed during the Congress. *Congress unanimously approved Poland as host, Krakow, 18 - 24 Apr 2015*

WW Div I, Group B, China

After the allocation of the respective Championship to China during the 2014 IIHF Annual Congress, there had been some discussions in regards of the candidature of Beijing for the Olympic Winter Games in 2022 and the respective IOC Rules that a candidate city for an Olympic Event would not be allowed to operate events during the bidding period to highlight their bid. Nevertheless and as the IIHF would be paying the cost to host such tournament this would not contravene with the candidate city operation procedures. Such had been accepted by the IOC and they have given their permission to host the tournament in Beijing. Such had been reaffirmed during the Congress. *Congress unanimously approved China as host, Beijing, 6 – 12 Apr 2015*

WW 18, I Q, tbd

Poland is the only applicant to host this Qualification tournament. *Congress unanimously approved Poland as host, tbd, 19 – 24 Jan 2015.*

WM 20, Div II

Lastly, Frank Gonzalez indicated a change of a venue from Granada to Jaca for the WM 20 DIV II. The tournament would be used as a test game for the FISU Games. As the Spanish Ice Federation could not get the confirmation that the ice would be ready in time and the quality of the ice would be sufficient, the event has been relocated to Jaca. However FISU would still use the Championship in Jaca as the test event scheduled to be held in January 2015.

IIHF Calendar and 2014 IIHF Championship Program

The 2014/2015 IIHF Calendar of Events recording the dates and

venues of future IIHF Championships (Enclosure 7.4 a) along with the 2015 IIHF Championship Program listing the participation summary of all teams entitled to participate in the different championship divisions (Enclosure 7.4 b) are attached to the minutes and will be permanently available at www.iihf.com in their most updated version.

IIHF Championships

Organizer's Report

All hosts had received the relevant information from the IIHF Office on the organisational and administrative matters plus all details regarding the preparation of the IIHF competitions in the 2014/2015 season had been discussed in individual meetings on 18 September 2014 following the standard agenda. The appointed tournament chairmen or their representatives gave their reports.

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group A in Krakow, Poland

Zoltan Kovacs (HUN) requested that the WM Division I should be treated the same as the WM especially with a maximum of 22 players and 3 goaltenders. The General Secretary indicated that this was a huge change which could only be accomplished during 2018 Congress because such a change would require a Bylaw amendment. In addition, such a proposal would be a huge cost factor and therefore would not be approved.

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II Group B in Cape Town, South Africa

Luc Tardif noted that the Organizer would need a written confirmation from the IIHF for the ice arena regarding glass protection.

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division III in Izmir, Turkey

Henrik Bach Nielsen indicated that the tournament would be a special one as there were seven teams participating but stated that the Organizer has guaranteed to provide everything promised at Congress.

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World U20 Championship Division I Group A in Asiago, Italy

Igor Nemecek indicated that the proposed game schedule still needs to be distributed and approved by the participating nations.

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Women's Championship Division I Group A in Rouen, France

Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer indicated that there were some small problems with the game schedule, but should be finalized shortly.

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Women's Championship Division I Group B in Beijing, China

Thomas Wu, indicating that the Organizer was correcting the game schedule with the plan to complete the approval process before the end of the Congress weekend.

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Women's Championship Division II BQ in Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Frank Gonzalez indicated that there was a small issue with respect to the dressing rooms and available showers. However, all teams agreed to deal with this issue in the best interest of the sport. He further indicated that the game schedule will be finalized in October 2014. Lastly, he noted that the arena still would contain the marks of the old rule book and that he indicated to the Organizer that playing on the ice with such would have to be approved by the IIHF Office.

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Women's Championship Qualification in Yokohama, Japan

The Congress was informed that Harald Springfield would be assigned as the Directorate Chairman for this qualification tournament.

In addition to the above Organizer's Report, there had been the following, supplementary information presented to Congress:

WM 2015, Czech Republic

Mr Petr Briza and Mr Martin Urban, both members of the Czech Organising Committee, provided the Congress with a presentation detailing the status of the upcoming World Championship in Prague and Ostrava and showed a short video presentation about the two mascots to be used during the event. (Enclosure 9, CZE). They concluded naming some key points regarding passports, game tickets, ice hockey venues, training venues and accommodation.

WM 2016, Russia

Horst Lichtner indicated that, as the Russian Federation already presented the status of the WM 2016 during the 2014 Annual Congress, no additional presentation would be done this time. However, he indicated that all questions and concerns could be addressed directly to the Russian Federation.

OWG 2018, Korea

Mrs Younyoung Lee, representing the PyeongChang Organizing Committee provided brief presentation including a video regarding the status of the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang (see Enclosure 9 OWG for respective presentation). Especially she provided details about the coastal cluster, the ice hockey venues, the training venues and the Athlete's Village

With respect to the 2018 OWG in Korea, René Fasel briefly explained that as the IIHF was the only team sport which does not automatically allow the Organizer to participate in the tournaments leaving the competition on the ice to identify and qualify the participating nations in both the men's and the women's events, the IOC has strongly encouraged the IIHF to consider allowing Korea, as the Organizer, to participate in the 2018 OWG. As such, Horst Lichtner requested the Congress to approve the participation of the Korean National Team participation in the 2018 Olympics. *Following the presentation, Congress officially confirmed the participation of the Men's and Women's Team at the PyeongChang Olympic Winter Games in 2018.*

2020 WM Applicants

Lastly Igor Nemecek approached Congress, presenting the situation that both the Slovakian Ice Hockey Federation and Swiss Ice Hockey have applied for the 2019 Championship. Nevertheless and as the IIHF would not have an applicant for 2020, the Council has proposed that Slovakia host in 2019 and then Switzerland host in 2020 if no further applicants apply to host the 2020 WM. The Congress herewith would be asked to submit a letter of intent until 31st of October 2014 in case they would want to host the 2020 World Championship. In case no other applicant submits their intentions to apply to host the 2020 WM then at the 2015 Annual Congress in Prague, it would be voted on the tournament in 2019 (Slovakia) and 2020 (Switzerland) with no allocation for the World Championship at the 2016 Annual Congress in Moscow.

By changing of the application deadline to host the WM, a unanimous vote has to be done. *Congress unanimously agreed on changing the submission deadline for a letter of intent to host the 2020 WM to 31st of October 2014.*

YOG 2016 Lillehammer, Norway

Dave Fitzpatrick from the IIHF Office provided a brief overview detailing the status of the 2016 Youth Olympic Games taking place in Lillehammer from 12 – 21 February 2016 (Enclosure 10) and the details for the qualification of the men's and women's teams for participation in the Under 16 Tournaments as well as the operation and the registration details for the Skills Challenge Program.

Qualification (Boys & Girls Tournament)

The eligibility and selection order of nations will be determined following a combined ranking of the men's and women's Under 18 ranking from the 2014 and the 2015 IIHF Championship Program which will be available in April. Once established, the IIHF would consult with the eligible associations about their potential involvement in the boy's and girl's tournament. Four countries would participate in each of the Women's and Men's competition in addition to Norway. Each country eligible to participate would be allowed to put forward only a men's or a women's team.

Qualification Skill Test

All MNAs should have recently received information regarding the opening/registration for the Skill Challenge Program which would identify those players being eligible to participate in the Skill Challenge at the Youth Olympics. The registration deadline would be 1 October 2014. National Associations can operate their domestic National Skills Challenge between October 1 and May 7, 2015 to identify their top male and female athlete eligible to advance to the Final Qualification to identify and seed the top 16 male and 16 female athletes to compete in the 2016 Youth Olympic Winter Games Skills Challenge. The Final Qualification would take place in July 2015.

Yearly Accounts and Auditors Report

Day 1 of Finance Discussions

The IIHF Treasurer Luc Tardif provided an extensive financial presentation (Enclosure 11.1) and the Financial Report (Enclosure 11.2) containing the overview of the IIHF accounts, as well as the impact of the activities that had taken place over the past season and the budget reduction proposals. Specifically he mentioned that the IIHF was not currently in a crisis situation, but that the IIHF must implement a future budgetary plan, rather than maintaining the status quo, to prevent the possibility of a financial crisis. He once again informed that the Organizer - and Travel Support as well as the Contribution will be paid out in USD instead of CHF as already decided at the Annual Congress in Minsk, Belarus.

With respect to the budgetary plan and the consequential budget reduction proposals, Luc Tardif briefly explained that since the 2014 Congress in Minsk, the IIHF has (a) organized a financial working group to help create a budgetary proposal, (b) realised the exact financial situation of the IIHF due to the IIHF receiving the actual Olympic Contribution and (c) requested the MNA's to submit proposals until 15th August 2014 to reduce the IIHF budget.

Before going into detail, he thanked the IIHF General Secretary and the Finance Department for their good work as well as the internal Auditors and the Auditory Advisory Group.

Yearly Accounts

In addition to the information provided in the above presentation, Luc Tardif indicated that the financial situation was CHF 1,3 million better than expected in May 2014.

The IIHF Treasurer explained all relevant points on the documents regarding the Yearly Accounts which were distributed to Congress. The financial report covering the period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 was completed by the external auditors.

IIHF Parking AG

The Yearly Account of the IIHF Parking AG covering the period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 was also presented.

Auditors Report 2012/2013

Juraj Siroky presented the report of the Internal Auditors (Enclosure 11.3). The audit group spent the necessary time at the IIHF Office in Zurich to analyse the documents, balance sheets and budget papers

as well as the accounts. Any differences were duly justified against invoices, expense reports and duly submitted documents. After the Internal Audit, the Internal Auditors met with the External Auditors indicating that the External Audit was conducted according to Swiss Standards and the IIHF Statutes and Bylaws. Juraj Siroky indicated that all financial reports covering the period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 were analysed and completed by the external auditors. The Internal Auditors expressed that they support any actions proposed to be taken by the Executive Committee in an effort to cut the budget.

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 2013/2014 were in accordance with the IIHF Statutes and Bylaws.

Luc Tardif then moved on to discuss the future financial situation of the IIHF. First, he focused on the different financial results between the 2010 and 2014 Olympic Winter Games; specifically, the greater cost and less profit realized in Sochi versus Vancouver due to the fluctuation of the dollar. Luc Tardif indicated that the possible fluctuation of the dollar, in addition to changes in the IOC (new President), must not be ignored in creating a budget for the next four years leading up to the 2018 Olympics. He informed that Council has decided to freeze several expenses, such as committee costs and administrative costs, for the next three years to ensure a stable financial environment for the IIHF. However, he further explained that even with the frozen accounts, the IIHF will still need to save CHF 2 million annually more from the season 2015 to 2017. He concluded explaining that if the IIHF was able to make such savings, the IIHF would create a stable, sustainable financial situation leading up to the 2018 Olympics.

Horst Lichtner explained that the documents are to ensure that all members completely understand the necessity of reducing the budget before going into the proposals of the cost reduction.

Budget reduction proposals

As mentioned during the 2014 Annual Congress in Minsk, Belarus, the IIHF Delegates had been asked to submit proposals to reduce the budget until 15th August 2014. The IIHF Office had received various proposals for the reduction of the budget which were finalized into four main proposals as indicated in the respective presentation to Congress. Additionally, as announced at the last Congress, Council appointed some members to be in a working group consisting of Council Members Bob Nicholson, Franz Gonzalez, Henrik Bach Nielsen and Beate Grupp who in detail discussed an urgency program as well as presenting long-term recommendations. Based on such recommendations, the proposals by the MNA's as well as the Council's proposals, the IIHF Council decided on two different proposals to be presented to Congress. All details of such proposals can be found in the respective presentation to Congress included in the Financial presentation (Enclosure 11.1). Both proposals are based on the first three identical elements:

- Play the Inline competition every two years instead of every year (1);
- Operate the uniform program every four years instead of every two years (2);
- Eliminate the subsidy for the European Women's Club Competition (3); and

Those three measures are recommended by Council for acceptance by Congress. The following two proposals are subject to further discussions with Congress:

- 4 (A) play U18 every two years; 4 (B) play only the U18 lower divisions or the U20 lower division each year alternating between the two tournaments each year to ensure that the lower division counties are at least either playing U18 or U20.
- Congress then was asked to give their opinion about the proposed reductions and their preference of proposal 4 (A) or 4 (B).

Ron de Gregorio (USA) inquired whether if the recommendation by Council would be approved, the numbers would be consistent and no other actions have to be taken. The General Secretary answered that the proposals for actually cutting the budget would still have to be decided. The current budget would show the first amount of the total reduction which will be created through the frozen accounts, but the IIHF must cut a further two million annually for the next three years which would result if the members approve the budget reduction proposals. Ron de Gregorio further stated that it appears that the first three proposals should be accepted first and then Congress should move forward with further discussions regarding proposal 4 (A) and (B), setting up another working group for further analysis.

Dieter Kalt (AUT) remarked that a decision about cutting a World Championship Division would be very difficult. He would believe that the IIHF should take care not to reduce the development of youth. The boys and girls would be our future and everything should be done to bring them on a good, international level and the IIHF does not want create a plan which will lead to a bigger gap between the lower divisions and the top division. He consequently would prefer the version (B).

Kirovs Lipmans (LAT) remarked that the right things would be planned but the IIHF appears to be focusing too much on reducing expenses rather than increasing income, utilizing such things as sponsors etc. Only the decrease of the expenses seems to be considered but not the possibility of increasing the income. He indicated that the IIHF must consider the currency fluctuation when entering into all of its contracts. He additionally would be ready to help the IIHF increasing the income e.g. by contacting richer federations.

Horst Lichtner answered that regarding the income, there had been a working group especially dealing with the prolongation of the Marketing Contract with Infront and the financial anticipation. The contract would be more beneficial than the one before and also with Hockey Canada the IIHF would have good contracts in place. As such, there would not be room for an increase of the IIHF income. The question would not be whether the IIHF would be earning enough money but whether we would spending too much money.

Vidar Gardarsson (ISL) noted that the number of tournaments operated annually have not changed since 2010. The problems therefore would not be the amount of tournaments but that the IIHF would spent too much in other areas. However the General Secretary explained that even if the number of tournaments had not changed, the financial contribution to each event and the service provided for each event has been increased. Such had been acceptable at the time when the IIHF has received more money such as the 2010 Winter Olympic Games. However, he clarified that such would not be the case in 2014 as the net income would be less than the IIHF received in 2010.

Furthermore Vidar Gardarsson remarked that the IIHF had already decided to pay out the Organizer's support in USD instead of CHF and according to his opinion such an action should already reduce the problem. However, Horst Lichtner clarified that changing the Championship funding money from CHF to USD actually only accomplished a 10% reduction and was already accounted during the budget presentation in Minsk and led to the CHF 8 million deficit proposals instead of a CHF 11,5 million deficit proposal. Hence such reduction unfortunately was not sufficient even with all of the frozen accounts. Therefore, as indicated in the presentation, the IIHF must look into the competitions for further reductions. Over 70% of the IIHF expenses would be created by the various tournaments and the IIHF would be the only international federation to support all of its competitions from the bottom up. All other international federations would either not organise that many tournaments or at least not support them financially as the IIHF does.

René Fasel expressed again that in the past the money received from the Olympics was used to finance the IIHF for the four year period between each Olympic Winter Games. While the amount provided from 2010 and 2014 was the same and such amount covered IIHF costs from 2010 to 2014, the amount the IIHF received from the IOC for Sochi will not cover all of the IIHF expenses for the period 2014–2018. Furthermore, the IOC henceforward could always change the formula for the distribution of Olympic Games funding so that the funding which we currently receive from the IOC could not be guaranteed.

Monique Scheier Schneider (LUX) remarked that they would be in favour of version (B) because the U18 top division should be played every year.

Hans Dobida (Life Member) remarked that CHF 1,5 million could be saved by returning to the contribution paid out to the organiser's as before 2011.

Djordje Ljoljic (SRB) agreed that a way to spend less money have to be found. Nevertheless, to him the two proposals were too extreme because the money that a number of Federations receive from their national governments to operate during the year was contingent on the Federations international participation. If the Federation did not participate, it would be at risk of losing such funding. Therefore the proposal A with U18 playing very other year would be better for them.

Luc Tardif proposed that the Congress should principally agree on one of the proposals and then a working group could be set up to discuss the measures in detail to be presented to Congress in May 2015.

Jeremy Stevens (RSA) inquired if there would be a date deadline to find out the contribution percentage distribution for the upcoming Olympic Games. René Fasel indicated that at the earliest in a year from now the IIHF would learn an approximate number. He then clarified the major issue with the money distribution; specifically he explained that the summer sports would split the revenue from the summer Olympics and the winter sports would split the money from the winter Olympics which would result in some important summer sport receiving around CHF 13 million less than some of the winter sports. Some of the Olympic summer sports have expressed a dislike for this current money split formula, which with the new presidency and changes within the IOC could result in a significantly different money distribution for the 2018 Olympics.

Day 2 of Finance Discussions

René Fasel the next day continued the discussion on the budget reduction proposals first repeating the three proposals that Congress has approved the day before. Such in detail are:

- Inline Tournament playing every other year
- Uniform program every fourth year instead of every other year
- Cut the subsidy for the EWCC in total

Andy French (GBR) began the discussion inquiring the exact implementation of the change of the Uniform Program. Specifically if the IIHF could include a provision whereby each Federation could receive five jerseys and socks every two years. Horst Lichtner answered that such will be considered by the IIHF Office but nonetheless, it could be counterproductive if the IIHF first cuts the Uniform Program to then add additional costs back.

Monique Scheier-Schneider (LUX) had the proposals that in 2016 U18 Div. II A down would be played (not playing the U20 Div. II A down) and in the year 2017 the U20 Div. II down would be played (not playing the U18 Div. II down). As such, about CHF 900'000 per year could be saved and Luxembourg would support such proposal.

Vidar Gardarsson (ISL) commented on Monique Scheier-Schneider's proposal indicating that ISL would not approve such and requested that rather than cutting the Championship program the IIHF should cut the (Men's) Continental Cup. This then would be in line with the already cut European Women's Club Competition subsidy.

In response to the above comment, Eric Ropert (FRA) marked that France would have been happy to receive a wild card for the CHL this year. Nevertheless, such could not be expected for the future and the Continental Cup would be a great event, maintaining a link between the IIHF and the Clubs. It would provide an incentive to lower league clubs as the winner obtains the opportunity to join the CHL and it would provide marketing possibilities for Continental Cup clubs. He therefore would not want to cut the Continental Cup.

Vice President Bob Nicholson then made the proposal that for 2016 and 2018 no Organising Fee would be given to the U20 host country as they financially would be doing quite well. Following this proposal, it was suggested making the same cut for the U20 Div I A.

Johann Bollue (BEL) marked that he would like the proposal from Monique Scheier-Schneider as many players participating in the U18 tournament would then play the U20 tournament the same year. Therefore he would favour alternate tournaments to allow the players to have more of a rest. However he would stronger disagree with cutting the Continental Cup.

Jeremy Stevens (RSA) would support alternating U20 and U18 Championships and/or possibly removing one category all together rather than alternating as there might be a disadvantage to alternating, i.e. confusion for players. In response, Kalervo Kummola indicated that an alternative possibility was to play an U19 tournament or possible providing an invitation to more countries to participate in the Continental Cup.

Vidar Gardarsson (ISL) disagreed with the statement that the majority of the players would play both tournaments annually and why he would want to maintain both categories and keep all Championships.

Dieter Kalt (AUT) proposed that rather than cutting programs which effect the sport's youth it should be considered to reduce committee costs over the next two to three years. René Fasel answered that alternating some U18 or U20 tournaments would not mean there would be no promotion at all. Such promotion could be done quite effectively by the normal system but delayed by one year. In addition to the earlier comments, experience would show that on some of the lower tournaments the quality of play has been questionable with many Match penalties assessed. Luc Tardif answered that the Committee Costs had already been cut from 4,6 to 3 million CHF but Bob Nicholson indicated that it was still possible to eliminate at least three Committees and then reduce the Committee to the required number of five persons. Kalervo Kummola indicated that the IIHF already would have a Bylaw limiting the Committee Members to five persons, but because there were so many skilled candidates, the IIHF has always approved utilizing more candidates on each committee. Lastly Luc Tardif marked that some of the Committee Meetings could be done via conference call or video conferencing instead of having a personal meeting.

Alexander Steblin (Life Member) then addressed Congress stating that political and sport issues sometimes contradict each other. He would agree to support the youth development but nevertheless, he had seen many problems in the lower divisions. At some tournaments the teams could not even bring the minimum number of registered players.

Tony Rossi then summarized his proposals by (1) serious consideration of cutting the Continental Cup (2) questioning if Inline should still be supported by the IIHF and lastly (3) he would propose that the senior division would remain the same for Top Division and Division 1. The U18 would be a great development concept but going down to lower divisions, there would not be enough registered players. Hence Division II and III in the U18 should be cut.

Bob Nicholson as Chairman of Inline Hockey would believe that if the IIHF wants to grow additional federations (e.g. in South America), development of inline would be crucial. If gaining new membership was not a priority, then he would agree that inline hockey should be cut from the IIHF program.

Andy French (GBR) inquired to potentially increase the ITC fee which would not only provide more funds but could lead to home development by keeping players in their home country. Nevertheless, such had been discussed by Council and had been rejected. Eric Ropert (FRA) indicated that such anyway was not a possibility as an increased fee could not be justified as an administration fee to the EU and would, therefore, be against EU law by way of restricting player movement. France had been taken in front of court because of the cost of an ITC.

Grant Hay (NZL) provided some further examples to Congress as to why proposal 4 (A) would actually provide some assistance to the smaller countries. Their investment of time was a concern because it would take them as a non-European country additional days to travel to Europe, overcome jet lag and prepare for the event, equalling at least 3 weeks. Such three weeks would not be compensated by the IIHF in total and many of the players would not be professional and it would not be easy to receive three weeks of holidays. He indicated alternating the U20 and U18 would cut their internal costs.

The Congress then continued the discussion about the financial proposals by changing the playing format without a final decision. Therefore the president concluded the discussion by stating that it was obvious that congress would not want to cut the sport at this time. He proposed that the IIHF Council as well as the IIHF Office would look in detail into the practical execution of all lower division events this season to determine its actual value to the sport development within the respective countries. With such analysis and results Congress will further discuss the right steps at the next opportunity.

Based on the audit report presented under item 11.3 and following the recommendation of the Auditors, the Congress was requested to discharge the President, Internal Auditors, and Council of their responsibilities for the period 1 July 2013 through 30 June 2014.

The Parkring AG Chairman and Board were unanimously discharged by Congress.

Following the recommendation of the Internal Auditors, the IIHF Council proposed to Congress to extend the cooperation with the external auditing firm Curator Revision in Zurich until the next Council Election in 2016.

Other Business

Junior Club Word Cup and IIHF Challenge Cup of Asia

Dmitry Efimov addressed to Congress by showing a brief presentation of the recent Junior Club World Cup as well as the IIHF Challenge Cup of Asia (Enclosure 15.1), specifically identifying the participating clubs, the result of the competition and the statistics of the Championship. He concluded by thanking the IIHF and its MNAs for their ongoing support.

IIHF Annual Congress

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The President opened the Congress welcoming all Congress members to Prague.

The President gave a special welcome to IIHF Life Members Murray Costello, Hans Dobida, Jan-Ake Edvinsson, Yury Korolev, Kai Hietarinta, Philippe Lacarrière, Frederick Meredith, György Pásztor, Alexander Steblin and Shoichi Tomita. A special welcome was also given to the CEO of the IIHF marketing partner Infront Sports & Media AG, Philippe Blatter and the IIHF Auditors. Further, the President provided a special welcome to Bill Daly, Don Fehr and Tyler Currie.

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. Yeung Kit Kan (HKG), President; Dr. Kwai Yau Fung (HKG), Vice Chairman; Ms. Annie Kwan YY (HKG), Honorary GS; Mr. Anvar Omorkanov (KGZ), President; Mr. Murat Jakypov (KGZ), Vice President; Mr. Bakyt Imanaliev (KGZ), General Secretary; Mr. Kim Kyong Jun (PKR), President; Mr. Takujiro Horiguchi (JPN), President; Mr. Takami Okoshi (JPN), General Secretary; Mr. Will Fitzgerald (IRL), Vice President; Mr. Ulrik Larsen (DEN), General Secretary; Mr. Ippolito Sanfratello (ITA), General Secretary; Mrs. Dragana Gledja (SRB), General Secretary; Mr. Kan Yeung Kit Mike (HKG), President; and Mr. Petra Nauseda (LTU), President, Mr. Tommy Boustedt (SWE) General Secretary, Mr. Jukka Toivakka (FIN) Vice President and especially Frank Gonzalez (ESP) President.

The President then asked Congress to honour members of the hockey family who had passed away since the 2014 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress in Tenerife, Spain.

Rich K.H. Lee (TPE, 70)
Pat Quinn (CAN, 71)
Viktor Tikhonov (RUS, 84)
Jean Beliveau (CAN, 83)
Vlastimil Bubnik (CZE, 83)
Jean-Paul Parise (CAN, 73)
Djordje Ljoljic (SRB, 66)
Hermann Knoll (AUT, 83)
Heino Pulli (FIN, 77)
Jaroslav Holik (CZE, 72)

The IIHF President, René Fasel, then provided a report of activities which have occurred over the last year and provided some information with respect to the concerns and issues that the Ice Hockey Family will have to confront in the 2016 championship season and forward.

Specifically, he then commented on the effect of the 2015 official rule changes and the positive effect such has had on international ice hockey. Further, he welcomed the World Cup of Hockey back to the international stage in-

dicating IIHF's full cooperation with the NHL and NHLPA for the event. He welcomed the upcoming 2018 Olympics and commenting on the challenges that the IIHF faces with respect to such. He then informed that the Marketing Partner Infront would have a new ownership and together with Infront, they would have improved the IIHF's new media efforts which had been started at this tournament already. Lastly, he concluded commenting on the success of the 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships

See Enclosure 4 for the complete speech.

IIHF Championship Reports

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

No special remarks were made for any Championship Division except:

WM 18 II A, Taipei City

Thomas Wu commented that despite some other challenges, better communication in the Calendar meeting would be important as they had not had all information regarding the diet requirements.

WW, Malmö

Beate Grupp noted that the OC had done a great job to promote the Championship. In addition, they for the first time had the four referees system which had worked very well and there has been a big TV coverage.

WM III, Izmir

Henrik Bach Nielsen informed Congress that this tournament was played with seven teams which was accepted by the Turkish Ice Hockey Federation without any further compensation. He provided a special thanks to Turkey for accepting and organizing such.

WM18, Zug and Lucerne

Frank Gonzalez pointed out that the record had been broken and it has been a very good organisation and he would look forward to a future Championship in Switzerland.

WM I A, Krakow

Hans Dobida especially thanked the OC as they only had a short time to organise the championship due to taking over the championship from the Ukraine. Nevertheless, they have organised an excellent tournament.

The IIHF General Secretary Horst Lichtner then provided Congress with some more information about the current Championship. So far, there had been 17'436 accreditations printed, in the OC 130 people were working full time and 41 part-time. 1000 volunteers were present in Prague and Ostrava. Until today, 795'000 litres of beer had been sold in the fan zone adjacent to the arena and 700'000 litres inside the arena. Regarding merchandising, the Mascot was the best seller. He then talked about the atten-

dance record and until that day, 631'000 spectators had attended the games and they were only 10'000 spectators away from the record. With the newly concluded Infront contract, more importance has been put on social and new media, and the IIHF now have 18 million page viewers on the IIHF web page. 11'171 room nights had been sold and there had been 250 participants in the Coaching Symposium. During the tournament 35 injuries had been reported but no concussion had been diagnosed so far.

No further report on IIHF activities was given besides information provided during the President's Report.

Research of repeat players of MNAs

Dave Fitzpatrick provided a brief presentation on the research conducted by the IIHF office regarding the number of players from various Member National Associations that compete in more than one IIHF championship each year.

Dave Fitzpatrick reported that the research spanned a 6 year period covering 3 years of the old IIHF Championship Program structure and 3 years of the new IIHF Championship Program structure. It was reported that more MNA's follow this practice than originally thought and that this trend is more prominent in the lower divisions. It was also reported that the use of Repeat Players has a negative effect on final ranking of the respective Member National Association and the use of Repeat Athletes brings about an increase of poor quality games when played.

IIHF Vice President Bob Nicholson indicated that the IIHF needs to continue this debate and determine the best way to move forward based on the result. He also indicated what the IIHF intends to have a meeting with relevant MNAs in August (most probably 12th and 13th of August, Zurich) to continue the discussions and develop a plan.

Tom Renney (CAN) inquired into whether there were increased injuries as a result of players playing in multiple IIHF championships whereas Dave Fitzpatrick answered that such had not been considered but when bringing together all Federations, such additional data should be collected as well.

Vidar Gardasson (ISL) commented on the danger of relying on data and questioned some of the facts that were put forward by the IIHF; specifically, whether the game quality and ranking are actually so greatly affected when players play in multiple championships. To such HAL responded that the study had shown a trend which can't be ignored and would need to be tackled.

Krasimir Krastev (BUL) explained that the Bulgarian team used 12 of the same players for seniors as its U20s and that no injuries occurred and that they have even won a bronze medal at the tournament in Chinese Taipei.

Grant Hay (NZL) would request the IIHF to also invite other countries to take part to such discussion.

Lastly the IIHF President, René Fasel indicated that the study was conducted so as to allow the IIHF to determine if the IIHF is spending money correctly to develop Ice Hockey.

IIHF Council Member, Christer Englund, explained that there were around 200 penalties in 15 games, and that based on this information, the IIHF also needs to look at the penalty rate in correlation to utilizing players in multiple divisions.

See Enclosure 8 for the complete presentation.

Qualification Schedule for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games

Horst Lichtner introduced the playing format of the qualification tournaments together with a proposal for the money distribution for the participation at the Olympic qualification.

Details can be found in Enclosure 9.

Admission of New Member National Associations, Expulsion and change of membership status

Turkmenistan has requested associate membership status. Council received a report regarding membership and recommends the IIHF approve the associate membership of Turkmenistan.

The IIHF Council will probably send a representative to Turkmenistan for further information gathering about this new member.

All members approved Turkmenistan with associate membership

Horst Lichtner in addition informed that the IIHF Office has received a letter from Armenia requesting reconsideration of their suspension. He explained that Council will establish the necessary requirements for Armenia to be reinstated. The IIHF will come back to Congress during Semi-Annual Congress.

Report of the Hosts of the coming IIHF Championship / Events

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship; Russia

Vitaly Mutko, Sport minister of Russia addressed Congress welcoming everyone to the next year's IIHF World Championship in St. Petersburg and Moscow. Then Vladislav Tretiak, IIHF Council Member and President of the Russian Ice Hockey Federation provided a brief presentation about the current status of the 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship. He started his presentation with a brief video. Further, he went over a few key points with respect to the championship; specifically, information about the host cities, transportation (trains and airports), hotels, arenas, and visas – faster and easier visa issuance procedures.

Details can be found as Enclosure 11.1.

2018 Olympic Winter Games; PyeongChang

Mr Cho, President and CEO of the POCOG was not able to attend the Congress due to the need to be in Korea for the 1000 days to go to the Olympics. He sends his best wishes to the IIHF Congress. Horst Lichtner then gave a short summary on his behalf, explaining that POCOG has now appointed a person that is exclusively working with the IIHF for the organization of the 2018 Olympics. Further, Horst Lichtner explained that the IIHF could have 4 and 5 star hotels in a Korean Holiday resort that would be exclusively provided to the IIHF. The IIHF will create a special Olympic transfer of knowledge program with the cooperation of the IOC. This will allow the IOC to implement ice hockey in the Olympics as the IIHF would organize such. He con-

cluded indicating that Korea has committed to organizing the ice hockey tournament of the 2018 Olympics at the highest level possible and on a level of which the IIHF and its stakeholders have become accustomed. POCOG have left with the commitment to do their best endeavours to organise a successful ice hockey tournament together with the IIHF.

Update on YOG 2016 in Lillehammer

Dave Fitzpatrick provided a brief presentation updating the Congress on the status of the 2016 Youth Olympic Games in Lillehammer, Norway. Specifically, he indicated the countries and the names of the athletes that have registered to participate in the Skills Challenge qualification, the current status of men's and women's teams participating in the tournament program and the dates of planned activities leading into the 2016 YOG.

Details can be found as Enclosure 11.3.

Information about new Infront ownership

In opening his presentation, Philip Blatter explained some of the new elements of the new Infront/IIHF Contract. After explaining some of the new elements of the Infront/IIHF Contract, he provided a brief explanation (via a video) on Infront's new Owner; the Wanda Group.

He especially talked about the new cooperation with the IIHF in regards of new media. Lastly, he reminded that if a team wins all their World Championship games in regulation time, the MNA would receive one million CHF which this year still could be reached by Team Canada.

He concluded by thanking the Czech Organizing Committee and the IIHF staff on the wonderful organization of the 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.

The participation summary was reviewed at the Calendar Meeting held on 14 May 2015 preceding the Annual Congress, where relevant associations were given the opportunity to file an application for hosting a championship that was currently without an Organiser. Horst Lichtner began the voting specifically noting the number of votes that each Council member received, the number of votes each Full Member received and the actual voting procedures.

Allocation of IIHF Championships

13.1 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship (a) Slovakia is the only applicant that applied to host the 2019 IIHF World Championships. *Congress unanimously approved Slovakia as host. Bratislava and Kosice, date tba.*

(b) Switzerland is the only applicant that applied to host the 2020 IIHF World Championships. *Congress unanimously approved Switzerland as host. Zurich and Lausanne, May 2020.*

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship
Division I Group A: Poland is the only applicant that applied to host this championship division. *Congress unanimously approved Poland as host. Krakow, 23-29 April 2016.*

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group B: Croatia and Estonia applied to host this Championship

Division. The result of the voting was as follows:

14 votes for Croatia, and
10 votes for Estonia.

Based on the voting result, Congress appointed Croatia as host. Zagreb, 17 - 23 April 2016.

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship

Division II Group A: Spain is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. *Congress unanimously appointed Spain as host. Jaca, 08 - 15 April 2016.*

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship

Division II Group B: Mexico is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. Bulgaria withdrew its application. *Congress unanimously appointed Mexico as host. 10 -16 April 2016.*

13.6 Turkey is the only applicant that applied to host this Championship Division. According to Bylaw 602, Turkey is only eligible to host if no other applicant has applied. *Congress unanimously appointed Turkey as host. Istanbul, 31 March - 09 April 2016.*

IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I

Group A: Austria is the only applicant that applied to host this Championship Division. *Congress unanimously approved Austria as host. Vienna, 13 - 19 December 2015.*

IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I

Group B: Great Britain and France applied to host this Championship Division. The result of the voting was as follows:

9 votes for Great Britain, and
16 votes for France.

Based on the voting result, Congress appointed France as host. Megeve 12 - 18 December 2015.

IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II

Group A: Lithuania is the only applicant that applied to host this Championship Division. *Congress unanimously approved Lithuania as host. Elektrenai, 13 - 19 December 2015.*

IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II

Group B: Romania and Serbia applied to host this Championship Division.

8 votes for Romania, and
16 votes for Serbia.

Based on the voting result, Congress appointed Serbia as host. Belgrade or Novi Sad, tba.

IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division III:

Mexico is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. *Congress unanimously appointed Mexico as host. Mexico City 15 - 24 January 2016.*

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship: USA is the only applicant to host this championship division. *Congress unanimously appointed USA as host. Grand Forks, 14 - 24 April 2016.*

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I

Group A: Belarus applied to host this Championship Division. France withdrew its application. *Congress unanimously appointed Belarus as host. Minsk, 10 - 16 April 2016*

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I

Group B: Italy is the only applicant for this Championship Division. *Congress unanimously appointed Italy as host. Asiago, 18 - 24 April 2016*

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II Group A: Romania is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. *Congress unanimously appointed Romania as host. Brasov, 4 - 10 April 2016.*

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II

Group B: Spain is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. *Congress unanimously appointed Spain. Valdemoro, 26 March - 1 April 2016.*

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III

Group A: Bulgaria applied to host this Championship Division. Mexico withdrew its application. *Congress unanimously appointed Bulgaria as host. Sofia, 14 - 20 March 2016.*

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III

Group B: South Africa is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. *Congress unanimously appointed South Africa as host. Place tbd, 16 - 18 February 2016.*

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I

Group A: Denmark is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. *Congress unanimously appointed Denmark as host. Aalborg, 26 March - 2 April 2016.*

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I

Group B: Italy and Kazakhstan have applied to host this Championship Division. The voting results was as follows:
20 votes for Italy, and
5 votes for Kazakhstan.

Based on the voting results congress appointed Italy as host. Asiago, 4 - 10 April 2016.

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II

Group A: Slovenia is the only applicant to host this championship division. *Congress unanimously appointed Slovenia as host. Bled, 01 - 07 April 2016*

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II

Group B: Mexico and Turkey applied to host this championship division. The results of the voting was as follows:
8 votes for Mexico, and
17 votes for Turkey.

Based on the voting results Congress appointed Turkey as host. Ankara, 29 February - 06 March 2016.

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II

Group B Qualification: Bulgaria is the only applicant for this Championship Division. *Congress unanimously appointed Bulgaria as host. Sofia, 7 - 10 December 2015.*

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship:

Canada is the only applicant for this Championship Division. *Congress unanimously appointed Canada as host. St. Catharines, 08 - 15 January 2016.*

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship

Division I: Hungary is the only applicant to host this Championship Division. *Congress unanimously appointed Hungary as host. City tba, 24 - 30 January 2016*

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship

Division I Qualification: Decision tabled until Semi-Annual Congress in September 2015. Horst Lichtner indicated that the IIHF will send out a proposal to be voted on in September.

Proposals for Changing the Regulations / Codes

The General Secretary explained that all Regulations (which are all available on the IIHF intranet) have been denoted as a Housekeeping, Minor or Major change and that all Housekeeping and Minor Changes will be passed in one motion unless a MNA indicates, at this time, that it wishes to vote on a specific Housekeeping and/or Minor Change individually.

As no MNA spoke to a Housekeeping or Minor Change of any of the Regulations Proposals, the General Secretary asked Congress to approval all Housekeeping Changes of all Regulations in one motion. *Congress unanimously accepted the housekeeping changes of all Regulations.*

After approving all Housekeeping changing of all Regulations in one motion, the General Secretary asked Congress to approval all Minor Changes of all Regulations in one motion. *Congress unanimously accepted the minor changes of all Regulations*

After approving all Minor Changes of all Regulations, the General Secretary moved on the individual major changes of each set of Regulations.

Medical Regulations

The General Secretary explained that the major change to the Medical Regulation is the insertion of the IIHF Concussion Protocol that the IIHF is already currently utilizing at its major events. *Congress unanimously approved the major change to the Medical Regulations.*

Championship Regulations

The General Secretary explained that major changes to the Championship Regulation found in Regulation 8.4, 10.3, 11.1, 12.4.1, 12.6, 12.7, 12.8.1, and 13.5.3 are made so as to allow the IIHF to meet the requirements of the new Infront Contract. As the IIHF signs all Host Country Contracts 4 years in advance, all changes to the Championship Regulations must be made and approved at this time. Therefore, approving such is really a Congress formality. Monique Scheier-Schneider (LUX) asked for more clarity in the Championship Regulations for when the hosting MNA has to pay organizational fees versus when the IIHF has to pay organizational fees.

After approving the major changes necessary so as to allow the IIHF to meet the requirements in 2018 - 2022 Infront Contract, the General Secretary moved on to the major changes necessary in the Championship Regulations so as to allow the IIHF to provide the improved services for the referees approved at the Semi-Annual Congress (Championship Regulation 4.2.4.1, 7.4.2, 8.3, 10.10). Because the Congress already approved the improved services for the referees at Semi-Annual Congress approving the respective Championship Regulations is really a Congress formality. *Congress unanimously approved all major changes made to the Championship Regulations.*

Continental Cup Regulations

The General Secretary explained that Continental Cup Regulation had one major change; specifically, the change provides the CHL Board with final approval of the Continental Cup winner's participation in the CHL. He further explained that such change is necessary as who is allowed to participate in the CHL is outside the jurisdiction of the IIHF and, therefore, such should not be included in IIHF

Regulations. *Congress unanimously approved the change made to the Continental Cup Regulations*

Medical Regulations / Disciplinary Code

The General Secretary explained that the as approved at the 2014 Annual Congress, the IIHF made all necessary changes to the Disciplinary Code and Medical Regulations so as to stay WADA Code compliant and asked Congress to once again approval all such changes. *Congress unanimously approved all of the changes made the Medical Regulations and Disciplinary Code so as to stay WADA code compliant.*

IIHF Disciplinary Code

The General Secretary explained that the Disciplinary Code amendments were not include in the Regulation amendment proposals as such were not sent out 4 weeks in advance of Congress due to needing to analyse the new disciplinary system at the WM before amending the Code. As the new disciplinary system was a success, the Disciplinary Code amendments are necessary to reflect the new system. *Congress unanimously approved allowing for the voting of the new Disciplinary Code Amendments*

The Disciplinary Code can be found as Enclosure 14.5.

Horst Lichtner then asked for the approval to vote on the Disciplinary Code Amendments as such was required due to the amendments not being provided to the Congress 4 weeks in advance. *Congress unanimously approved the amendments to the Disciplinary Code.*

Budget for the Upcoming Year

The IIHF Treasurer presented the budget for the 2015-2016 seasons and explained the various items. All Congress delegates had received a printed copy of the budget and the presentation can be found as Enclosure 15.1/15.2.

Before beginning the presentation Luc Tardif briefly thanked Gion Veraguth IIHF Finance Director, Horst Lichtner and the internal Auditors. Luc Tardif indicated that from the last Budget presentation, the IIHF was in a good financially stable position. He continued on to explain how the IIHF moved in the right financial direction providing specific details on the cost cutting measures and specific financial numbers.

The motion was accepted, and consequently the data from the election would have been deleted after the Congress.

No ballots had been used during the Congress.

Other Business

Injury Report

Before giving the floor to Mark Aubry, IIHF Chief Medical Officer, Henrik Bach Nielsen briefly commented on the Medical Supervisor Workshop that occurred in September 2014. Further, he indicated that the Medical Committee is cooperating with the Athletes Committee and the Player Safety Working Group to work on common projects together.

Mark Aubry then provided a brief injury report on the last nine years of injuries in the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships; specifically, he briefly explained how the IIHF compiled the statistics that the IIHF has had 100% compliance from all Team Physicians to obtain the statistics, and the results realized from the statistics.

Details can be found in Enclosure 17.1

Tom Renney (CAN) inquired into the age correlation and the injury results reported in the research. To such Mark Aubry indicated that there would not be a specific answer yet, but it would be something worth looking at.

Krasimir Krastev (BUL) inquired into whether the changes to the height of the boards required in the IIHF rules have impacted the lower injury rate. Mark Aubry indicated that the flexible boards and glass have resulted in fewer concussions and especially less shoulder injuries. He further indicated that the majority of concussions would happen away from the boards, the board would not affect concussions that much. He also indicated that the player's behaviour has changed significantly which had resulted in fewer concussions.

IIHF Council Member Frank Gonzalez commented on the game officials and disciplinary panel influencing the lower rate of concussions.

Presentation Sportradar

Andreas Krannich provided a brief presentation on who Sportradar is, the partnership between the IIHF and Sportradar, and exactly what Sportradar does for the IIHF.

Enclosure 17.2 for the full presentation.

Report of the European Rookie Cup 2014 / 2015

Horst Lichtner provided a brief presentation on the European Rookie Cup 2014 / 2015 which is funded by the EU; specifically, he indicated which organizations are involved in the project, the projects objective and key areas and the project's timeline. He concluded providing a brief video on the project.

Enclosure 17.3 for the full presentation.

IIHF Marketing Workshop

Lastly Horst Lichtner reminded Congress about the IIHF Marketing Workshop being held in Budapest, Hungary, on 9 and 10 September 2015 and referred to the documentation which had been distributed and can be found as Enclosure 17.4.

The next Congress is scheduled as IIHF Semi-Annual Congress in Dubrovnik, Croatia from 24 – 26 September 2015.

Horst Lichtner then provided some general information about the upcoming Semi-Annual Congress in Croatia.

The President expressed his satisfaction with the results achieved at the Congress and he thanked the delegates for their contributions. Before closing the 2015 IIHF Annual Congress, the President expressed his gratitude to everybody who contributed towards the success of this Congress, especially the organizer and their staff for the excellent preparations.

He thanked the members of the Council for their support and the IIHF General Secretary and staff for the devoted work and thanked the delegates for the good co-operation in the discussions.

Further, the President thanked all of the volunteers and Infront for their contribution to the Annual Congress. With particular appreciation of the work by the interpreters Viktor Gusin, Vsevolod Kukushkin, Irmgaard Lloyd-Schilcher and Heide Mösslang, the President declared the 2015 IIHF Annual Congress closed.



USA's Torey Krug collides with Slovakia's Tomas Surovy along the boards at the 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship. Photo: Andrea Cardin / HHOF-IIHF Images

Close call: Finland's Juuse Saros reaches as Slovakia's Libor Hudacek taps the puck in for what would be a disallowed goal at the 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.
Photo: Richard Wolowicz / HHOF-IIHF Images





The future: Already considered a hockey prodigy across Canada, Connor McDavid (left) posted 11 points in seven games as a 17-year-old playing in his first World Junior tournament. Photo: Richard Wolowicz / HHOF-IIHF Images



Takeoff: Switzerland's Noah Rod leaps out the way as Denmark's Georg Sorensen covers up the puck at the IIHF World Junior Championship.
Photo: Richard Wolowicz / HHOF-IIHF Images

IIHF Sport Development Report

Youth Olympic Winter Games

30 boys and girls celebrated their qualification to the Winter Youth Olympic Games as the Global Skills Challenge Summit came to a close.

The Global Skills Challenge Summit was held simultaneously with the annual IIHF Hockey Development Camp at the Finnish Sports Institute in Vierumäki.

Participants in the Global Skills Challenge Summit brought together 36 boys and 31 girls from 36 different countries. During the three-day event individual skills were put to a test where the prize at stake was a place at the 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games in Lillehammer in February next year.

Six individual skill tests – Fastest Lap, Shooting Accuracy, Skating Agility, Puck Control, Hardest Shot and Passing Precision – were each competed in a knockout stage.

The 2016 Youth Olympic Winter Games will be held in Lillehammer, 12-21 February 2016 and it will be the second of its kind. The inaugural competition took place in Innsbruck, Austria, in 2012.

World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend

For the fourth year in a row, thousands of girls across the world participated in World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend.

With more than 340 events in 32 countries, participants were introduced to the game and learned how to play in a relaxed and fun setting.

The initiative continues to gain momentum each year. In 2014 over 140 different events were held across the United States alone during the weekend. Non-traditional hockey nations such as Hong Kong, the Netherlands, Turkey, and Spain drew from between 80 to over 100 participants each to their events.

IIHF Hockey Development Camp

The 2015 IIHF Hockey Development Camp took place July 2015 at the Sports Institute in Vierumäki, Finland.

The camp's program, designed this year for male players born in the year 2000, is used as a platform to launch the IIHF's development and education programs, specifically aimed at assisting each National Association to achieve their individually identified objectives, leading to global growth and development of the game.

Two of the IIHF's newest associate members, Qatar and Oman, participated in the camp for the first time and each sent a contingent that included players, team managers and administrators.

The camp program is also tailor-made to assist each National Association in upgrading and operating quality education programs. The IIHF's National Association Assistance Program will be integrated with the camp program to assist nations in planning, organizing and operating domestic development programs, which may be eligible for IIHF subsidies.

The 2015 camp featured programs for:

1. Player Development
2. Team Coach Development
3. Goalkeeper Coach Development
4. Team Manager Development
5. Equipment Manager Development
6. Administrators Education Program
7. National Association Learn to Play Program

Yearly Training Plan

The 2014-15 season was also the launch of the Yearly Training Plan Program (YTP). The YTP was launched with the same principles as the Athlete Ambassador and Mentor Coach Program, providing support to women's high performance hockey and the national team operations of the countries that qualify.

The main difference between the previous program and the YTP is the requirement of long-term plans. Long-term plans, outlining the objectives to 2018 Olympic Winter Games as well as the Olympics in 2022 or even 2026, ensure efficient and logical work over a long period of time which is purposeful, justified and realistic. The

plans include very similar features as the strategies from business world, outlining the current state, future goals, a plan how to achieve those goals and measurable targets to evaluate the progress.

These long-term plans serve as the basis for the seasonal operations. During the 2014-15 season, a total of eight countries completed these vital steps and were part of the YTP Program. The program began with the Women's Hockey Summit in July 2014 and was followed by a week-long session under the guidance of Shelley Coolidge and Steve Norris.



The Global Skills Challenge Summit brought together boys and girls from 36 countries.

USA's Nick Boka collides with Finland's Aleksis Saarela during the gold medal game at the 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship.
Photo: Francois Laplante / HHOF-IIHF Images



Eyes on the prize: Germany's Nicola Eisenschmid and Japan's Sena Suzuki battle for position in front of Nana Fujimoto at the 2015 Women's Worlds.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images



IIHF Committee Reports

Asian Strategic Planning Group Report

Aspirations run high and prospects for ice hockey in Asia are more promising than ever as more ice rinks are being built across Asia and major ice hockey competitions are eagerly awaited. Between now and 2022, Asia will be the focal point of winter sports as a series of large-scale multi-sport events take place in the region, namely the 2016 Chinese National Winter Games, 2017 Sapporo Asian Winter Games, 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympic Games and the 2022 Winter Olympic Games. The South East Asian Games Federation has also announced that ice hockey and ice skating would be considered for the 2017 South East Asian Games, to that end we are working with South East Asian countries to make it a reality. We can expect a much wider Asian audience to our sport while current and potential players will aspire to a higher level of game – all good for boosting the development of ice hockey in Asia.

Regional Development Programs

Development of coaches and game officials is integral to improving overall game quality. Organized by the Qatar Ice Hockey Federation, the Gulf Regional Coaching Program and Gulf Regional Officiating Seminar were held in November 2014 focusing on Gulf-specific topics, challenges and cooperation possibilities. In June 2015, coaching instructors from 13 ASPG members met in Kuala Lumpur for the 2015 IIHF ASPG Regional Coaching Seminar Level 1. Both ice hockey technical knowledge and sports science were emphasized, and practical experience in implementing what was learned would be required for assessment. IIHF follows the philosophy of “teach the teachers”, meaning the participating coaching instructors would be expected to conduct the same coaching program for local coaches when they return home.

Hockey Education in Harbin, China

Established in 2011 as a joint project with the Chinese Ice Hockey Association and the Institute of Physical Education in Harbin to provide hockey-specific courses for young prospects in China to work as coaches and managers, the four-year education program at the Sport University in Harbin produced its first batch of seven graduates in June 2015. Two course tracks focusing on coaching and management are on offer, emphasizing the “learning by doing” approach where students work in and with real-life organizations. About 60 students are currently enrolled in the program.

Challenge Cup of Asia (“CCOA”) Tournaments

The CCOA Tournament is a platform which provides additional opportunities for ASPG members not participating in the Men’s and Women’s categories of the IIHF World Championship Program or newcomers to the IIHF World Championship Program to compete internationally at the national team level. Introduced two years ago, the promotion/relegation mechanism brought positive changes as participating teams worked harder to prepare for the increased competitiveness of the tournaments.

Four CCOA tournaments were held during the 2014/15 Championship Season. A note of thanks to all tournament hosts for working tirelessly to make the tournaments successful. All Men’s tournaments were played according to IIHF Sport Regulations and the Game Official Development Program was fully implemented. At the Men’s Top Division, Men’s Division I and Women’s Division I tournaments, all game officials came exclusively from Asia.

2015 IIHF CCOA Top Division

Chinese Taipei won the Cup three times in a row and should be participating in the IIHF World Championship Program soon. Hong Kong did not participate in the tournament as they have now graduated to play in the IIHF World Championship Program.

2015 IIHF CCOA Division 1

Relegated in 2014, Kuwait won the tournament and would be promoted back to the Top Division. The tournament received 10 hours of live coverage by the Kuwait Sports Channel. As newcomer, Oman finished fourth in the tournament.

2014 IIHF U20 CCOA

Hosted in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, the tournament forged closer links between the Russian Far East and ASPG core countries. Referees came from the participating countries while linesmen were provided by the MHL. The tournament welcomed Kazakhstan as they participated in the tournament for the first time.

2015 IIHF Women’s CCOA Division I

Host and first-time participant Taipei won the tournament. Developing women’s ice hockey is also one of ASPG’s priorities.

CCOA tournaments are seen as a showcase of domestic development of the participating ASPG members. To emphasize the significance of domestic development programs, we may in future consider the presence of such programs as a prerequisite for participating in CCOA tournaments.

Going forward, the IIHF will continue to work in partnership with each ASPG member for the successful development of the sport at the domestic level. This involves activity tracking, personnel training as well as identifying the strategic needs of each ASPG member in the short and long run.

Thomas J. Wu
Chairman

Athletes Committee Report

During the past year the Members of the Athletes Committee had been very busy throughout the year in various functions either in the IOC, in their respective MNAs or national leagues.

After the successful joint meeting with the Players Safety Group last season, the Chairman of the Committee decided to further intensify the collaboration with other Committees in the season 2014/2015.

During the Central Committee Meeting session in March 2015 another joint meeting between the two Committees has been planned adding this time also the Medical Committee to discuss how to increase the safety of the players overall, but also how to influence the behaviour of all stakeholders involved in the game.

During the joint meeting the three Committees agreed that it would make sense to develop a special campaign about Players safety with the following objectives

- Prevention – prevent player injury and illness (in particular, concussions)
- Awareness – raise awareness of the risks, causes, and signs & symptoms of injury within the target groups

The following key elements should represent a central part of the campaign:

- Ensure that the message of player safety is communicated at a grassroots level, so that good practice is instilled in players from an early age/basic level.
- Change attitudes amongst experienced players and within the Ice Hockey community
- Break bad habits instilled in experienced players
- Breed a culture of respect within the hockey community – respect your team mates, respect your opponent, respect the game (Together)
- Ensure that Hockey is promoted in a manner that highlights the good aspects of the sport -> speed, skill, sportsmanship. The focus should not be danger/violence

As many stakeholders are actively involved in the development of the game the campaign would comprise the following “Target Groups”:

- Youth Players: younger age groups, learning to play – players from U12 and younger categories
- Junior Players: adolescents, possibly experienced and strong-minded – U16 and U18
- Established older players: pros – set habits, may know the risks but choose to disregard them, focused on winning – safety is not their priority (lying in baseline tests, etc.)
- Coaches: safety not always a priority, especially during the game
- Parents: safety is a major issue for parents – easily scared by media horror stories and will act in the best interest of their children’s health

Beside that the Chairman and the Members would also like to intensify the dialogue with players and motivate them, to come up with suggestions and comments about the game, the tournaments and leagues. Players need to understand, that their active collaboration is a key factor to the future development of the game.

Vladislav Tretiak
Chairman

Competition and Inline Committee Report

The IIHF Competition/Inline Committee continued its work as mandated by the IIHF Council over the 2014/15 season focusing on a number sport and competition issues.

Throughout the implementation of the new IIHF Official Rule Book in the first season a few clarifications were required to the new wording for clarification. The online version was adjusted and an overview of all the changes has been published on the IIHF webpage. A second Edition of the 2014 IIHF Official Rule Book including all the changes after the 1st printing was produced and is available through the IIHF Office.

In July Vierumäki was the most interesting place for the 67 Participants of the Global Skills Challenge. The Summit brought together 36 boys and 31 girls from 36 different countries. During the three-day event individual skills were put to a test where the prize at stake was a place at the 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games in Lillehammer in February next year.

Six individual skill tests – Fastest Lap, Shooting Accuracy, Skating Agility, Puck Control, Hardest Shot and Passing Precision – were each competed in a knockout stage. The Ranking can be found on www.iihf.com.

The participating teams for the 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games are set in both categories and can be found on www.iihf.com.

Regarding the Olympic Winter Games Qualification the IIHF wants to ensure that teams can play at their full strength no matter if the

NHL/NHLP is going to agree to participate in the Olympic Games or not. IIHF Council followed the Committees recommendation to have the Men’s Final Olympic Qualification played from September 1 to 4, 2016 with no restrictions on players taken.

The 2016 edition of the 2016 World Cup will feature a slightly modified format: alongside the national teams of Canada, the Czech Republic, Finland, Russia, Sweden, and the United States, there will be two all-star teams, consisting of Europeans not in the top four European nations plus a North American under-23 team made up of players from Canada and the United States.

An “2016 World Cup Agreement” amongst the NHL, the IIHF and the top 6 countries allows NHL players to participate in the Olympic Winter Games Qualifications. Furthermore, any preparation camp for the teams competing in the Final Olympic Qualification Tournament shall be kept to three days before the tournament.

More and more national league games were held during the National Team Break days causing difficulties with releasing the players to play for their National Team.

Discussions are still ongoing to find reasonable solutions for all parties.

The new Inline Rule Book was finished right before the start of this year’s successful Inline Hockey World Championship. The new book is available as an online version on the IIHF webpage.

Bob Nicholson
Chairman

Coordination Committee Report

The IIHF Coordination Committee held one Meeting in the beginning of the 2014-15 season to continue the discussion on the matters agreed upon in February 2013. These were:

- European Club Competition
- Coordination of National Team Breaks
- IIHF-NHL Player Transfer Agreement
- IIHF-Licensed Agent Program
- Education Fee System

As the Champions Hockey League was already operating its first season and while the IIHF-NHL Player Transfer Agreement matters had been dealt by the National Hockey League and IIHF Member National Associations directly, the main focus of the Meeting was on the international calendar for a number of seasons to come. The Committee, represented by the International Ice Hockey Federation, Member National Associations, National Leagues and their Clubs and also the Champions Hockey League, acknowledged the challenges ahead with a number of leagues and events to be run during the upcoming three seasons. These included the National Leagues, the Champions Hockey League, the IIHF Championships, the World Cup, the Olympic Qualifications as well as the 2018 Olympic Winter Games. The main objective was to minimize overlap and thus ensure the availability of the players while ensuring that there would not be too much burden on the players.

The Meeting was extremely productive and resulted in a consensus which was illustrated through a draft calendar addressing the seasons 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18. The calendar indicated the foreseen dates for the operations of each of the programs mentioned above and was put forward to IIHF Council. To date, the calendar document serves as the framework for the operations of each party involved.

The Committee also discussed the Committee Mandate, IIHF-Licensed Agent and Education Fee programs. Due to the financial situation, it was agreed that these initiatives would be put on hold

but the work would continue on finding other solutions to serve the same purpose.

It was clear to all parties involved that the Coordination Committee must hold similar calendar meetings in the beginning of each season to ensure transparent communication and smooth operation of all of the programs. This responsibility perfectly meets the Committee's Mandate and thus we look forward to the discussions taking place in the fall of 2015.

Kalervo Kummola
Chairman

Development and Coaching Committee Report

This report marks the conclusion of the third year of the 2012-2016 committee cycle and the start of the final season of the current committee membership. The on-going alignment of the Coaching and Development Committee has resulting in excellent collaborations and has yielded continued programming success throughout the 2014-15 season.

The focus continues to be on offering member National Associations the necessary support to see all manner of growth and quality improvements in coaching and player development programs. Through this on-going support, the committee feels the development of ice hockey within the IIHF membership will continue to thrive.

Committee co-chairmen Paul Carson (Development) and Tommy Boustedt (Coaching) have served the IIHF with very high standards and attention to detail in all committee activities and I would like to thank them for their on-going leadership. I wish to recognize and thank all the members of the two committees for their continued commitment to support the IIHF mandates in coaching education along with player and coach development. The committee is working diligently on the IIHF development model designed to grow the game within all federations. I also want to offer my gratitude to Dave Fitzpatrick and Aku Nieminen for all their great work with these committees along with Frauke Kubischta for her efforts to support the many Coach and Development Committee initiatives.

2015 IIHF COACHING SYMPOSIUM

The Coaching Committee, in cooperation with the IIHF Office and the Czech Ice Hockey Federation, hosted the annual Coaching Symposium in Prague, Czech Republic. Much like the tremendous success of the Men's World Championship event, the Coaching Symposium was a resounding success. The Conference Organizing Committee is to be commended for their hard work and commitment to ensuring a first class experience for those in attendance.

As always, there are areas for improvement, which the Coaching Committee will address in upcoming committee meetings to ensure the Coaching Symposium in Russia achieves similar result to the Prague Symposium. An event survey was conducted at the conclusion of the Conference and the feedback was very positive. 122 delegates responded to the survey providing the Coaching Committee with an excellent cross section of points of view on the event, which included what worked well along with things that may not have gone well.

Coaching Symposium Details:

- Prague, Czech Republic May 8 to 10, 2015
- 12 formal presentations were delivered over the 3 day program
- Video files for each presentation are available on the Hockey Centre website.
- Delegates were treated to 6 Championship games with transfers to and from the arena
- The registration fee for the event was CZK 11,500 (Euro 425.00)

Over 100 of the delegates responding to the event survey cited Profession and Personal Development as their primary reason for attending the symposium. Almost all added that attending Championship games was a real attraction to the symposium.

With respect to the logistics for the event the delegates responded with a high degree of satisfaction with all aspects of the symposium. Areas the committee focused on for feedback were symposium content, the registration process, the symposium structure, the venue, and food and beverage. The symposium registration process received the highest rating with 96% of delegates saying they were quite satisfied with the process.

Understandably, nearly 40% of symposium delegates were from the Czech Republic. Another 20% of the delegates came from one of 3 federations; Great Britain, Austria, and Canada.

When asked about the content of future events and the type of speakers the delegates would like to have at future symposia the responses requested female presenters and presenters from sports other than hockey as long as there was a clear connection between the sport and hockey. Overall, 85% of delegates indicated that they would like to attend symposiums of this nature in the future with only minor changes to the format of the program. In particular, delegates suggested that hot stoves and/or interactive sessions could add value to the experience of the symposium.

2015 HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT CAMP

2015 marked the 13th global hockey development camp. The Hockey Development camp included the focus on leadership development by supporting participating federations with the design of National Association Development Plans. Once again, National Association were encouraged to use the learning experiences in every program area to build plans that would meet specific needs within their associations.

In addition to the 6-team format for the Development Camp, the IIHF hosted the 2016 YOG Global Skills Challenge Qualification Event. The Coaching and Development committees continue to use the camp as a backdrop to support the design of development initiatives that will serve as the foundation to growing the game and sustaining the game through quality programming for players, coaches, officials and administrators. While the IIHF Minimum Participation Standards for IIHF World Championships continues to serve as a benchmark for measuring national associations' capacities for program design and delivery, the Development Camp also provides an opportunity for national associations to gain more clarity around the National Assistance Program and the need for designing meaningful and sustainable development plans.

The Development Camp model serves as an excellent model to provide practical experiences for national association personnel through the support of instruction and mentorship from many of the IIHF's leading national association personnel. Like previous camps, programs offered included the Player Development for 102 athletes, Learn to Play Program for 55 instructors, Team Coaches, a Goalie Instructors program for 6 delegates, a Team Managers program for 6 delegates, and Equipment Managers program for 6 delegates, and the Administrator Education Program for 27 delegates.

2016 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES – SKILLS COMPETITION QUALIFICATION EVENT

In order to identify athletes for the 2016 Youth Olympic Games Global Skills Challenge in February 2016 in Lillehammer, Norway. The IIHF hosted a qualification event in addition to the Hockey Development Camp. Another 67 athletes were onsite in Vierumäki to participate in the qualification event. Players had the opportunity to participate in a week-long event which included skills challenge instructions and practices opportunities prior to the time trials and the Challenge Competition. By the end of the week, in addition to 2 Norwegian Ice Hockey Federation athletes who qualify for the

2016 event, 15 female and 15 male athletes from around the world qualified to attend the YOG Global Skills Competition in February.

AUDIT INFORMATION / NATIONAL ASSOCIATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ASSISTANCE

During the 2014-15 season the Vierumäki Degree Programme students were reviewing national association audit reports to gain an accurate picture of the current landscape in each member association. Students also reviewed member national association website homepages for an update on potential development initiatives that have been put in place since the audit process was complete for each association. The report also includes the student giving three examples of areas where they believe there is a need for development. This would serve as a base of understanding when students contacted the MNA's participant who attended the 2015 IIHF Hockey Development Camp. The plan was to have the students suggest possible topics for the domestic development plan.

The earliest member national association audits were completed in 2008 and with this in mind, the committee believes there is a need to update the audits and to ensure there is an ability to complete quality control measures to ensure that developments have taken place and that national association programs are benefitting from the National Association Assistance Program.

It is important to note that the Diploma Program students have the potential to work on important and meaningful projects for the IIHF. The students have worked successfully on many IIHF projects in the past and have had the ability to respond to projects that were assigned to them on short notice and with tight deadline. The committee must continue to work with Dave and Aku, as they pursue a more efficient and effective relationship with the Vierumäki program, to have a better understanding of the potential project load offered by the student base.

Bob Nicholson
Chairman

Event Committee Report

The IIHF Event Committee met once during the past season, in March 2015.

The committee faced an extraordinary bid process as the congress decided to allocate the 2019 and 2020 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship at the 2015 Annual Congress. With that the timelines for the bid process have been prolonged and adapted.

The discussions focused on the evaluation process of the below mentioned WM bids and presentation, in preparation of the presentation to the IIHF Council and then, ultimately, the 2015 IIHF Annual Congress for allocation.

2019 WM, Slovakia and 2020 WM, Switzerland

The evaluation team consisting of P. Forsberg, E. Abubakirova and J. Cerny undertook successfully their site inspections, visiting both candidates in February 2015 to have an on-site impression and evaluation of the bidding plans.

Both applications to host the World Championship had no competitor for the respective year. Every bidder submitted copies of a complete Bid Project Plan for hosting the championship in Slovakia and Switzerland, by the given deadlines. All bidding requirements were met and the committee was satisfied with the documents provided.

Marketing Workshop

The event committee will prepare a Marketing Workshop in September 2015. With the support of IIHF Marketing Director Christian Hofstetter the content, structure and organizational details have been discussed and will be implemented.

The committee further discussed changes of the IIHF Championship Regulations and the opportunity of future bids being presented on-line via an internet platform.

In closing I would like to extend my gratitude to all Event Committee members and the Secretary for their valuable contributions.

Igor Nemecek
Chairman

Facilities Committee Report

The IIHF Facilities Committee, during the season 2014-2015, has, thanks to the concerted efforts of its members, taken a huge step towards the realisation of its long term goals in response to the IIHF Council's mandate; the Facilities Committee has already achieved remarkable results.

IIHF Facilities Management- and Maintenance Seminars

The inaugural IIHF Ice Making and Maintenance Seminar was held in Jaca, Spain from 27 to 30 November 2014. The seminar program included a mix of in-class theory and on-ice (hands-on) work. The participants were taught how to produce an ice sheet using the correct techniques. They were taught how to optimize the different factors affecting ice quality, such as, preparing refrigerated flooring and building up the ice, and proper techniques for ice resurfacing and maintenance. Jeff Theiler, the Chief Operating Officer of Serving The American Rinks (STAR) lead the course and was assisted by Manu Varho, the Director of the Finnish Sports Facility Maintenance Institute and the other members of the Committee. Ice Masters from Hungary, Switzerland and Spain attended the seminar and the aim, for the future, is to integrate more countries in the seminar.

We are trying to move this project towards the Spanish/French border in order to have more Countries involved in the seminars. Due to the flexibility of the arenas in Spain during July/August when ice is made for the new season, access there is easier possible and wherever there are such possibilities, the feasibility for the Committee to organize Ice Making- and Maintenance Seminars is greater.

This project has been one of my dreams and I want to bring these resources to all our Member National Associations. Our training staff can supply the basic requirements for low cost maintenance and better ice for our sport. With this first step towards sharing knowledge I sincerely hope that all our Member National Associations will participate in future regional seminars and make our game the game of the future with the quality of ice necessary to improve all our hockey programs as well as all other ice sports.

More information can be found on www.iihf.com under the Facilities part where it says "The Arena Guide" and then "Ice Making & Maintenance Seminars".

IIHF Blue Prints for functional operational & low cost Arenas

The blue print project for low cost arenas is a great success and the work done by our committee member Patxi Lagarda has been frequently demanded by our Member National Associations. The work with the blue prints is continuous and the next step is to develop a "simple business plan" and a "two-arena-pad system".

Basic needs of Arenas for Member National Associations

The "old" IIHF Arena Manual "Ever thought of building an ice rink" produced in 2001 still serves as a good basic document and it has, under the project lead of Harry Bogomoloff with the help of all Facilities Committee members, been updated to 2015 Arena standards.

Development and assistance plan for new countries

In my capacity of Chairman of the Facilities Committee I am very much involved in the development and assistance plans, when building sport arenas in new countries. Currently there are meetings and knowledge exchanges going on with the International Winter

Sport Federations, the World Curling Federation and the International Skating Union, to learn from each other.

The Committee, and I as its Chairman, realizes the considerable amount of work there still is to fulfil our mandates and I am very confident that the goals we have set will be realised.

In closing this report I would like to thank my members and my secretary for their engagement and their tireless work for the Committee. I am looking forward, with great anticipation, to working together with them for the coming season.

Frank Gonzalez
Chairman

Historical Committee Report

The IIHF Historical Committee held its annual meeting in Toronto during the National Hockey League Hall of Fame celebrations. During this time the committee selected the newest members of the IIHF Hall of Fame, who were inducted in a ceremony on 17th of May 2015. The ceremony was held at the Clarion Congress Hotel in Prague and was covered by Czech and international media.

For the first time in history, the committee chose an inductee to join the Builders' Category of the Hall of Fame for contributions specifically to women's hockey, naming female ice hockey pioneer Fran Rider for the honour. Rider played an integral role and exerted significant influence on the development of women's hockey, establishing and then presiding over the Ontario Women's Hockey Association, one of the few organizations in the world devoted only to women's hockey. Rider also created the first national championship for women's hockey in Canada, which would eventually evolve into the first women's world championships.

Her induction into the IIHF Hall of Fame is an acknowledgement of her integral role in developing women's hockey, which has turned into one of the fastest-growing sports in the world.

Aside from Rider the IIHF named two Czech legends, Dominik Hasek and Robert Reichel, to the Hall of Fame, a good choice considering the ceremony was held in the Czech capital Prague. One of the most decorated defencemen in history, Canadian Scott Niedermayer, and Swedish women's hockey hero Maria Rooth were also included in the Players' Category.

Joining Rider in the HOF was Luxembourg ice hockey pioneer and former IIHF Council member Monique Scheier-Schneider, who won the Paul Loiq Award. The IIHF Historical Committee introduced a new award this season, the Richard "Bibi" Torriani Award, given to outstanding careers by players from non-top hockey nations. The inaugural Torriani award was given to Italian national team player Lucio Topatigh.

René Fasel
Chairman

Medical Committee Report

The 2014-2015 season was once more a busy one, but successful, for the IIHF Medical Committee.

The season began with the first ever IIHF Medical Supervisor Workshop in Copenhagen, Denmark. Every single IIHF Medical Supervisor was in attendance. The program consisted of all areas related to Medical Supervisors work which were addressed through classroom sessions but practical work as well.

During the season, the IIHF Medical Committee had 27 IIHF Medical Supervisor assignments in 20 events. The operations of the Medical

Supervisor Program have continued with pre-event assistance and monitoring, supervision and guidance during the Championship as well as the post-event reporting to the Committee. The Medical Supervisors continue to oversee the doping control in the Championships and to collect injury-related data for information and recommendations to the IIHF Membership plus research.

The IIHF also applied its Concussion Protocol in certain Championships during the 2014-15 season. The Concussion Protocol was accepted to be part of the IIHF Medical Regulations in the IIHF Annual Congress which practically means that it is to be followed in every IIHF Championship as of next season.

Another major step forward was taken when scientific papers on the injuries in World Championships, summarizing the last years of IIHF men's and women's Championships, was published by the British Journal of Sport Medicine.

In addition to the doping control in Championships, the Committee has continued work on several anti-doping related areas, including the necessary modifications to meet the requirements of the new World Anti-Doping Code.

There were a number of in-competition and out of competition tests conducted in the IIHF Championships. The Registered Testing Pool is operational with athletes from 16 countries. Also for the first season, the IIHF has entered all Doping Control Forms to Anti-Doping Administration and Management System to gather data on the athletes' steroidal module passports.

The Medical Committee also joined forces with the IIHF Athletes' Committee and the Player Safety Work Group to begin practical work on a Player Safety Program. It became apparent that the Committees need to work together to ensure efficiency in delivering a good product at a reasonable cost.

Next season will consist of finalizing the Player Safety Program, recruitment of Chief Medical Officers, organization of the 2016 Concussion Consensus Conference, remake of the Green Puck Project, an Infection Protocol and development of additional tools for the Championship Organizing Committees.

A big thank you to everyone involved!

Henrik Bach Nielsen
Chairman

Player Safety Consulting Group Report

The IIHF Player Safety Consulting Group is in the process of developing a campaign that can raise awareness about safety in ice hockey and help to protect youth and senior ice hockey players from injury. The group is happy to report that this project has taken a significant step forward in the past season.

The group held meetings with the NHLPA in November 2014 to get information on the league's upcoming player safety initiatives and explore ways where the IIHF can develop its own player safety campaign. Following the meeting the Player Safety group met in February with the IIHF Medical and Athletes' committees. The purpose of the meeting was to determine whether or not it would be feasible to put together a comprehensive player safety campaign that can take advantage of each committees' different resources and skill sets.

Following the February meeting, the three groups have been working on the strategic development for the player safety campaign. This includes determining who would be the target audience, analysing the player safety initiatives already put in place by MNAs and health organizations, and deciding on the timeline for implementation. The focus has been to develop a campaign that would take ad-

vantage of technology to reach younger audiences, and strategies such as gamification and social media use are being considered. The player safety campaign would also revolve around an online platform or "player safety hub" that would contain all the necessary information and resources that players, coaches, and parents would like to access to get more information about safety in ice hockey.

The goal is to have resources available that would come from both original and sourced content from leading sports medicine organizations, and to ensure that the IIHF's safety campaign has a very broad public profile and would be visible both online and in arenas around the world.

Going into the next season, the design of the player safety hub is currently in development, and the Player Safety Group is collecting resources on medical issues like concussion awareness and injury prevention techniques to include into the hub.

Christer Englund
Chairman

Social and Environment Committee Report

The Social & Environment Committee during its last meeting in March 2014 in particular discussed developing a manual for sustainable events being provided to the IIHF Members as well as the cooperation with the IPC (International Paralympic Committee).

Together with the Consulting Company BSD, the Committee has developed a Manual on sustainability and the environment including recommendations for the IIHF Member National Associations on how their IIHF Championship Events could be more sustainable.

Such brochure will be presented for the first time at the IIHF Semi Annual Congress in Dubrovnik, September 2015. One of the main goals of such a manual would be to outline ways that the individual IIHF Members and Organizing Committees can take small steps to help have a positive impact on the environment and to view valuable examples of best practices in the field of environmental protection and to keep up to date.

Together with the presentation of the manual, the IIHF will set up a workshop including the example of the recent IIHF U18 World Championship and their successful endeavours in regards of sustainability and protecting the environment. Such examples should help the interested MNA's to create special tasks to be implemented in their Organising Committee to not only work for the good of the game but also the good of our environment. Further the IIHF has continued the cooperation with the IPC being implemented last year. It is essential to create a broad framework for cooperation in a number of defined areas as for example officiating, coaching etc. Therefore the IPC has already participated in few IIHF events and workshops with the goal to maintain regular contact and exchange knowledge and resources and such endeavours will be continued and intensified in future.

In addition the Committee is planning various projects in regards of sustainability, charity and following the creation of the IIHF Manual on Sustainability is also considering creating an IIHF CSR Report in the closer future.

The Committee is very pleased to work in this growing and important area and is motivated to work on the matters listed above and any project that IIHF deems relevant to the Committee.

Beate Grupp
Chairwoman

Women's Committee Report

The 2014-15 season started off very busy for the Women's Committee with three programs overlapping each other. These were the 2014 IIHF Hockey Development Camp, Women's Hockey Summit and the 2014 IIHF High Performance Camp.

The Hockey Development Camp was organized in co-operation with the Development and Coaching Committee and gathered 320 people from 46 different countries to address the global development of the female game. The Development Camp then provided the attendees and their Member National Associations an opportunity to grow and develop the female game domestically through the IIHF National Association Assistance Program and the Domestic Development Plans.

Following the successful Women's Hockey Think-Tank in 2010, the Committee organized the Women's Hockey Summit which brought together 15 top countries to discuss the upcoming Olympic cycle with the theme PyeongChang and beyond. The Summit was extremely fruitful and produced numerous ideas which the Women's Committee discussed in the Committee Meeting later in the fall, providing a list of recommendations to the IIHF Council for immediate action.

The High Performance Camp immediately followed the Hockey Development Camp and again had great attendance with 230 people from 16 countries. The High Performance Camp remains a high priority to the Committee as it allows the Olympic-potential countries to share information and to learn from the Mentors in the specific areas while the players are equipped with all of the tools required to being a top level athlete.

The 2014-15 season was also the launch of the Yearly Training Plan Program. The main objective of the program was to have the qualified countries create long-term plans which would then feed the IIHF-subsidized seasonal plans. A total of eight countries completed these vital steps and were part of the YTP Program under the guidance of Shelley Coolidge.

The World Girls' Ice Hockey Weekend was again a success with the total number of recruitment events increasing to 465! These recruitment events, held in 30 different countries, enabled girls of all ages to try the game without any pressure. Also, the Women's Committee, together with the Vierumäki Institute, has also produced a Toolbox for future organizers which will be used during the upcoming season. I would like to thank all of those involved for their great help in growing and developing the female game!

Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer
Chairwoman



Sea of red: A total of 19,014 fans in Toronto watched Team Canada win World Junior gold on home ice.
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Referees and Linesmen

Assignments for 2014/2015 season

World Championship

Prague & Ostrava, Czech Republic 1.5.2015 - 17.5.2015

Referees		Linesmen	
Bjork, Tobias	SWE	Carnathan, Paul (USA)	USA
Bulanov, Vyacheslav	RUS	Dahmen, Jimmy (SWE)	SWE
Gofman, Roman	RUS	Fluri, Nicolas (SUI)	SUI
Hodek, Pavel	CZE	Kilian, Jon (NOR)	NOR
Kubus, Jozef	SVK	Lazarev, Gleb (RUS)	RUS
Mayer, Timothy	USA	Lederer, Vit (CZE)	CZE
Nord, Mikael	SWE	Lhotsky, Miroslav (CZE)	CZE
Olenin, Konstantin	RUS	McIntyre, Fraser (USA)	USA
Piechaczek, Daniel	GER	Mills, Bevan (CAN)	CAN
Rantala, Aleksi	FIN	Pihlblad, Henrik (SWE)	SWE
Ronn, Jyri	FIN	Puolakka, Masi (FIN)	FIN
Sidorenko, Maxim	BLR	Schrader, Andre (GER)	GER
Sindler, Vladimir	CZE	Sefcik, Peter (SVK)	SVK
Stricker, Daniel	SUI	Semjonov, Anton (EST)	EST
Vinnerborg, Marcus	SWE	Suominen, Sakari (FIN)	FIN
Wehrli, Tobias	SUI	Tosenovjan, Rudolf (CZE)	CZE

World Championship Division I Group A

Krakow, Poland 19.4.2015 - 25.4.2015

Referees		Linesmen	
Ansons, Andris	LAT	Dalton, Andrew	GBR
Gebei, Peter	HUN	Golyak, Dmitri	BLR
Hradil, Rene	CZE	Hribar, Matjaz	SLO
Konc, Daniel	SVK	Jensen, Rene	DEN
Linde, Marcus	SWE	Moszczynski, Wojciech	POL
Trilar, Viki	SLO	Rovensky, Tibor	SVK
Wiegand, Marc	SUI	Waldejer, Alexander	NOR

World Championship Division I Group B

Eindhoven, Netherlands 13.4.2015 - 19.4.2015

Referees		Linesmen	
Grumsen, Jacob	DEN	Beelen, Louis	NED
Ingram, Jeff	CAN	Hlavaty, Marek	CZE
Salonen, Anssi	FIN	Monnaie, Frederic	BEL
Warschaw, Shane	AUT	Nieminen, Pasi	FIN
		Pardatscher, Ulrich	ITA
		Perduv, David	SRB
		Yamaguchi, Sotaro	JPN

World Championship Division II Group A

Reykjavik, Iceland 13.4.2015 - 19.4.2015

Referees		Linesmen	
Hansen, Roy Stian	NOR	Bogdanovs, Maksims	LAT
Krcelic, Vedran	CRO	Caillot, Thomas	FRA
Meszynski, Pawel	POL	Dahl, Havar	NOR
Sewell, Liam	GBR	Gunnarsson, Sindri	ISL
		Johnstone, Michael	AUT
		Sakovic, Marko	CRO
		Sigmarsson, Orri	ISL

World Championship Division II Group B

Cape Town, South Africa 13.4.2015 - 19.4.2015

Referees		Linesmen	
Nikolic, Kristijan	AUT	Burger, Jonathan	RSA
Orolin, Tomas	SVK	Hurtik, Christoffer	GER
Roshchyn Nikitin, Alexey	ESP	Jaksys, Benas	LTU
Simankov, Andrej	LTU	Lukosevicius, Vytautas	IRL
		Mori, Marco	ITA
		Park, Jun Soo	KOR
		Progin, Marc-Henri	SUI

World Championship Division III

Izmir, Turkey 3.4.2015 - 12.4.2015

Referees		Linesmen	
Barcelo, Geoffrey	FRA	Aygun, Murat	TUR
Feng, Lei	CHN	Gladchenko, Anton	UKR
Kincses, Gergely	HUN	Kaya, Cemal Ersin	TUR
Sobolev, Sergei	KAZ	Markizeti, Grega	SLO
		Tichon, Gil Haim	ISR
		Trandafir, Mihai - Ariel	ROU
		Yefremov, Vladimir	KAZ

World Junior Championship

Toronto & Montreal, Canada 26.12.2014 - 5.1.2015

Referees		Linesmen	
Baluska, Vladimir	SVK	Browne, Jordan	CAN
Bruggemann, Lars	GER	Dehaen, Pierre	FRA
Gofman, Roman	RUS	Lazarev, Gleb	RUS
Jerabek, Antonin	CZE	Lhotsky, Miroslav	CZE
Kaukokari, Mikko	FIN	Malmqvist, Andreas	SWE
Miller, Geoffrey	USA	Mills, Bevan	CAN
Ohlund, Linus	SWE	Pesonen, Jani	FIN
Olenin, Konstantin	RUS	Ponomarjow, Nikolaj	GER
Patafie, Steve	USA	Ritter, Judson	USA
St-Jacques, Pascal	CAN	Wust, Simon	SUI
Vinnerborg, Marcus	SWE		
Wehrli, Tobias	SUI		

U20 World Championship Division I Group A

Asiago, Italy 14.12.2014 - 20.12.2014

Referees		Linesmen	
Brill, Marcus	GER	Cristeli, Christian	ITA
Hicks, Michael	GBR	Hagerstrom, Markus	FIN
Pajula, Jari-Pekka	FIN	Haurum, Henrik	DEN
Sir, Robin	CZE	Kavanagh, James	GBR
		Kosaka, Kenji	JPN
		Lega, Simone	ITA
		Smura, Mariusz	POL

U20 World Championship Division I Group B

Dunaujvaros, Hungary 14.12.2014 - 20.12.2014

Referees		Linesmen	
Alarie, Jonathan	CAN	Aasum, Remi	NOR
Mollard, Ken	SUI	Badyl, Pavel	BLR
Toppel, Rasmus	DEN	Jucers, Raivis	LAT
Tsernyshov, Igor	EST	Nemeth, Marton	HUN
		Smeibidlo, Martin	AUT
		Soos, Daniel	HUN
		Sysuyev, Alexander	RUS

U20 World Championship Division II Group A

Tallinn, Estonia 7.12.2014 - 13.12.2014

Referees		Linesmen	
Nalivaiko, Vladimir	BLR	Grozaj, Tomislav	CRO
Nikolic, Manuel	AUT	Nagy, Attila	HUN
Tzirtziganis, Tim	BEL	Nedeljkovic, Ivan	SRB
Zviedritis, Gints	LAT	Riisom-Birker, Jacques	DEN
		Stupak, Mikhail	KAZ
		Vyleta, Roman	SVK
		Yletyinen, Emil	SWE

U20 World Championship Division II Group B

Jaca, Spain 11.1.2014 - 17.1.2014

Referees		Linesmen	
Bliek, Damien	FRA	Biec Cebrian, Sergio	ESP
Halm, Stian	NOR	Furnadziev, Mikulash	BUL
Haszonits, Miklos	HUN	Garcia Banos, Alejandro	ESP
Moschen, Andrea	ITA	Korte, Jos	NED
		Liu, Jiaqi	CHN
		Loos, Mathieu	FRA
		Mathe, Istvan	ROU

U20 World Championship Division III

Dunedin, New Zealand 19.1.2014 - 25.1.2015

Referees		Linesmen	
Marczuk, Wlodzimierz	POL	Cairns, Ryan (NZL)	NZL
Ross, Cory	AUS	Davis, Jake (USA)	USA
Stano, Peter	SVK	Hofstatter, Michael (AUT)	AUT
Yamauchi, Hideki	JPN	Kawai, Shinobu (JPN)	JPN
		O'Loughlin, Braden (NZL)	NZL
		Park, Jae Hyung (KOR)	KOR
		Russelhuber, Casper (AUS)	AUS

U18 World Championship

Zug & Lucerne, Switzerland 16.4.2015 - 26.4.2015

Referees		Linesmen	
Bergamelli, Jimmy	FRA	Buese, Markku	GER
Harnebring, Andreas	SWE	Espinoza, Franco	SUI
Iverson, Brett	CAN	Gebauer, Jiri	CZE
Koch, Andreas	SUI	Korba, Martin	SVK
Lindqvist, Petri	FIN	Lundgren, Ludvig	SWE
Mullner, Robert	SVK	Oliver, Brian	USA
Oskirko, Yuri	RUS	Otmakhov, Alexander	RUS
Pesina, Vladimir	CZE	Piche, Nicolas	CAN
Pitoscia, Christopher	USA	Sormunen, Hannu	FIN
Rohatsch, Marian	GER	Tscherrig, Michael	SUI
Smetana, Ladislav	AUT		
Solem, Per Gustav	NOR		

U18 World Championship Division I Group A

Debrecen, Hungary 12.4.2015 - 18.4.2015

Referees		Linesmen	
Balodis, Juris	LAT	Cohen, Daniel	USA
Darnell, Tom	GBR	Korepanov, Artem	UKR
Gamper, Daniel	ITA	Kupcus, Kriss	LAT
Kepa, Przemyslaw	POL	Nothegger, David	AUT
		Palej, Yakov	RUS
		Palkovi, Botond	HUN
		Reimer, Jonas	DEN

U18 World Championship Division I Group B

Maribor, Slovenia 12.4.2015 - 18.4.2015

Referees		Linesmen	
Deweerd, Chris	BEL	Flockhart, Ally	GBR
Hallin, Robert	NOR	Furet, Yann	FRA
Ibatulin, Eduard	KAZ	Kaliada, Vasili	BLR
Piragic, Tpicimir	CRO	Rakovic, Damir	SLO
		Szachniewicz, Slawomir	POL
		Van den Acker, Maarten	BEL
		Zganc, Gasper Jaka	SLO

U18 World Championship Division II Group A

Tallinn, Estonia 22.3.2015 - 28.3.2015

Referees		Linesmen	
Fazekas, Djordje	SRB	Hoefler, Marcus	GER
Gregersen, Jens Christian	DEN	Janusauskas, Karolis	LTU
Lascar, Valentin	ROU	Locans, Maris	LAT
Shrubok, Andrei	BLR	Nordberg Pettersen, Thomas	NOR
		Tilkku, Toivo	EST
		Toparceanu, Adrian Cosmin	NOR
		Wernstrom, Emil	SWE

U18 World Championship Division II Group B

Novi Sad, Serbia 16.3.2015 - 22.3.2015

Referees		Linesmen	
Babic, Vladimir	HUN	Aleksic, Uros	SRB
Govorun, Olexander	UKR	Belic, Vanja	CRO
Sterkens, Ramon	NED	Fazekas, Tibor	SRB
Zmic, Milan (SLO)	SLO	Kaidarov, Mergen	KAZ
		Oosterling, Stef	NED
		Smrek, Martin	SVK
		Stoyanov, Luchezar	BUL

U18 World Championship Division III Group A

Taipei City, Chinese Taipei 22.3.2015 - 28.3.2015

Referees		Linesmen	
Bourreau, Alexandre	FRA	Borga, Cedric (SUI)	SUI
Haxell, Peter	NZL	Brunker, Andrew (AUS)	AUS
Iwert, Marc	GER	Chae, Youngjin (KOR)	KOR
Kisov, Anton	RUS	Hofstaetter, Michael (AUT)	AUT
		Huot, Pierre-Luc (CAN)	CAN
		Ohlson, Fraser (AUS)	AUS
		Suchanek, Libor (CZE)	CZE

U18 World Championship Division III Group B

Auckland, New Zealand 17.3.2015 - 19.3.2015

Referees		Linesmen	
Smith, Dean	GBR	Finch, Oliver	NZL
Takizawa, Shinichi	JPN	Kanazawa, Kensuke	JPN
		Watson, Chris	NZL

Women's World Championship

Malmo, Sweden 28.3.2015 - 4.4.2015

Referees		Linesmen	
Ariano-Lortie, Gabrielle	CAN	Angerer, Bettina	AUT
Eskola, Anna Maria	SUI	Connolly, Kate	USA
Fialova, Drahomira	SUI	Gagnon, Stephanie	CAN
Gran, Gabriella	SWE	Heikkinen, Jenni	FIN
Guay, Katie	USA	Johansson, Veronica	SWE
Hertrich, Nicole	GER	Leet, Kaire	EST
Huntley, Jamie	USA	Linnek, Lisa	GER
Ketonen, Kaisa	FIN	Novotna, Ilona	CZE
Picavet, Maria	FRA	Nygaard, Anna	NOR
Timglas, Katarina	SWE		

Women's World Championship Division I Group A

Rouen, France 12.4.2015 - 18.4.2015

Referees		Linesmen	
Findurova, Zuzana	SVK	Girard, Charlotte	FRA
Grison, Lisa	CAN	Gruber, Mirjam	ITA
Kiefer, Michaela	GER	Kiefer, Daniela	GER
Szkola, Melissa	USA	Kuonen, Anne-Ruth	SUI
		Todd, Justine	CAN
		Torribio/Rousselin, Sueva	FRA
		Visala, Jenni	FIN

Women's World Championship Division I Group B

Beijing, China 6.4.2015 - 12.4.2015

Referees		Linesmen	
Aberg, Henna	FIN	Cadonau, Tanja	SUI
Bandilofsky, Katja	GER	Frattarelli, Michaela	USA
Dewar, Brandy	CAN	Kaneko, Tomomi	JPN
Hiller, Samantha	USA	Nilsson, Stina	SWE
		Sang, Hong	CHN
		Stastna, Gabriela	CZE
		Weegh, Harriet	AUT

Women's World Championship Division II Group A

Dumfries, Great Britain 30.4.2015 - 5.4.2015

Referees		Linesmen	
Morrison, Kristine	USA	Bauer, Melanie (GER)	GER
Ruzickova, Radka	CZE	Cole, Stephanie (NOR)	NOR
Ugajin, Kyoko	JPN	Dinant, Marine (BEL)	BEL
Zuyeva, Yana	RUS	Hetherington, Leigh (GBR)	GBR
		Jaatinen, Jenni (FIN)	FIN
		Kasasova, Tatiana (SVK)	SVK
		Lack, Amy (GBR)	GBR

Women's World Championship Division II Group B

Jaca, Spain 7.3.2015 - 13.3.2015

Referees		Linesmen	
Celarova, Nikoleta	SVK	Phillipsen, Trine Viskum (DEN)	DEN
Ivanova, Elena	RUS	Pobozniak, Joanna (POL)	POL
Liu, Chunhua	CHN	Shestakova, Oxana (KAZ)	KAZ
Winklmayr, Ulrike	AUT	Silhavikova, Viera (SVK)	SVK
		Steinberg, Olga (RUS)	RUS
		Streitova, Tereza (CZE)	CZE
		Vestheim Krogh, Cathrine	NOR

U18 Women's World Championship

Buffalo, USA 5.1.2015 - 12.1.2015

Referees		Linesmen	
Cuglietta, Deana	GBR	Kudelova, Michaela	SVK
Glenn, Jerilyn	USA	Leclerc, Jessica	USA
Hengst, Debby	NED	Lee, Tae-Ri	KOR
Nakayama, Miyuki	JPN	McMahon, Jennifer	CAN
Senuk, Lacey	CAN	Pagon, Natasa	SLO
Weiss, Ramona	GER	Spresser, Jacqueline	USA
		Stratton, Vanessa	CAN
		Strohmenger, Svenja	GER
		Tauriainen, Johanna	FIN

U18 Women's World Championship Division I

Füssen, Germany 4.1.2015 - 4.10.2015

Referees		Linesmen	
Fuchsel, Maria Raabye	DEN	Anex, Magali	SUI
Greiere, Sintija	LAT	Larsen, Loise Lybak	DEN
Kontturi, Maija	FIN	Mikhalyova, Yekaterina	KAZ
Morin, Vanessa	CAN	Steffkova, Michaela	CZE
		Torribio / Rousselin, Sueva	FRA
		Tschirner, Julia	GER
		Tschomer, Helga	ITA



Put it home: Swedish forward Anton Lander shoots the puck past Austrian goaltender Rene Swette at the 2015 Worlds.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images

2015 IIHF World Ranking

Men

Rank	Country	Points	2014	Move
1	Canada	3690	4	+3
2	Russia	3675	3	+1
3	Sweden	3630	1	-2
4	Finland	3575	2	-2
5	USA	3540	6	+1
6	Czech Republic	3495	5	-1
7	Switzerland	3235	7	0
8	Slovakia	3160	8	0
9	Belarus	3075	11	+2
10	Latvia	3015	9	-1
11	Norway	2990	10	-1
12	France	2930	12	0
13	Germany	2920	13	0
14	Slovenia	2795	14	0
15	Denmark	2775	15	0
16	Austria	2745	16	0
17	Kazakhstan	2680	17	0
18	Italy	2565	18	0
19	Hungary	2415	19	0
20	Japan	2345	21	+1
21	Ukraine	2310	20	-1
22	Poland	2275	24	+2
23	Korea	2230	23	0
24	Great Britain	2225	22	-2
25	Netherlands	2065	25	0
26	Lithuania	2035	26	0
27	Croatia	1930	28	+1
28	Romania	1895	27	-1
29	Estonia	1870	28	0
30	Serbia	1645	31	+1
31	Spain	1645	30	-1
32	Mexico	1400	33	+1
33	Israel	1375	32	-1
34	Belgium	1280	36	+2
35	Iceland	1270	35	0
36	Australia	1230	34	-2
37	New Zealand	1045	37	0
38	China	1020	38	0
39	Bulgaria	890	39	0
40	South Africa	855	40	0
41	Turkey	815	41	0
42	DPR Korea	770	43	+1
43	Luxembourg	700	42	-1
44	United Arab Emirates	510	45	+1
45	Georgia	495	47	+2
46	Hong Kong	455	48	+2
47	Bosnia and Herzegovina	200	--	new
48	Ireland	195	44	-4
49	Greece	180	46	-3
50	Mongolia	155	49	-2

Women

Rank	Country	Points	2014	Move
1	Canada	3840	1	0
2	USA	3830	1	0
3	Finland	3535	4	+1
4	Switzerland	3520	3	-1
5	Sweden	3485	5	0
6	Russia	3480	6	0
7	Germany	3315	7	0
8	Japan	3230	8	0
9	Czech Republic	3140	9	0
10	Denmark	2975	11	+1
11	Norway	2950	10	-1
12	Austria	2905	13	+1
13	Slovakia	2855	12	-1
14	France	2830	14	0
15	Latvia	2695	16	+1
16	China	2685	15	-1
17	Netherlands	2575	18	+1
18	Kazakhstan	2515	17	-1
19	Hungary	2455	21	+2
20	Italy	2435	20	0
21	Great Britain	2375	19	-2
22	Poland	2150	22	0
23	Korea	2110	24	+1
24	Slovenia	2015	23	-1
25	Croatia	1990	25	0
26	Spain	1910	26	0
27	DPR Korea	1890	27	0
28	New Zealand	1595	29	+1
29	Australia	1495	28	-1
30	Iceland	1350	30	0
31	Belgium	1280	31	0
32	South Africa	1160	32	0
33	Turkey	1095	33	0
34	Bulgaria	980	34	0
35	Mexico	940	35	0
36	Hong Kong	775	37	+1
37	Ireland	220	36	-1

Canada No. 1, men's Olympic seeding set

Winning gold in Prague gave Canada enough points to overtake Sweden, Finland and Russia, now ranked second after reaching the final. Sweden, ranked first for the last three years, dropped to third place after being ousted in the quarter-finals. Bronze medalist USA overtook the Czech Republic for fifth place.

Switzerland (7th) and Slovakia (8th) retain their positions to complete the top-eight teams of the Men's World Ranking that together with host Korea will be automatically qualified for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games.

It's the first time since 2010 that Canada is atop the ranking. Canada leads both the Men's and Women's World Ranking. The 2016 Women's World Ranking will determine the seeding for the 2018 Olympic women's tournament.



Slovakia finished high enough in the 2015 IIHF World Championship to win automatic qualification to the 2018 Olympic Winter Games.
Photo: Richard Wolowicz / HHOF-IIHF Images



Caught out: Czech Republic goalie Ondrej Pavelec tries to slide back in time to stop a first period goal from Taylor Hall during the semi-final of the 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.
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IIHF Hockey Hall of Fame 2015 Induction



Superstars Dominik Hasek, Robert Reichel, and Scott Niedermayer headlined the 2015 IIHF Hall of Fame class of seven inducted in Prague.

In his opening remarks, IIHF President Rene Fasel described this as a “very special induction class.” And it certainly was.

The memorable gala ceremony also highlighted two women’s hockey inductees: builder Fran Rider (Canada) and star player Maria Rooth (Sweden).

Former Italian star Lucio Topatigh became the inaugural winner of the Richard “Bibi” Torriani Trophy for outstanding careers by players from non-top hockey nations. It is named after the greatest Swiss player of the pre-war era.

Monique Scheier-Schneider of Luxembourg was also honoured as the 2015 recipient of the Paul Loicq Award for outstanding contributions to international hockey. The event was expertly MC’d by TSN broadcaster and 2013 Paul Loicq Award winner Gord Miller.

Hasek and Reichel collectively represent the golden era of Czech hockey from 1996 to 2001. Individually, Hasek’s unique acrobatic style made him arguably the best goalie of his generation, and the Pardubice product backstopped his nation to gold against all odds at the first “NHL Olympics” in Nagano, Japan in 1998. In the NHL, the two-time Hart Trophy winner and six-time Vezina Trophy winner also captured two Stanley Cups (2002, 2008) with the Detroit Red Wings.

In his thank-you remarks, “The Dominator” made a passionate appeal for the NHL to continue Olympic participation in 2018 and beyond: “To win it all for your country is to win for everyone and everything that is at the heart of who you are. To bring back the gold medal from Nagano was indescribable. I encourage the NHL to embrace it and give players like Jaromir Jagr one more shot at a party in the Old Town Square.”

As Miller related, all-time NHL coaching great Scotty Bowman once said: “If I could choose one goaltender to play for me in one winner-take-all game, I would choose Dominik Hasek.” Miller added that



“To win it all for your country is to win for everyone and everything that is at the heart of who you are.” -Dominik Hasek

Hasek’s Buffalo Sabres teammates once counted that he stopped 111 out of 118 shots during a pre-game warm-up, reflecting his ultra-competitive nature.

Reichel famously scored the semi-final shootout winner against Canada in Nagano. An 830-game NHLer, the talented centre from Litvinov captained the Czech team to three IIHF World Championship titles (1996, 2000, 2001), and wore the “C” on many other occasions.



From left: Dominik Hasek, Robert Reichel, Tom Renney accepting for Scott Niedermayer, Fran Rider, Monique Scheier-Schneider, Maria Rooth, and Lucio Topatigh.

“For this I’m truly humbled and thankful,” said Reichel. “I will admit there were days where I did not want to get up at 5 o’clock for morning practice.” He thanked his parents, his coaches, and his agent and former Czech teammate, Petr Svoboda.

“The most memorable moment for me was winning that 1998 Olympic gold,” Reichel added. “It was special because it was the first time we played a tournament with the best players. It meant so much not only to me but for our country.”

The smooth-skating Niedermayer, an IIHF Triple Gold Club member, simply won everywhere he went. Born in Edmonton and raised in



Fran Rider became the first woman to be inducted as a Builder in the IIHF HOF.

Cranbrook, the Canadian offensive defenceman captured international titles at the Olympics (2002, 2010), World Championships (2004), World Juniors (1991), and World Cup of Hockey (2004). He also won four Stanley Cups with New Jersey (1995, 2000, 2003) and Anaheim (2007). Niedermayer added a Memorial Cup with the WHL’s Kamloops Blazers (1992).

Hockey Canada president Tom Renney accepted on behalf of Niedermayer, currently an assistant coach with the Anaheim Ducks and una-

ble to attend since his club is taking on the Chicago Blackhawks in the NHL playoffs. Renney goes back decades with Niedermayer, including coaching him with Kamloops.

“It’s really nice that a coach gets to come up and accept on behalf of a player, because a great player makes a good coach,” said Renney.

Rider, who founded the Ontario Women’s Hockey Association in 1975 and a Canadian national women’s championship seven years later, also spearheaded the first unofficial World Women’s Championship in 1987. Her forward-thinking approach led to the IIHF’s officially inaugurating the Women’s Worlds in Ottawa in 1990. And in 1998, women’s Olympic hockey became a reality – thanks again in large part to this Brampton, Ontario native.

“It was very scary, to be truthful,” said Rider of the early years. “In 1987 at the world tournament, the countries were putting a lot of effort into it. And there was a lot of money involved. We were just hoping that we would have the countries so that we would have the money. It was very volatile. But in the end six countries came, and a total of 11 sent delegates.”

Rooth, a four-time Olympian from 1998 to 2010, made history when she won silver with the Swedish women’s team at the 2006 Winter Games in Turin, Italy. Her hat trick against the powerful Americans, including the shootout winner, led the Damkronorna to a stunning 3-2 upset and ultimately a silver medal. Rooth also earned Olympic bronze in 2002, and added silver and bronze medals during her nine World Championships. The skillful forward from Angelholm distinguished herself as a three-time college hockey champion with the University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs.



Monique Scheier-Schneider was the 2015 recipient of the Paul Loicq Award.

“Growing up, I was the only girl among 600 players on my club team, Rogle,” recalled Rooth, who said she idolized Wayne Gretzky growing up because she had no female role models. She gave a special shout-out to her university coach Shannon Miller (“You really taught me what the word ‘excellence’ means in hockey”), as well as fellow UMD player Carolyn Ouellette and Damkronorna teammates like Gunilla Andersson and Erika Holst.

In Italian hockey, Lucio Topatigh represented his nation an amazing 18 times at IIHF tournaments between 1983 and 2006 – including 14 top-level participations (with four Olympics) and four B Pool appearances. His swan song was the 2006 Winter Games in his native land. The Gallio-born power forward won four Italian titles with Bolzano and also starred for years with Asiago.

“I come from a country where hockey is not a nationwide sport, but it is in the hearts of many fans, especially in the north,” said Topatigh. He attributed higher values to hockey such as “redemption,” “principle,” “honour,” “sacrifice,” and “interaction with other human beings.”



“I come from a country where hockey is not a nationwide sport, but it is in the hearts of many fans” - Lucio Topatigh, winner of the Torriani Award.

Scheier-Schneider has done wonders for the development of the game in her native Luxembourg. Since 1992, she has served as the General Secretary of the Luxembourg Ice Hockey Federation. An IIHF Council member from 2008 to 2012, the Schiffange native has also worked as an off-ice official and minor hockey program’s secretary, demonstrating her commitment to the grassroots. She is also the president of the Tornado Luxembourg club, and has managed junior and senior national teams.

“You can’t ask for more than receiving an award for something you’re doing with love and passion,” said Scheier-Schneider in her Paul Loicq Award acceptance speech. “I hope I can still go on some more time because hockey is my life.”

There are now 201 greats representing 23 countries in the IIHF Hall of Fame, which was founded in 1997.

Excuse me: Mats Rosseli Olsen reaches for the puck behind goalie Sebastian Dahm in a preliminary round game between Denmark and Norway at the 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.
Photo: Richard Wolowicz / HHOF-IIHF Images



IIHF Hall of Fame Inductee List



AUSTRIA	Born	Inducted	Category
Hans Dobida	1929	2007	Builder
Josef Puschnig	1947	1999	Player
Walter Wasservogel	1919	1997	Builder
BELARUS			
Ruslan Salei	1974	2014	Player
BELGIUM			
Paul Loicq	1888	1997	Builder
CANADA			
Father David Bauer	1924	1997	Builder
Roger Bourbonnais	1942	1999	Player
Mike Buckna	1913	2004	Builder
Murray Costello	1934	2014	Builder
Danielle Goyette	1966	2013	Player
Wayne Gretzky	1961	2000	Player
Geraldine Heaney	1967	2008	Player
Paul Henderson	1943	2013	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
Andy Murray	1951	2012	Builder
Scott Niedermayer	1973	2015	Player
Terry O'Malley	1946	1998	Player
Gordon Renwick	1935	2002	Builder
Fran Rider	1951	2015	Builder
Harry Sinden	1932	1997	Player
Steve Yzerman	1965	2014	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
Dominik Hasek	1965	2015	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
Milan Nový	1951	2012	Player
Frantisek Pospisil	1944	1999	Player
Robert Reichel	1971	2015	Player
Miroslav Subrt	1926	2004	Builder
Jan Suchy	1944	2009	Player
Frantisek Tikal	1933	2004	Player
Vladimir Zabrodsky	1923	1997	Player
DENMARK			
Jorgen Hvild	1916	2005	Builder
FINLAND			
Raimo Helminen	1964	2012	Player
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
Teppo Numminen	1968	2013	Player
Lasse Oksanen	1942	1999	Player
Esa Pelttonen	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 Kuhnack	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
Lucio Topatigh	1965	2015	Player (T)
JAPAN			
Shoichi Tomita	1936	2006	Builder
Tsutomu Kawabuchi	1925	2004	Builder
Yoshiaki Tsutsumi	1934	1999	Builder
LATVIA			
Helmut 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
Pavel Bure	1971	2012	Player
Vyacheslav Bykov	1960	2014	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
Andrei Khomutov	1961	2014	Player
Viktor Konovalenko	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 Tret'yak	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 Horský	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
Jan-Åke Edvinsson	1941	2013	Builder
Rudolf Eklow	1904	1999	Builder
Rickard Fagerlund	1937	2010	Builder
Peter Forsberg	1973	2013	Player
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
Nicklas Lidström	1970	2014	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
Maria Rooth	1979	2015	Player
Borje Salming	1951	1998	Player
Ulf Sterner	1941	2001	Player
Roland Stoltz	1931	1999	Player
Arne Stromberg	1920	1998	Builder
Mats Sundin	1971	2013	Player
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
UNITED STATES			
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
Phil Housley	1964	2012	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			
Wolf-Dieter Montag	GER	1998	
Roman Neumayer	GER	1999	
Vsevolod Kukushkin	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	
Kent Angus	CAN	2012	
Gord Miller	CAN	2013	
Mark Aubry	CAN	2014	
Monique Scheier-Schneider	LUX	2015	

RICHARD 'BIBI' TORRIANI AWARD (T)			
Lucio Topatigh	ITA	2015	

MILESTONE AWARD			
1972 Canada/US\$R SS national teams		2012	
1954 USSR WM national team		2013	



USA's Rebecca Gilmore scores a first period goal against Katerina Zechovska in the semi-final of the 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship.
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Future hosts: Denmark's Nichlas Hardt battles Slovakia's Dominik Granak for the puck as the 2015 IIHF World Championship. The Danes and Slovaks will host the 2018 and 2019 Worlds respectively.
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2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship

Prague & Ostrava, Czech Republic

Preliminary Round

Group A - O2 Arena - Prague

Date	Game	Score
01.05.15	Canada - Latvia	6 - 1 (3-0, 2-0, 1-1)
01.05.15	Czech Republic - Sweden	5 - 6 SO (1-2, 0-1, 4-2)
02.05.15	Switzerland - Austria	3 - 4 SO (1-0, 1-1, 1-2)
02.05.15	France - Germany	1 - 2 (0-1, 0-0, 1-1)
02.05.15	Latvia - Czech Republic	2 - 4 (1-0, 1-3, 0-1)
03.05.15	Austria - Sweden	1 - 6 (0-3, 0-3, 1-0)
03.05.15	Canada - Germany	10 - 0 (4-0, 5-0, 1-0)
03.05.15	France - Switzerland	1 - 3 (0-1, 0-1, 1-1)
04.05.15	Latvia - Sweden	1 - 8 (0-1, 1-3, 0-4)
04.05.15	Canada - Czech Republic	6 - 3 (2-1, 1-1, 3-1)
05.05.15	Switzerland - Germany	1 - 0 (0-0, 0-0, 1-0)
05.05.15	Austria - France	0 - 2 (0-0, 0-0, 0-2)
06.05.15	Switzerland - Latvia	1 - 2 OT (0-0, 0-1, 1-0)
06.05.15	Sweden - Canada	4 - 6 (3-0, 1-3, 0-3)
07.05.15	Czech Republic - France	5 - 1 (0-0, 2-1, 3-0)
07.05.15	Sweden - Germany	4 - 3 (2-1, 0-1, 2-1)
08.05.15	Czech Republic - Austria	4 - 0 (0-0, 3-0, 1-0)
08.05.15	Germany - Latvia	2 - 1 (0-1, 0-0, 2-0)
09.05.15	France - Canada	3 - 4 (1-2, 0-1, 2-1)
09.05.15	Austria - Latvia	1 - 2 OT (1-0, 0-1, 0-0)
09.05.15	Sweden - Switzerland	2 - 1 OT (1-0, 0-0, 0-1)
10.05.15	Germany - Czech Republic	2 - 4 (1-1, 1-2, 0-1)
10.05.15	Switzerland - Canada	2 - 7 (1-2, 0-3, 1-2)
11.05.15	Germany - Austria	2 - 3 SO (0-0, 0-1, 2-1)
11.05.15	Sweden - France	4 - 2 (1-0, 1-2, 2-0)
12.05.15	Canada - Austria	10 - 1 (4-0, 2-0, 4-1)
12.05.15	Latvia - France	2 - 3 SO (1-0, 1-0, 0-2)
12.05.15	Czech Republic - Switzerland	2 - 1 SO (0-1, 0-0, 1-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Canada	7	7	0	0	0	49 : 14	21
2	Sweden	7	4	2	0	1	34 : 19	16
3	Czech Republic	7	4	1	1	1	27 : 18	15
4	Switzerland	7	2	0	4	1	12 : 18	10
5	Germany	7	2	0	1	4	11 : 24	7
6	France	7	1	1	0	5	13 : 20	5
7	Latvia	7	0	2	1	4	11 : 25	5
8	Austria	7	0	2	1	4	10 : 29	5

Playoff Round

Quarter-Finals

Date	Game	Score
14.05.15	USA - Switzerland	3 - 1 (0-1, 2-0, 1-0)
14.05.15	Canada - Belarus	9 - 0 (4-0, 2-0, 3-0)
14.05.15	Sweden - Russia	3 - 5 (0-2, 1-1, 2-2)
14.05.15	Finland - Czech Republic	3 - 5 (1-1, 1-2, 1-2)

Semi-Finals

Date	Game	Score
16.05.15	Canada - Czech Republic	2 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 0-0)
16.05.15	USA - Russia	0 - 4 (0-0, 0-0, 0-4)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
17.05.15	USA - Czech Republic	3 - 0 (2-0, 1-0, 0-0)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
17.05.15	Canada - Russia	6 - 1 (1-0, 3-0, 2-1)



Group B - CEZ Arena - Ostrava

Date	Game	Score
01.05.15	USA - Finland	5 - 1 (1-0, 2-1, 2-0)
01.05.15	Russia - Norway	6 - 2 (4-0, 2-2, 0-0)
02.05.15	Slovakia - Denmark	4 - 3 SO (0-0, 0-1, 3-2)
02.05.15	Belarus - Slovenia	4 - 2 (2-1, 1-0, 1-1)
02.05.15	Norway - USA	1 - 2 (1-1, 0-1, 0-0)
03.05.15	Russia - Slovenia	5 - 3 (3-0, 1-2, 1-1)
03.05.15	Belarus - Slovakia	1 - 2 OT (0-0, 0-0, 1-1)
03.05.15	Denmark - Finland	0 - 3 (0-0, 0-3, 0-0)
04.05.15	Russia - USA	2 - 4 (0-1, 1-1, 1-2)
04.05.15	Norway - Finland	0 - 5 (0-1, 0-2, 0-2)
05.05.15	Denmark - Belarus	1 - 5 (1-0, 0-3, 0-2)
05.05.15	Slovakia - Slovenia	3 - 1 (0-1, 0-0, 3-0)
06.05.15	Russia - Denmark	5 - 2 (2-0, 1-1, 2-1)
06.05.15	Slovakia - Norway	2 - 3 (1-0, 1-2, 0-1)
07.05.15	USA - Belarus	2 - 5 (0-0, 1-3, 1-2)
07.05.15	Finland - Slovenia	4 - 0 (2-0, 2-0, 0-0)
08.05.15	Slovenia - Norway	1 - 3 (0-1, 1-2, 0-0)
08.05.15	USA - Denmark	1 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 0-0)
09.05.15	Belarus - Russia	0 - 7 (0-1, 0-3, 0-3)
09.05.15	Finland - Slovakia	3 - 0 (0-0, 0-0, 3-0)
09.05.15	Denmark - Norway	4 - 1 (2-1, 1-0, 1-0)
10.05.15	Slovenia - USA	1 - 3 (0-2, 1-0, 0-1)
10.05.15	Slovakia - Russia	2 - 3 OT (1-0, 0-1, 1-1)
11.05.15	Finland - Belarus	3 - 2 SO (0-0, 0-0, 2-2)
11.05.15	Slovenia - Denmark	1 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 0-0)
12.05.15	Norway - Belarus	2 - 3 (0-1, 1-2, 1-0)
12.05.15	USA - Slovakia	5 - 4 OT (2-0, 2-4, 0-0)
12.05.15	Finland - Russia	3 - 2 SO (0-1, 1-0, 1-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	USA	7	5	1	0	1	22 : 14	17
2	Finland	7	4	2	0	1	22 : 9	16
3	Russia	7	4	1	1	1	30 : 16	15
4	Belarus	7	4	0	2	1	20 : 19	14
5	Slovakia	7	1	2	2	2	17 : 19	9
6	Norway	7	2	0	0	5	12 : 23	6
7	Denmark	7	1	0	1	5	10 : 20	4
8	Slovenia	7	1	0	0	6	9 : 22	3

Final Placing

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

Austria and Slovenia are relegated to the 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group A.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Pekka Rinne	FIN
Best Defenceman:	Brent Burns	CAN
Best Forward:	Jason Spezza	CAN

All-Star Team

Goalkeeper:	Connor Hellebuyck	USA
Defenceman:	Brent Burns	CAN
Defenceman:	Oliver Ekman-Larsson	SWE
Forward:	Jaromir Jagr	CZE
Forward:	Jason Spezza	CAN
Forward:	Taylor Hall	CAN
MVP:	Jaromir Jagr	CZE

Canada cashes in on a perfect run

Powered by a group of all-star NHL forwards, Canada tore through the competition at the 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship to win its first Worlds gold medal since 2007.

The Canadian attack, bolstered by the presence of such superstars like Sidney Crosby, Taylor Hall, and Jason Spezza to name a few, managed to put up 66 goals in ten games, 16 more than the second highest-scoring team. Canada also went undefeated and won all its games in regulation, giving the country the inaugural Infront million Swiss Franc jackpot prize.

The 79th edition of the IIHF World Championship was a resounding success from the organizer's side as well. Following up on Minsk 2014's record-breaking attendance numbers, Prague and Ostrava brought in 741,690 spectators to reclaim the record.

While the home team just missed out on a medal, 43-year-old Czech legend Jaromir Jagr came out of international retirement to play in Prague, claiming the tournament MVP award with six goals and three assists. Other countries that had a great run in 2015 included Belarus, who upset the United States in a preliminary round game and made the playoffs, and the States themselves, who iced the tournament's youngest team but still won the country's second World Championship bronze medal in three years.



Jaromir Jagr with Prague organizing committee chairman Petr Briza. Jagr came out of international retirement and led the Czechs to the bronze medal game. Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images



Setting aside five straight years of quarter-final exits, Team Canada put it all together and won every game in regulation en route to gold at the 2015 IIHF Worlds. Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group A

Krakow, Poland



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Division I - Group A

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
19.04.15	Hungary - Japan	4 - 2 (1-1, 1-1, 2-0)
19.04.15	Ukraine - Kazakhstan	2 - 5 (0-2, 0-1, 2-2)
19.04.15	Poland - Italy	1 - 2 (0-1, 1-1, 0-0)
20.04.15	Kazakhstan - Hungary	5 - 0 (1-0, 3-0, 1-0)
20.04.15	Italy - Ukraine	2 - 1 OT (0-0, 1-1, 0-0)
20.04.15	Japan - Poland	0 - 2 (0-0, 0-0, 0-2)
22.04.15	Kazakhstan - Japan	7 - 2 (3-0, 0-0, 4-2)
22.04.15	Italy - Hungary	1 - 4 (0-2, 0-0, 1-2)
22.04.15	Poland - Ukraine	3 - 2 (0-0, 1-0, 2-2)
23.04.15	Japan - Italy	3 - 2 (0-1, 1-0, 2-1)
23.04.15	Ukraine - Hungary	2 - 4 (0-0, 2-1, 0-3)
23.04.15	Kazakhstan - Poland	3 - 2 (0-0, 2-1, 1-1)
25.04.15	Japan - Ukraine	3 - 1 (0-0, 3-1, 0-0)
25.04.15	Italy - Kazakhstan	0 - 3 (0-1, 0-0, 0-2)
25.04.15	Hungary - Poland	2 - 1 (0-0, 0-0, 2-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Kazakhstan	5	5	0	0	0	23 : 6	15
2	Hungary	5	4	0	0	1	14 : 11	12
3	Poland	5	2	0	0	3	9 : 9	6
4	Japan	5	2	0	0	3	10 : 16	6
5	Italy	5	1	1	0	3	7 : 12	5
6	Ukraine	5	0	0	1	4	8 : 17	1

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Przemyslaw Odrobny	POL
Best Defenceman:	Kevin Dallman	KAZ
Best Forward:	Roman Starchenko	KAZ

Final Placing

1	Kazakhstan	4	Japan
2	Hungary	5	Italy
3	Poland	6	Ukraine

Kazakhstan and Hungary promoted to the 2016 IIHF World Championship.
Ukraine relegated to the 2016 IIHF World Championship Division I Group B.

Kazakhstan, Hungary back on top

A 2-1 win over tournament hosts Poland on the final day of the IIHF World Championship Division I Group A earned Hungary the right to advance to the top division for only the second time ever in the modern era.

Hungary will advance to a top-level international hockey tournament for only the third time in the post-World War II era, having participated in the 1964 Olympics and the 2009 Worlds. They will join Kazakhstan at the 2016 World Championship in Russia. The Kazakhs were locked in atop Group A after running the table with an undefeated record.

Poland earned the bronze medal following the loss to the Hungarians, while Japan beat Ukraine 3-1 in a battle to avoid relegation, which means Ukraine will move down to Division I Group B. Replacing Ukraine will be Group B winners Korea, who rebounded after going through relegation last season. The Koreans were promoted after Great Britain lost to Lithuania 3-2 on the final day of competition. The British needed only a single point to advance, but Lithuania's upset win gave Korea the top place. Five Korean forwards cracked the top ten in scoring, and the team potted 30 goals in the tournament.



Kazakhstan's offence was humming during the 2015 Division I Group A Worlds. All of the top five tournament scorers were Kazakh.
Photo: Miroslaw Ring

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group B

Eindhoven, Netherlands



2015
ICE HOCKEY
WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
THE NETHERLANDS
Eindhoven
Division I - Group B

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
13.04.15	Great Britain - Croatia	3 - 2 OT (0-1, 0-0, 2-1)
13.04.15	Estonia - Korea	3 - 7 (1-2, 1-3, 1-2)
13.04.15	Netherlands - Lithuania	0 - 1 (0-1, 0-0, 0-0)
14.04.15	Estonia - Great Britain	1 - 2 (0-1, 1-0, 0-1)
14.04.15	Croatia - Lithuania	4 - 1 (0-1, 2-0, 2-0)
14.04.15	Korea - Netherlands	7 - 1 (2-0, 3-1, 2-0)
16.04.15	Lithuania - Estonia	6 - 1 (2-0, 0-1, 4-0)
16.04.15	Korea - Great Britain	2 - 3 (1-0, 1-2, 0-1)
16.04.15	Croatia - Netherlands	2 - 5 (2-2, 0-1, 0-2)
18.04.15	Lithuania - Korea	0 - 5 (0-0, 0-3, 0-2)
18.04.15	Croatia - Estonia	5 - 2 (1-2, 2-0, 2-0)
18.04.15	Great Britain - Netherlands	3 - 2 (3-1, 0-0, 0-1)
19.04.15	Korea - Croatia	9 - 4 (1-1, 5-2, 3-1)
19.04.15	Lithuania - Great Britain	3 - 2 (0-1, 2-0, 1-1)
19.04.15	Netherlands - Estonia	1 - 3 (0-2, 1-0, 0-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Korea	5	4	0	0	1	30 : 11	12
2	Great Britain	5	3	1	0	1	13 : 10	11
3	Lithuania	5	3	0	0	2	11 : 12	9
4	Croatia	5	2	0	1	2	17 : 20	7
5	Estonia	5	1	0	0	4	10 : 21	3
6	Netherlands	5	1	0	0	4	9 : 16	3

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Mantas Armalis	LTU
Best Defenceman:	Ben O'Connor	GBR
Best Forward:	Yong Jun Lee	KOR

Final Placing

1	Korea	4	Croatia
2	Great Britain	5	Estonia
3	Lithuania	6	Netherlands

Korea is promoted to the 2016 IIHF World Championship Division I Group A.
Netherlands is relegated to the 2016 IIHF World Championship Division II Group A.



Group A silver medalists Hungary are off to the 2016 Worlds.
Photo: Miroslaw Ring



Lithuania defeated Great Britain in the last game of the Division IB, allowing Korea to leapfrog the Brits for first place.
Photo: Thijs de Witte

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II Group A

Reykjavik, Iceland

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
13.04.15	Spain - Australia	6 - 1 (2-1, 1-0, 3-0)
13.04.15	Serbia - Romania	4 - 8 (0-3, 2-3, 2-2)
13.04.15	Iceland - Belgium	3 - 0 (0-0, 0-0, 3-0)
14.04.15	Romania - Australia	5 - 1 (2-0, 0-0, 3-1)
14.04.15	Belgium - Spain	6 - 2 (3-0, 2-0, 1-2)
14.04.15	Iceland - Serbia	4 - 5 (2-2, 2-1, 0-2)
16.04.15	Romania - Belgium	4 - 3 (3-0, 0-2, 1-1)
16.04.15	Serbia - Australia	3 - 4 SO (1-1, 1-1, 1-1)
16.04.15	Iceland - Spain	2 - 4 (0-1, 1-1, 1-2)
17.04.15	Belgium - Serbia	3 - 2 OT (1-1, 1-1, 0-0)
17.04.15	Spain - Romania	1 - 7 (0-2, 0-0, 1-5)
17.04.15	Australia - Iceland	1 - 6 (1-2, 0-2, 0-2)
19.04.15	Serbia - Spain	4 - 3 SO (0-1, 1-2, 2-0)
19.04.15	Australia - Belgium	4 - 10 (1-4, 1-3, 2-3)
19.04.15	Romania - Iceland	3 - 2 OT (1-0, 1-1, 0-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Romania	5	4	1	0	0	27 : 11	14
2	Belgium	5	2	1	0	2	22 : 15	8
3	Serbia	5	1	1	2	1	18 : 22	7
4	Spain	5	2	0	1	2	16 : 20	7
5	Iceland	5	2	0	1	2	17 : 13	7
6	Australia	5	0	1	0	4	11 : 30	2

Four straight wins by a combined score of 24 : 9 sealed Romania's place at the top ahead of the final round of games.
Photo: Elvar Pálsson

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II Group B

Cape Town, South Africa

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
13.04.15	New Zealand - Israel	6 - 3 (1-1, 3-1, 2-1)
13.04.15	Bulgaria - China	3 - 10 (1-3, 1-3, 1-4)
13.04.15	Mexico - South Africa	4 - 1 (1-0, 2-1, 1-0)
14.04.15	Israel - China	3 - 4 SO (0-1, 1-0, 2-2)
14.04.15	Mexico - New Zealand	3 - 5 (1-2, 1-2, 1-1)
14.04.15	South Africa - Bulgaria	1 - 2 (0-0, 1-1, 0-1)
16.04.15	Mexico - Bulgaria	9 - 1 (3-0, 0-0, 6-1)
16.04.15	New Zealand - China	4 - 7 (1-2, 3-1, 0-4)
16.04.15	Israel - South Africa	6 - 3 (1-1, 4-0, 1-2)
17.04.15	China - Mexico	5 - 2 (2-0, 2-2, 1-0)
17.04.15	Bulgaria - Israel	10 - 5 (6-1, 2-2, 2-2)
17.04.15	South Africa - New Zealand	3 - 1 (0-0, 2-0, 1-1)
19.04.15	New Zealand - Bulgaria	5 - 1 (0-0, 2-1, 3-0)
19.04.15	Israel - Mexico	3 - 6 (1-1, 0-2, 2-3)
19.04.15	China - South Africa	7 - 3 (3-1, 3-2, 1-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	China	5	4	1	0	0	33 : 15	14
2	New Zealand	5	3	0	0	2	21 : 17	9
3	Mexico	5	3	0	0	2	24 : 15	9
4	Bulgaria	5	2	0	0	3	17 : 30	6
5	Israel	5	1	0	1	3	20 : 29	4
6	South Africa	5	1	0	0	4	11 : 20	3

With the best result in six years, China won the 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II Group B. Most of its players represent top Chinese clubs in Harbin and Qiqihar.
Photo: South African Ice Hockey Association



2015 ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ICELAND Division II - Group A

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards		
Best Goalkeeper:	Arthur Legrand	BEL
Best Defenceman:	Attila Goga	ROU
Best Forward:	Bjorn Sigurdarson	ISL

Final Placing

1	Romania	4	Spain
2	Belgium	5	Iceland
3	Serbia	6	Australia

Romania is promoted to the 2016 IIHF World Championship Division I B.
Australia is relegated to the 2016 IIHF World Championship Division II B.



2015 ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SOUTH AFRICA Division II - Group B

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards		
Best Goalkeeper:	Dimitar Dimitrov	BUL
Best Defenceman:	Daniel Spivak	ISR
Best Forward:	Hector Majul	MEX

Final Placing

1	China	4	Bulgaria
2	New Zealand	5	Israel
3	Mexico	6	South Africa

China is promoted to the 2016 IIHF World Championship Division II A.
South Africa is relegated to the 2016 IIHF World Championship Division III.



2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division III

Izmir, Turkey



2015 ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TURKEY Division III

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
03.04.15	DPR Korea - Bosnia-Herzegovina	13 - 0 (3-0, 3-0, 7-0)
03.04.15	Luxembourg - Georgia	15 - 3 (3-2, 3-1, 9-0)
03.04.15	Hong Kong - United Arab Emirates	8 - 3 (1-0, 2-2, 5-1)
04.04.15	Georgia - DPR Korea	4 - 12 (2-3, 1-5, 1-4)
04.04.15	United Arab Emirates - Luxembourg	2 - 7 (1-2, 0-2, 1-3)
04.04.15	Turkey - Bosnia-Herzegovina	11 - 0 (3-0, 4-0, 4-0)
06.04.15	Hong Kong - Bosnia-Herzegovina	8 - 0 (5-0, 2-0, 1-0)
06.04.15	DPR Korea - United Arab Emirates	7 - 0 (5-0, 1-0, 1-0)
06.04.15	Turkey - Georgia	13 - 1 (3-0, 6-0, 4-1)
07.04.15	Bosnia-Herzegovina - Luxembourg	0 - 5 (0-3, 0-1, 0-1)
07.04.15	Georgia - Hong Kong	3 - 11 (1-3, 1-4, 1-4)
07.04.15	United Arab Emirates - Turkey	0 - 15 (0-7, 0-3, 0-5)
09.04.15	Georgia - Bosnia-Herzegovina	4 - 1 (1-1, 0-0, 3-0)
09.04.15	Turkey - Hong Kong	10 - 1 (3-0, 5-1, 2-0)
09.04.15	DPR Korea - Luxembourg	5 - 2 (1-1, 1-0, 3-1)
10.04.15	Bosnia-Herzegovina - United Arab Emirates	2 - 5 (0-2, 2-0, 0-3)
10.04.15	Luxembourg - Turkey	5 - 7 (2-0, 2-3, 1-4)
10.04.15	Hong Kong - DPR Korea	0 - 9 (0-3, 0-3, 0-3)
12.04.15	United Arab Emirates - Georgia	4 - 5 SO (1-2, 1-0, 2-2)
12.04.15	Luxembourg - Hong Kong	5 - 2 (2-1, 2-0, 1-1)
12.04.15	Turkey - DPR Korea	3 - 4 OT (1-2, 0-0, 2-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	DPR Korea	6	5	1	0	0	50 : 9	17
2	Turkey	6	5	0	1	0	59 : 11	16
3	Luxembourg	6	4	0	0	2	39 : 19	12
4	Hong Kong	6	3	0	0	3	30 : 30	9
5	Georgia	6	1	1	0	4	20 : 56	5
6	United Arab Emirates	6	1	0	1	4	14 : 44	4
7	Bosnia & Herzegovina	6	0	0	0	6	3 : 46	0

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards		
Best Goalkeeper:	Andrei Iliencko	GEO
Best Defenceman:	Pong il Ri	PRK
Best Forward:	Alec Kocoglu	TUR

Final Placing

1	DPR Korea	4	Hong Kong
2	Turkey	5	Georgia
3	Luxembourg	6	United Arab Emirates
		7	Bosnia & Herzegovina

DPR Korea is promoted to the 2016 IIHF World Championship Division II B.



A 4-3 overtime victory against Turkey on the final day secured DPR Korea's undefeated record at the World Championship Division III.
Photo: Cihan Kahraman



New kids on the scene: Hungary's men's national team will join the world's elite next year in Russia for the 2016 IIHF World Championship.
Photo: Miroslaw Ring

2015 IIHF World Junior Championship

Toronto & Montreal, Canada

2015
WORLD JUNIOR
CHAMPIONSHIP
CANADA
Toronto - Montreal



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CANADA
Toronto - Montréal

Preliminary Round

Group A

Date	Game	Score
26.12.14	Finland - USA	1 - 2 SO (1-1, 0-0, 0-0)
26.12.14	Canada - Slovakia	8 - 0 (3-0, 4-0, 1-0)
27.12.14	Slovakia - Finland	2 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 0-0)
27.12.14	Germany - Canada	0 - 4 (0-2, 0-0, 0-2)
28.12.14	USA - Germany	6 - 0 (2-0, 2-0, 2-0)
29.12.14	USA - Slovakia	3 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 2-0)
29.12.14	Finland - Canada	1 - 4 (0-1, 1-1, 0-2)
30.12.14	Slovakia - Germany	5 - 2 (3-1, 0-0, 2-1)
31.12.14	Canada - USA	5 - 3 (0-0, 2-1, 3-2)
31.12.14	Germany - Finland	0 - 2 (0-1, 0-1, 0-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Canada	4	4	0	0	0	21 : 4	12
2	USA	4	2	1	0	1	14 : 6	8
3	Slovakia	4	2	0	0	2	7 : 14	6
4	Finland	4	1	0	1	2	5 : 8	4
5	Germany	4	0	0	0	4	2 : 17	0

Group B

Date	Game	Score
26.12.14	Denmark - Russia	2 - 3 SO (2-0, 0-1, 0-1)
26.12.14	Sweden - Czech Republic	5 - 2 (2-0, 1-2, 2-0)
27.12.14	Denmark - Sweden	1 - 5 (0-3, 1-2, 0-0)
27.12.14	Czech Republic - Switzerland	2 - 5 (2-2, 0-3, 0-0)
28.12.14	Switzerland - Russia	0 - 7 (0-3, 0-2, 0-2)
29.12.14	Czech Republic - Denmark	4 - 3 OT (1-1, 1-1, 1-1)
29.12.14	Sweden - Russia	3 - 2 (1-0, 0-1, 2-1)
30.12.14	Switzerland - Denmark	3 - 4 SO (2-1, 1-2, 0-0)
31.12.14	Switzerland - Sweden	1 - 5 (1-1, 0-4, 0-0)
31.12.14	Russia - Czech Republic	1 - 4 (0-1, 1-1, 0-2)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Sweden	4	4	0	0	0	18 : 6	12
2	Czech Republic	4	1	1	0	2	12 : 14	5
3	Russia	4	1	1	0	2	13 : 9	5
4	Denmark	4	0	1	2	1	10 : 15	4
5	Switzerland	4	1	0	1	2	9 : 18	4

Relegation Round

Date	Game	Score
02.01.15	Switzerland - Germany	5 - 2 (1-0, 3-1, 1-1)
03.01.15	Germany - Switzerland	2 - 5 (1-2, 1-1, 0-2)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Germany	2	2	0	0	0	10 : 4	6
2	Switzerland	2	0	0	0	2	4 : 10	0

Germany is relegated to the 2016 U20 World Championship Division I A.

Playoff Round

Quarter-Finals

Date	Game	Score
02.01.15	USA - Russia	2 - 3 (0-2, 1-0, 1-1)
02.01.15	Sweden - Finland	6 - 3 (0-0, 3-3, 3-0)
02.01.15	Czech Republic - Slovakia	0 - 3 (0-1, 0-0, 0-2)
02.01.15	Canada - Denmark	8 - 0 (2-0, 3-0, 3-0)

Semi-Finals

Date	Game	Score
04.01.15	Sweden - Russia	1 - 4 (0-0, 0-2, 1-2)
04.01.15	Canada - Slovakia	5 - 1 (1-0, 2-1, 2-0)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
05.01.15	Sweden - Slovakia	2 - 4 (2-2, 0-0, 0-2)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
05.01.15	Canada - Russia	5 - 4 (2-1, 3-3, 0-0)

Final Placing

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

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goaltender:	Denis Godla	SVK
Best Defenceman:	Vladislav Gavrikov	RUS
Best Forward	Max Domi	CAN

All-Star Team

Goaltender:	Denis Godla	SVK
Defenceman:	Gustav Forsling	SWE
Defenceman:	Josh Morrissey	CAN
Forward:	Sam Reinhart	CAN
Forward:	Max Domi	CAN
Forward:	Connor McDavid	CAN
MVP:	Denis Godla	SVK

Showtime in Toronto and Montreal

Another thrilling junior hockey showcase concluded with a Hollywood ending for the hosts as Canada reclaimed the IIHF World Junior Championship gold medal.

Canada iced a very fast team, built around top young prospects like Max Domi, Sam Reinhart, and Connor McDavid, the No.1 pick in the 2015 NHL Draft. But after rolling through most of the tournament with a perfect record, the Canadians found themselves in a dogfight against Russia in the gold medal game. It was a thrilling back-and-forth battle between two rivals, who have faced off for gold seven times since the year 2000. Before 19,014 fans at the Air Canada Centre, Canada built up a 5-1 lead but then had to withstand a fierce comeback from Russia to win 5-4 and claim its first gold since 2009 and 16th title overall.

Canada's resounding success at the World Juniors was also reflected in the excellent organization of both venues. Many times over the main venue in Toronto - the Air Canada Centre - was packed to the rafters even for games that didn't involve Team Canada. Smaller hockey nations like Denmark and Slovakia became fan favourites and were enthusiastically cheered on throughout the tournament.

Both the Danes and Slovaks made the playoffs this year, but it was the latter that really surprised everybody, defeating the Czech Republic in the quarter-finals before ultimately facing off for a bronze medal against Sweden, which won silver the last two years and gold in 2012. Against the Swedes, All-Star goaltender and tournament MVP Denis Godla backstopped his team to its second medal ever and its first bronze in over a decade.



Directorate Best Goaltender Denis Godla is saluted by the crowd after Slovakia's loss to Canada in the semis.

Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I Group A

Asiago, Italy

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
14.12.14	Slovenia - Belarus	1 - 6 (0-3, 1-1, 0-2)
14.12.14	Austria - Latvia	1 - 5 (1-1, 0-0, 0-4)
14.12.14	Italy - Norway	0 - 3 (1-0, 0-2, 0-0)
15.12.14	Norway - Austria	9 - 5 (3-2, 3-1, 3-2)
15.12.14	Latvia - Slovenia	7 - 3 (1-1, 3-2, 3-0)
15.12.14	Belarus - Italy	4 - 2 (2-0, 1-1, 1-1)
17.12.14	Latvia - Belarus	1 - 2 (0-1, 0-0, 1-1)
17.12.14	Norway - Slovenia	2 - 1 SO (0-0, 1-0, 0-1)
17.12.14	Italy - Austria	5 - 4 OT (0-1, 1-3, 3-0)
18.12.14	Austria - Slovenia	7 - 3 (3-0, 3-1, 1-2)
18.12.14	Belarus - Norway	5 - 1 (3-0, 1-0, 1-1)
18.12.14	Latvia - Italy	2 - 4 (1-1, 0-2, 1-1)
20.12.14	Norway - Latvia	1 - 0 SO (0-0, 0-0, 0-0)
20.12.14	Belarus - Austria	5 - 4 OT (1-3, 1-0, 2-1)
20.12.14	Slovenia - Italy	9 - 5 (6-2, 1-2, 2-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Belarus	5	4	1	0	0	22 : 9	14
2	Norway	5	2	2	0	1	16 : 11	10
3	Latvia	5	2	0	1	2	15 : 11	7
4	Italy	5	1	1	0	3	16 : 22	5
5	Austria	5	1	0	2	2	21 : 27	5
6	Slovenia	5	1	0	1	3	17 : 27	4

After a third place finish in 2014, Belarus left no doubt as to who was the best team in Division IA, earning promotion with an unblemished record. Photo: Paolo Basso

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I Group B

Dunaujvaros, Hungary

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
14.12.14	Japan - France	3 - 2 SO (0-1, 1-0, 1-1)
14.12.14	Hungary - Poland	1 - 0 SO (0-0, 0-0, 0-0)
14.12.14	Ukraine - Kazakhstan	1 - 5 (0-0, 1-4, 0-1)
15.12.14	Poland - Ukraine	1 - 2 (1-0, 0-1, 0-1)
15.12.14	France - Hungary	4 - 3 (0-1, 2-2, 2-0)
15.12.14	Kazakhstan - Japan	6 - 3 (1-0, 3-2, 2-1)
17.12.14	Kazakhstan - France	3 - 1 (1-0, 1-1, 1-0)
17.12.14	Hungary - Ukraine	3 - 4 SO (2-1, 1-1, 0-1)
17.12.14	Poland - Japan	5 - 3 (0-0, 0-1, 5-2)
18.12.14	Ukraine - Japan	3 - 1 (0-0, 2-1, 1-0)
18.12.14	Kazakhstan - Hungary	3 - 1 (1-0, 0-1, 2-0)
18.12.14	France - Poland	3 - 4 (1-1, 0-1, 2-2)
20.12.14	Poland - Kazakhstan	3 - 6 (1-2, 2-2, 0-2)
20.12.14	Japan - Hungary	5 - 1 (1-0, 1-1, 3-0)
20.12.14	France - Ukraine	1 - 0 (0-0, 0-0, 1-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Kazakhstan	5	5	0	0	0	23 : 9	15
2	Ukraine	5	2	1	0	2	10 : 11	8
3	Poland	5	2	0	1	2	13 : 15	7
4	France	5	2	0	1	2	11 : 13	7
5	Japan	5	1	1	0	3	15 : 17	5
6	Hungary	5	0	1	1	3	9 : 16	3

Final Placing

1	Kazakhstan	4	France
2	Ukraine	5	Japan
3	Poland	6	Hungary

Kazakhstan is promoted to the 2016 U20 World Championship Division I A. Hungary is relegated to the 2016 U20 World Championship Division II A.



2015
ICE HOCKEY
U20 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
ITALY
Division I - Group A

Final Placing

1	Belarus	4	Italy
2	Norway	5	Austria
3	Latvia	6	Slovenia

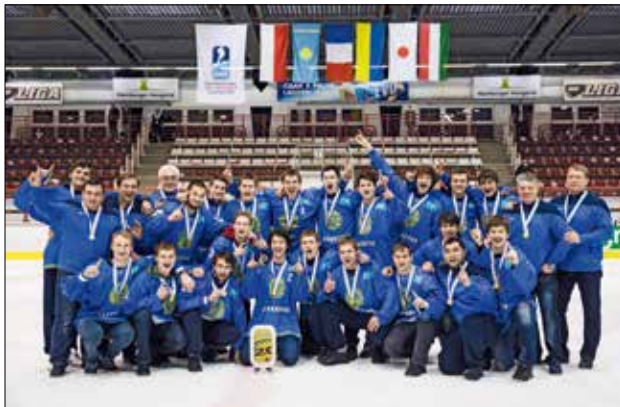
IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards			
Best Goalkeeper:	Matiss Kivlenieks	LAT	
Best Defenceman:	Mattias Norstebo	NOR	
Best Forward:	Dmitri Ambrozheichik	BLR	

Belarus is promoted to the 2016 World Junior Championship.
Slovenia is relegated to the 2016 U20 World Championship Division I B.



2015
ICE HOCKEY
U20 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
HUNGARY
Dunaujvaros
Division I - Group B

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards			
Best Goalkeeper:	Michael Luba	POL	
Best Defenceman:	Pierre Crinon	FRA	
Best Forward:	Kirill Savitski	KAZ	



Kazakhstan forwards Arkadi Shestanov, Kirill Savitski, and Nikita Mikhailis combined for 27 points in five games, including 15 goals.
Photo: Laszlo Mudra

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II Group A

Tallinn, Estonia

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
07.12.14	Netherlands - Great Britain	2 - 4 (0-0, 0-1, 2-3)
07.12.14	Lithuania - Romania	6 - 5 SO (1-1, 2-2, 2-2)
07.12.14	Korea - Estonia	4 - 3 SO (2-0, 1-1, 0-2)
08.12.14	Great Britain - Lithuania	5 - 4 (0-2, 1-0, 4-2)
08.12.14	Netherlands - Korea	2 - 3 (2-0, 0-1, 0-2)
08.12.14	Estonia - Romania	4 - 2 (0-0, 1-1, 3-1)
10.12.14	Lithuania - Korea	5 - 1 (0-0, 4-1, 1-0)
10.12.14	Great Britain - Romania	5 - 2 (2-1, 1-1, 2-0)
10.12.14	Netherlands - Estonia	7 - 0 (2-0, 2-0, 3-0)
12.12.14	Romania - Netherlands	6 - 3 (2-1, 1-2, 3-0)
12.12.14	Korea - Great Britain	4 - 5 SO (1-0, 1-3, 2-1)
12.12.14	Estonia - Lithuania	4 - 6 (2-3, 1-2, 1-1)
13.12.14	Romania - Korea	3 - 6 (1-2, 2-0, 0-4)
13.12.14	Lithuania - Netherlands	3 - 4 OT (1-1, 0-2, 2-0)
13.12.14	Great Britain - Estonia	3 - 1 (1-0, 1-0, 1-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Great Britain	5	4	1	0	0	22 : 13	14
2	Lithuania	5	2	1	1	1	24 : 19	9
3	Korea	5	2	1	1	1	18 : 18	9
4	Netherlands	5	1	1	0	3	18 : 16	5
5	Estonia	5	1	0	1	3	12 : 22	4
6	Romania	5	1	0	1	3	18 : 24	4

Final Placing

1	Great Britain	4	Netherlands
2	Lithuania	5	Estonia
3	Korea	6	Romania

Great Britain is promoted to the 2016 U20 World Championship Division I B. Romania is relegated to the 2016 U20 World Championship Division II B.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards			
Best Goalkeeper:	Attila Adorjan	ROU	
Best Defenceman:	Domantas Cypas	LTU	
Best Forward:	Jordan Cownie	GBR	

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II Group B

Jaca, Spain

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
13.12.14	Belgium - Australia	3 - 2 OT (0-1, 1-0, 1-1)
13.12.14	Serbia - Croatia	0 - 4 (0-1, 0-0, 0-3)
13.12.14	Spain - Iceland	8 - 3 (1-0, 3-2, 4-1)
14.12.14	Croatia - Australia	4 - 2 (0-0, 3-1, 1-1)
14.12.14	Iceland - Belgium	2 - 6 (0-1, 2-1, 0-4)
14.12.14	Spain - Serbia	7 - 0 (3-0, 1-0, 3-0)
16.12.14	Croatia - Iceland	6 - 3 (2-0, 2-3, 2-0)
16.12.14	Serbia - Australia	2 - 4 (0-1, 1-2, 1-1)
16.12.14	Spain - Belgium	5 - 2 (0-1, 2-0, 3-1)
18.12.14	Iceland - Serbia	2 - 4 (0-1, 1-3, 1-0)
18.12.14	Belgium - Croatia	2 - 5 (1-1, 0-1, 1-3)
18.12.14	Australia - Spain	2 - 5 (1-1, 1-2, 0-2)
19.12.14	Serbia - Belgium	3 - 2 OT (0-0, 2-0, 0-2)
19.12.14	Australia - Iceland	5 - 1 (1-0, 2-0, 2-1)
19.12.14	Croatia - Spain	3 - 2 (1-0, 2-0, 0-2)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Croatia	5	5	0	0	0	22 : 9	15
2	Spain	5	4	0	0	1	27 : 10	12
3	Australia	5	2	0	1	2	15 : 15	7
4	Belgium	5	1	1	1	2	15 : 17	6
5	Serbia	5	1	1	0	3	9 : 19	5
6	Iceland	5	0	0	0	5	11 : 29	0

Final Placing

1	Croatia	4	Belgium
2	Spain	5	Serbia
3	Australia	6	Iceland

Croatia is promoted to the 2016 U20 World Championship Division II A. Iceland is relegated to the 2016 U20 World Championship Division III.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards			
Best Goalkeeper:	Charlie Smart	AUS	
Best Defenceman:	Inigo Gainza	ESP	
Best Forward:	Luka Jarcov	CRO	

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division III

Dunedin, New Zealand

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
20.01.15	Mexico - China	1 - 6 (0-0, 0-4, 1-2)
20.01.15	South Africa - New Zealand	1 - 5 (0-2, 1-1, 0-2)
21.01.15	Turkey - South Africa	1 - 3 (1-1, 0-1, 0-1)
22.01.15	China - Turkey	6 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 4-0)
22.01.15	New Zealand - Mexico	2 - 3 SO (0-0, 2-2, 0-0)
23.01.15	South Africa - China	0 - 13 (0-5, 0-2, 0-6)
24.01.15	Mexico - South Africa	3 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 2-0)
24.01.15	New Zealand - Turkey	5 - 3 (2-1, 0-2, 3-0)
25.01.15	Turkey - Mexico	2 - 1 (1-0, 1-0, 0-1)
25.01.15	China - New Zealand	4 - 1 (1-0, 2-1, 1-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	China	5	4	0	0	0	29 : 3	12
2	New Zealand	5	2	0	1	1	13 : 11	7
3	Mexico	5	1	1	0	2	8 : 10	5
4	South Africa	5	1	0	0	3	4 : 22	3
5	Turkey	5	1	0	0	3	7 : 15	3

Final Placing

1	China	4	South Africa
2	New Zealand	5	Turkey
3	Mexico		

China is promoted to the 2016 U20 World Championship Division II B.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards			
Best Goalkeeper:	Jaime Perez	MEX	
Best Defenceman:	Benedict Roth	NZL	
Best Forward:	Hang Li	CHN	



2015
ICE HOCKEY
U20 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
ESTONIA
Division II - Group A



2015
ICE HOCKEY
U20 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
SPAIN
Jaca
Division II - Group B



2015
ICE HOCKEY
U20 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
NEW ZEALAND
Division III



*Happy teens: Team Canada won its first gold since 2009 and 16th World Junior Championship overall.
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2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship

Zug & Lucerne, Switzerland



2015

ICE HOCKEY
U18 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
SWITZERLAND
Zug - Lucerne

Preliminary Round

Group A

Date	Game	Score
16.04.15	Sweden - Slovakia	1 - 3 (0-0, 0-1, 1-2)
16.04.15	Russia - USA	3 - 1 (0-1, 2-0, 1-0)
17.04.15	Slovakia - USA	0 - 10 (0-4, 0-6, 0-0)
17.04.15	Russia - Germany	6 - 0 (2-0, 3-0, 1-0)
18.04.15	Germany - Sweden	1 - 7 (0-1, 0-5, 1-1)
19.04.15	Slovakia - Russia	2 - 4 (1-2, 0-1, 1-1)
19.04.15	USA - Sweden	6 - 4 (1-1, 2-2, 3-1)
20.04.15	Germany - Slovakia	3 - 4 SO (1-0, 1-1, 1-2)
21.04.15	USA - Germany	13 - 1 (4-0, 5-1, 4-0)
21.04.15	Sweden - Russia	4 - 7 (2-1, 1-2, 1-4)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Russia	4	4	0	0	0	20 : 7	12
2	USA	4	3	0	0	1	30 : 8	9
3	Slovakia	4	1	1	0	2	9 : 18	5
4	Sweden	4	1	0	0	3	16 : 17	3
5	Germany	4	0	0	1	3	5 : 30	1

Group B

Date	Game	Score
16.04.15	Canada - Latvia	11 - 6 (2-3, 6-0, 3-3)
16.04.15	Finland - Czech Republic	6 - 1 (1-1, 3-0, 2-0)
17.04.15	Latvia - Czech Republic	1 - 4 (0-1, 1-1, 0-2)
17.04.15	Finland - Switzerland	3 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 1-0)
18.04.15	Switzerland - Canada	1 - 4 (0-1, 1-2, 0-1)
19.04.15	Latvia - Finland	1 - 3 (1-0, 0-2, 0-1)
19.04.15	Czech Republic - Canada	2 - 3 (1-1, 1-1, 0-1)
20.04.15	Switzerland - Latvia	3 - 2 OT (0-0, 1-1, 1-1)
21.04.15	Canada - Finland	3 - 2 (0-2, 3-0, 0-0)
21.04.15	Czech Republic - Switzerland	5 - 0 (2-0, 2-0, 1-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Canada	4	4	0	0	0	21 : 11	12
2	Finland	4	3	0	0	1	14 : 6	9
3	Czech Republic	4	2	0	0	2	12 : 10	6
4	Switzerland	4	0	1	0	3	5 : 14	2
5	Latvia	4	0	0	1	3	10 : 21	1

Relegation Round

Date	Game	Score
23.04.15	Latvia - Germany	5 - 3 (3-1, 1-0, 1-2)
24.04.15	Germany - Latvia	3 - 5 (1-0, 1-2, 1-3)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Latvia	2	2	0	0	0	10 : 6	6
2	Germany	2	0	0	0	2	6 : 10	0

Germany is relegated to the 2016 IIHF U18 World Championship Division I A.

Americans triumph in the Alps

The 2015 U18 Worlds had some intriguing games in the medal round. The host Swiss battled their way to a bronze medal matchup with Canada, and Finland rebounded from a tough 2014 campaign to set up a clash with the United States for the gold medal.

In this case it was Colin White who banged in a great pass from Jeremy Bracco into a screened Finnish goal with 7:16 to go in overtime. The goal overcame an incredible performance by Finnish goalie Veini Vehvilainen, who up to that point had made 60 saves before White broke the deadlock, ending one of the most hard-fought finals in recent U18 history. Canada took the bronze over Switzerland, who despite the loss had a great tournament that saw the home team upset Russia 5-0 in the quarter-final.

USA's 2015 trophy adds more accolades to a U18 program that's been unstoppable in international play. The 2015 gold medal was the team's sixth in the past seven years. In fact, the U.S. has medaled at this tournament for 12 straight years, taking eight times gold, three silver medals and one bronze.

Playoff Round

Quarter-Finals

Date	Game	Score
23.04.15	USA - Czech Republic	7 - 2 (4-0, 0-1, 3-1)
23.04.15	Canada - Sweden	5 - 3 (3-1, 1-1, 1-1)
23.04.15	Finland - Slovakia	3 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 2-0)
23.04.15	Russia - Switzerland	0 - 5 (0-1, 0-2, 0-2)

Semi-Finals

Date	Game	Score
25.04.15	Canada - USA	2 - 7 (0-0, 1-2, 1-5)
25.04.15	Finland - Switzerland	5 - 4 OT (2-2, 0-0, 2-2)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
26.04.15	Canada - Switzerland	5 - 2 (3-2, 2-0, 0-0)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
26.04.15	USA - Finland	2 - 1 OT (0-1, 0-0, 1-0)

Final Placing

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

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Ilya Samsonov	RUS
Best Defenceman:	Vili Saarijarvi	FIN
Best Forward:	Auston Matthews	USA

All-Star Team

Goaltender:	Veini Vehvilainen	FIN
Defenceman:	Vili Saarijarvi	FIN
Defenceman:	Jonas Siegenthaler	SUI
Forward:	Auston Matthews	USA
Forward:	Patrik Laine	FIN
Forward:	Denis Malgin	SUI
MVP:	Auston Matthews	USA



Team USA continues to rake in the medals at the U18 Worlds.
Photo: Matt Zambonin / HHOF-IIHF Images

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I Group A

Debrecen, Hungary



2015

ICE HOCKEY
U18 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
HUNGARY
Debrecen
Division I - Group A

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
12.04.15	Belarus - Norway	3 - 2 OT (0-1, 1-1, 1-0)
12.04.15	Hungary - Denmark	1 - 9 (1-3, 0-4, 0-2)
12.04.15	France - Kazakhstan	7 - 1 (2-0, 3-1, 2-0)
13.04.15	Norway - France	2 - 3 OT (1-0, 0-1, 1-1)
13.04.15	Denmark - Belarus	4 - 3 OT (1-1, 1-2, 1-0)
14.04.15	Kazakhstan - Hungary	6 - 5 (2-3, 1-1, 3-1)
15.04.15	Denmark - France	4 - 1 (1-0, 1-1, 2-0)
15.04.15	Hungary - Belarus	2 - 7 (1-0, 1-4, 0-3)
15.04.15	Norway - Kazakhstan	5 - 3 (1-1, 1-2, 3-0)
16.04.15	Belarus - France	4 - 0 (3-0, 0-0, 1-0)
17.04.15	Kazakhstan - Denmark	2 - 5 (0-3, 1-1, 1-1)
17.04.15	Norway - Hungary	4 - 1 (2-0, 1-1, 1-0)
18.04.15	Kazakhstan - Belarus	3 - 6 (1-2, 1-2, 1-2)
18.04.15	France - Hungary	5 - 2 (2-0, 2-2, 1-0)
18.04.15	Denmark - Norway	2 - 1 (0-0, 1-1, 1-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Denmark	5	4	1	0	0	24 : 8	14
2	Belarus	5	3	1	1	0	23 : 11	12
3	France	5	2	1	0	2	16 : 13	8
4	Norway	5	2	0	2	1	14 : 12	8
5	Kazakhstan	5	1	0	0	4	15 : 28	3
6	Hungary	5	0	0	0	5	11 : 31	0

Final Placing

1	Denmark	4	Norway
2	Belarus	5	Kazakhstan
3	France	6	Hungary

Denmark is promoted to the 2016 IIHF U18 World Championship.
Hungary is relegated to the 2016 IIHF U18 World Championship Division I B.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Alexander Osipkov	BLR
Best Defenceman:	Andreas Marthinsen	NOR
Best Forward:	Mathias From	DEN



With the U18 team's promotion Denmark will be represented in all top divisions of the men's IIHF Championship program next year. Photo: Istvan Derencsenyi

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I Group B

Maribor, Slovenia



2015

ICE HOCKEY
U18 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
SLOVENIA
Division I - Group B

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
12.04.15	Japan - Austria	1 - 5 (0-4, 0-0, 1-1)
12.04.15	Lithuania - Italy	2 - 3 (1-1, 1-2, 0-0)
12.04.15	Ukraine - Slovenia	3 - 5 (0-3, 2-1, 1-1)
13.04.15	Italy - Japan	5 - 6 (2-1, 2-4, 1-1)
13.04.15	Austria - Ukraine	3 - 2 (0-1, 1-1, 2-0)
13.04.15	Slovenia - Lithuania	10 - 1 (0-0, 3-1, 7-0)
15.04.15	Italy - Ukraine	1 - 3 (1-0, 0-0, 0-3)
15.04.15	Lithuania - Japan	2 - 1 (0-0, 1-0, 1-1)
15.04.15	Austria - Slovenia	6 - 1 (2-0, 1-0, 3-1)
17.04.15	Austria - Lithuania	7 - 2 (3-1, 1-1, 3-0)
17.04.15	Japan - Ukraine	4 - 1 (2-0, 1-0, 1-1)
17.04.15	Slovenia - Italy	8 - 7 (3-0, 3-3, 2-4)
18.04.15	Ukraine - Lithuania	4 - 1 (2-0, 1-0, 1-1)
18.04.15	Italy - Austria	0 - 5 (0-3, 0-1, 0-1)
18.04.15	Slovenia - Japan	3 - 4 SO (1-1, 0-1, 2-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Austria	5	5	0	0	0	26 : 6	15
2	Slovenia	5	3	0	1	1	27 : 21	10
3	Japan	5	2	1	0	2	16 : 16	8
4	Ukraine	5	2	0	0	3	13 : 14	6
5	Italy	5	1	0	0	4	16 : 24	3
6	Lithuania	5	1	0	0	4	8 : 25	3

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Dominic Divis	AUT
Best Defenceman:	Mark Cepon	SLO
Best Forward:	Christof Kromp	AUT

Final Placing

1	Austria	4	Ukraine
2	Slovenia	5	Italy
3	Japan	6	Lithuania

Austria is promoted to the 2016 IIHF U18 World Championship Division I A.
Lithuania is relegated to the 2016 IIHF U18 World Championship Division II A.



Austrian goalie Dominic Divis allowed only 6 goals in five games, posting a 1.50 GAA and a 92.94 save percentage as Austria went unbeaten in Division I Group B. Photo: Denis Zelnik

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II Group A

Tallinn, Estonia

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
22.03.15	Croatia - Poland	1 - 2 (1-1, 0-1, 0-0)
22.03.15	Korea - Great Britain	4 - 2 (1-0, 2-0, 1-2)
22.03.15	Estonia - Netherlands	4 - 5 OT (2-2, 1-0, 1-2)
23.03.15	Korea - Croatia	7 - 0 (2-0, 4-0, 1-0)
23.03.15	Poland - Netherlands	6 - 3 (0-1, 1-1, 5-1)
23.03.15	Great Britain - Estonia	4 - 1 (2-1, 1-0, 1-0)
25.03.15	Poland - Great Britain	4 - 1 (1-0, 0-1, 3-0)
25.03.15	Croatia - Netherlands	2 - 4 (1-0, 0-0, 1-4)
25.03.15	Korea - Estonia	7 - 1 (2-1, 5-0, 0-0)
27.03.15	Netherlands - Korea	3 - 6 (1-2, 0-3, 2-1)
27.03.15	Great Britain - Croatia	7 - 1 (4-0, 2-1, 1-0)
27.03.15	Estonia - Poland	1 - 5 (0-1, 1-1, 0-3)
28.03.15	Netherlands - Great Britain	3 - 4 SO (1-1, 1-1, 1-1)
28.03.15	Poland - Korea	1 - 4 (0-1, 1-2, 0-1)
28.03.15	Croatia - Estonia	5 - 4 (2-1, 1-2, 2-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Korea	5	5	0	0	0	28 : 7	15
2	Poland	5	4	0	0	1	18 : 10	12
3	Great Britain	5	2	1	0	2	18 : 13	8
4	Netherlands	5	1	1	1	2	18 : 22	6
5	Croatia	5	1	0	0	4	9 : 24	3
6	Estonia	5	0	0	1	4	11 : 26	1

Final Placing

1	Korea	4	Netherlands
2	Poland	5	Croatia
3	Great Britain	6	Estonia

Korea is promoted to the 2016 IIHF U18 World Championship Division I B.
Estonia is relegated to the 2016 IIHF U18 World Championship Division II B.

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II Group B

Novi Sad, Serbia

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
16.03.15	Australia - Belgium	2 - 3 OT (1-0, 1-2, 0-0)
16.03.15	Spain - China	3 - 1 (1-0, 2-1, 0-0)
16.03.15	Serbia - Romania	3 - 4 (1-2, 2-0, 0-2)
17.03.15	China - Australia	8 - 1 (3-0, 1-0, 4-1)
17.03.15	Romania - Belgium	10 - 1 (4-0, 3-0, 3-1)
17.03.15	Spain - Serbia	2 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 1-0)
19.03.15	Romania - China	10 - 2 (0-1, 5-1, 5-0)
19.03.15	Spain - Australia	14 - 4 (4-1, 4-1, 6-2)
19.03.15	Serbia - Belgium	6 - 5 (3-0, 2-3, 1-2)
21.03.15	Belgium - Spain	4 - 6 (1-3, 0-1, 3-2)
21.03.15	Australia - Romania	3 - 18 (1-9, 0-5, 2-4)
21.03.15	China - Serbia	1 - 6 (0-2, 1-2, 0-2)
22.03.15	Romania - Spain	4 - 3 OT (0-1, 1-0, 2-2)
22.03.15	Belgium - China	7 - 2 (4-0, 1-1, 2-1)
22.03.15	Serbia - Australia	6 - 1 (0-0, 3-0, 3-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Romania	5	4	1	0	0	46 : 12	14
2	Spain	5	4	0	1	0	28 : 13	13
3	Serbia	5	3	0	0	2	21 : 13	9
4	Belgium	5	1	1	0	3	20 : 26	5
5	China	5	1	0	0	4	14 : 27	3
6	Australia	5	0	0	1	4	11 : 49	1



IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards		
Best Goalkeeper:	Luka Valencic	CRO
Best Defenceman:	Patryk Wsol	POL
Best Forward:	Juhyung Lee	KOR



The Koreans dominated the tournament and won on the last day the round robin 4-2 against Poland, which came in as the top seed.

Final Placing

1	Romania	4	Belgium
2	Spain	5	China
3	Serbia	6	Australia

Romania is promoted to the 2016 IIHF U18 World Championship Division II A.
Australia is relegated to the 2016 IIHF U18 World Championship Division III A.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards		
Best Goalkeeper:	Alejandro Reneses	ESP
Best Defenceman:	Tihamer Gyorfy	ROU
Best Forward:	Lazar Lestarc	SRB



Pre-tournament favourite Romania won the Division II Group B, but only after a tight overtime victory over Spain on the final day.
Photo: Dejan Balan

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III Group A

Taipei City, Chinese Taipei

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
22.03.15	Israel - Mexico	1 - 2 OT (0-0, 0-1, 1-0)
22.03.15	South Africa - Bulgaria	0 - 5 (0-0, 0-2, 0-3)
22.03.15	Chinese Taipei - Iceland	1 - 3 (0-1, 0-1, 1-1)
23.03.15	Iceland - Bulgaria	5 - 4 SO (3-3, 0-1, 1-0)
23.03.15	Mexico - South Africa	8 - 1 (5-0, 2-1, 1-0)
23.03.15	Israel - Chinese Taipei	6 - 8 (2-2, 3-2, 1-4)
25.03.15	Israel - South Africa	5 - 2 (3-0, 1-2, 1-0)
25.03.15	Iceland - Mexico	3 - 2 SO (0-1, 1-1, 1-0)
25.03.15	Chinese Taipei - Bulgaria	3 - 4 (0-0, 2-3, 1-1)
26.03.15	South Africa - Iceland	4 - 5 (2-2, 1-0, 1-3)
26.03.15	Bulgaria - Israel	0 - 2 (0-1, 0-0, 0-1)
26.03.15	Mexico - Chinese Taipei	3 - 4 OT (0-2, 1-1, 2-0)
28.03.15	Bulgaria - Mexico	1 - 2 SO (0-0, 1-0, 0-1)
28.03.15	Iceland - Israel	3 - 2 (2-0, 1-2, 0-0)
28.03.15	Chinese Taipei - South Africa	12 - 0 (2-0, 3-0, 7-0)



Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Iceland	5	3	2	0	0	19 : 13	13
2	Mexico	5	1	2	2	0	17 : 10	9
3	Bulgaria	5	2	0	2	1	14 : 12	8
4	Chinese Taipei	5	2	1	0	2	28 : 16	8
5	Israel	5	2	0	1	2	16 : 15	7
6	South Africa	5	0	0	0	5	7 : 35	0

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards		
Best Goalkeeper:	Charl Pretorius	RSA
Best Defenceman:	Kevin Pierce	MEX
Best Forward:	Elvar Olafsson	ISL

Final Placing

1	Iceland	4	Chinese Taipei
2	Mexico	5	Israel
3	Bulgaria	6	South Africa

Iceland is promoted to the 2016 IIHF U18 World Championship Division II B.
South Africa relegated to the 2016 IIHF U18 World Championship Division III B.

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III Group B

Auckland, New Zealand

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
17.03.15	Hong Kong - New Zealand	5 - 8 (1-3, 2-1, 2-4)
18.03.15	Turkey - Hong Kong	9 - 1 (3-0, 5-0, 1-1)
19.03.15	New Zealand - Turkey	4 - 5 (1-2, 1-1, 2-2)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Turkey	2	2	0	0	0	14 : 5	6
2	New Zealand	2	1	0	0	1	12 : 10	3
3	Hong Kong	2	0	0	0	2	6 : 17	0



IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards		
Best Goalkeeper:	Muhammed Karagul	TUR
Best Defenceman:	Fatih Faner	TUR
Best Forward:	Harrison Macharg	NZL

Final Placing

1	Turkey
2	New Zealand
3	Hong Kong

Turkey is promoted to the 2016 IIHF U18 World Championship Division III A.



Turkey beat New Zealand 5-4 in a tense and exciting final. Sefa Kavaz scored from a power play to tie the game with seven minutes left then Burak Kizilkaya scored from a rebound a minute later to earn the country promotion to Group A. Photo: Rachel van Luyt



Swiss smackdown: In the quarter-finals, tournament hosts Switzerland posted one of the biggest upsets in U18 World Championship history with a 5-0 victory over Russia.
Photo: Francois Laplante / HHOF-IIHF Images

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship

Malmö, Sweden



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SWEDEN
Malmö

Qualification series

Date	Game	Score
08.11.14	Japan - Czech Republic	2 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 1-0)
09.11.14	Czech Republic - Japan	2 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 1-0)
10.11.14	Japan - Czech Republic	2 - 1 (1-0, 0-0, 1-1)

Preliminary Round

Group A

Date	Game	Score
28.03.15	USA - Canada	4 - 2 (3-1, 0-1, 1-0)
28.03.15	Finland - Russia	3 - 2 SO (0-0, 2-2, 0-0)
29.03.15	Canada - Russia	4 - 0 (3-0, 1-0, 0-0)
29.03.15	USA - Finland	4 - 1 (2-1, 2-0, 0-0)
31.03.15	Russia - USA	2 - 9 (0-1, 2-4, 0-4)
31.03.15	Canada - Finland	6 - 2 (2-1, 2-0, 2-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	USA	3	3	0	0	0	17 : 5	9
2	Canada	3	2	0	0	1	12 : 6	6
3	Finland	3	0	1	0	2	6 : 12	2
4	Russia	3	0	0	1	2	4 : 16	1

Group B

Date	Game	Score
28.03.15	Sweden - Japan	3 - 4 SO (1-1, 1-0, 1-2)
28.03.15	Germany - Switzerland	2 - 5 (0-1, 1-1, 1-3)
29.03.15	Switzerland - Sweden	2 - 3 (0-2, 0-0, 2-1)
29.03.15	Japan - Germany	2 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 1-0)
31.03.15	Switzerland - Japan	3 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 1-0)
31.03.15	Germany - Sweden	0 - 4 (0-1, 0-2, 0-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Sweden	3	2	0	1	0	10 : 6	7
2	Switzerland	3	2	0	0	1	10 : 5	6
3	Japan	3	1	1	0	1	6 : 6	5
4	Germany	3	0	0	0	3	2 : 11	0

Relegation Round

Date	Game	Score
01.04.15	Japan - Germany	3 - 2 OT (0-1, 1-1, 1-0)
03.04.15	Germany - Japan	1 - 2 OT (0-1, 1-0, 0-0)

Team USA gets right back on top

Brianna Decker scored the third-period winner as the U.S. beat Canada 7-5 in a wild Women's Worlds gold medal game that saw both starting goalies pulled.

The U.S. took a 4-2 lead in the first period, but Canada roared back to tie it up at 5-5 in the second before the Americans pulled ahead for good. Entertainment-wise, it was another landmark for women's hockey. The two North American archrivals combined for the highest number of total goals ever scored in a Women's World Championship final (12).

The previous record (9) was set in 1994 (6-3 Canada) and 2012 (5-4 Canada). Finland ended a four-year IIHF women's medal drought in Malmö, downing Russia 4-1 in the Women's World Championship bronze medal game. 2014 Olympic scoring leader Michelle Karvinen led the way with a goal and two assists for Finland.

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Japan	3	2	0	0	1	4 : 3	6
2	Czech Republic	3	1	0	0	2	3 : 4	3

Japan qualifies for the 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship.

Playoff Round

Quarter-Finals

Date	Game	Score
01.04.15	Finland - Switzerland	3 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 2-0)
01.04.15	Russia - Sweden	2 - 1 (0-0, 0-1, 2-0)

Semi-Finals

Date	Game	Score
03.04.15	USA - Russia	13 - 1 (4-1, 6-0, 3-0)
03.04.15	Canada - Finland	3 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 2-0)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
04.04.15	Finland - Russia	4 - 1 (2-0, 1-0, 1-1)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
04.04.15	USA - Canada	7 - 5 (4-2, 1-3, 2-0)

Final Placing

1	United States	5	Sweden
2	Canada	6	Switzerland
3	Finland	7	Japan
4	Russia	8	Germany

Germany is relegated to the 2016 Women's World Championship Division I A.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Nana Fujimoto	JPN
Best Defenceman:	Jenni Hiirikoski	FIN
Best Forward:	Hilary Knight	USA

All-Star Team

Goaltender:	Meeri Räsänen	FIN
Defenceman:	Monique Lamoureux	USA
Defenceman:	Jenni Hiirikoski	FIN
Forward:	Brianna Decker	USA
Forward:	Hilary Knight	USA
Forward:	Natalie Spooner	CAN
MVP:	Hilary Knight	USA



Team USA got some measure of revenge against Canada for the OT loss in Sochi with gold in Malmö. Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I Group A

Rouen, France

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
12.04.15	Latvia - Czech Republic	1 - 5 (0-1, 1-1, 0-3)
12.04.15	France - Norway	5 - 6 OT (0-2, 2-2, 3-1)
12.04.15	Austria - Denmark	8 - 2 (1-1, 2-1, 5-0)
13.04.15	Norway - Austria	2 - 5 (1-1, 0-3, 1-1)
13.04.15	Denmark - Latvia	5 - 4 (2-3, 1-1, 2-0)
13.04.15	Czech Republic - France	4 - 0 (0-0, 4-0, 0-0)
15.04.15	Norway - Denmark	0 - 3 (0-1, 0-2, 0-0)
15.04.15	Czech Republic - Austria	4 - 1 (3-1, 0-0, 1-0)
15.04.15	Latvia - France	0 - 7 (0-4, 0-1, 0-2)
16.04.15	Denmark - Czech Republic	0 - 3 (0-1, 0-0, 0-2)
16.04.15	Norway - Latvia	2 - 1 (1-0, 0-1, 1-0)
16.04.15	France - Austria	2 - 3 (2-0, 0-3, 0-0)
18.04.15	Austria - Latvia	8 - 0 (1-0, 3-0, 4-0)
18.04.15	Czech Republic - Norway	4 - 2 (0-0, 1-1, 3-1)
18.04.15	Denmark - France	2 - 3 (2-1, 0-1, 0-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Czech Republic	5	5	0	0	0	20 : 4	15
2	Austria	5	4	0	0	1	25 : 10	12
3	France	5	2	0	1	2	17 : 5	7
4	Denmark	5	2	0	0	3	12 : 18	6
5	Norway	5	1	1	0	3	12 : 18	5
6	Latvia	5	0	0	0	5	6 : 27	0

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I Group B

Beijing, China

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
06.04.15	DPR Korea - Hungary	1 - 5 (0-2, 0-1, 1-2)
06.04.15	Italy - Slovakia	3 - 4 SO (2-3, 1-0, 0-0)
06.04.15	Netherlands - China	3 - 2 SO (0-1, 1-1, 1-0)
07.04.15	Hungary - Italy	2 - 1 (0-0, 1-1, 1-0)
07.04.15	Slovakia - Netherlands	3 - 2 (0-1, 1-0, 2-1)
07.04.15	China - DPR Korea	5 - 2 (4-1, 1-0, 0-1)
09.04.15	Slovakia - DPR Korea	9 - 0 (2-0, 5-0, 2-0)
09.04.15	Italy - Netherlands	0 - 2 (0-1, 0-1, 0-0)
09.04.15	China - Hungary	7 - 3 (1-1, 4-1, 2-1)
11.04.15	Hungary - Slovakia	0 - 1 (0-0, 0-1, 0-0)
11.04.15	Netherlands - DPR Korea	7 - 1 (1-0, 2-0, 4-1)
11.04.15	China - Italy	4 - 3 (1-1, 0-1, 3-1)
12.04.15	DPR Korea - Italy	2 - 4 (0-1, 1-0, 1-3)
12.04.15	Hungary - Netherlands	0 - 2 (0-1, 0-1, 0-0)
12.04.15	Slovakia - China	4 - 3 (2-1, 2-0, 0-2)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Slovakia	5	4	1	0	0	21 : 8	14
2	Netherlands	5	3	1	0	1	16 : 6	11
3	China	5	3	0	1	1	21 : 15	10
4	Hungary	5	2	0	0	3	10 : 12	6
5	Italy	5	1	0	1	3	11 : 14	4
6	DPR Korea	5	0	0	0	5	6 : 30	0

Tournament winners Slovakia posing with runners-up the Netherlands. The Slovaks edged the Dutch 3-2 in a crucial game to win promotion.



2015 ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FRANCE

Division I - Group A

Final Placing

1	Czech Republic	4	Denmark
2	Austria	5	Norway
3	France	6	Latvia

Czech Republic is promoted to the 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship. Latvia is relegated to the 2016 IIHF Women's World Championship Division I B.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards			
Best Goalkeeper:	Klara Peslarova	CZE	
Best Defenceman:	Aneta Tejralova	CZE	
Best Forward:	Anna Meixner	AUT	



After losing out on a trip to the top division, the Czechs ensured their spot in Kamloops 2016 with a spotless record.

Photo: Stephane Heude



2015 ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CHINA

Beijing Division I - Group B

Final Placing

1	Slovakia	4	Hungary
2	Netherlands	5	Italy
3	China	6	DPR Korea

Slovakia is promoted to the 2016 IIHF Women's World Championship Division I A. DPR Korea is relegated to the 2016 IIHF Women's World Championship Division II B.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards			
Best Goalkeeper:	Claudia van Leeuwen	NED	
Best Defenceman:	Franciska Kiss-Simon	HUN	
Best Forward:	Mengying Zhang	CHN	



2015 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Group A

Dumfries, Great Britain

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
30.03.15	Croatia - Poland	3 - 10 (2-1, 1-4, 0-5)
30.03.15	Korea - Kazakhstan	0 - 2 (0-0, 0-1, 0-1)
30.03.15	Great Britain - New Zealand	8 - 1 (3-0, 2-0, 3-1)
31.03.15	Kazakhstan - Poland	4 - 1 (2-0, 1-1, 1-0)
31.03.15	New Zealand - Croatia	2 - 4 (1-1, 1-1, 0-2)
31.03.15	Great Britain - Korea	3 - 1 (2-1, 1-0, 0-0)
02.04.15	Kazakhstan - New Zealand	10 - 0 (4-0, 2-0, 4-0)
02.04.15	Korea - Poland	4 - 3 SO (0-1, 3-1, 0-1)
02.04.15	Great Britain - Croatia	8 - 1 (0-1, 5-0, 3-0)
04.04.15	New Zealand - Korea	0 - 3 (0-1, 0-2, 0-0)
04.04.15	Croatia - Kazakhstan	1 - 12 (0-5, 0-5, 1-2)
04.04.15	Poland - Great Britain	0 - 4 (0-1, 0-0, 0-3)
05.04.15	Korea - Croatia	13 - 0 (2-0, 6-0, 5-0)
05.04.15	Poland - New Zealand	3 - 2 SO (0-2, 1-0, 1-0)
05.04.15	Kazakhstan - Great Britain	2 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 1-0)

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Group B

Jaca, Spain

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
07.03.15	Mexico - Iceland	1 - 2 SO (0-0, 1-0, 0-1)
07.03.15	Slovenia - Belgium	13 - 2 (8-1, 1-0, 4-1)
07.03.15	Spain - Australia	4 - 1 (0-1, 3-0, 1-0)
08.03.15	Belgium - Mexico	0 - 5 (0-3, 0-1, 0-1)
08.03.15	Australia - Iceland	0 - 3 (0-3, 0-0, 0-0)
08.03.15	Slovenia - Spain	3 - 1 (1-1, 2-0, 0-0)
10.03.15	Australia - Belgium	3 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 1-0)
10.03.15	Slovenia - Mexico	0 - 3 (0-1, 0-0, 0-2)
10.03.15	Spain - Iceland	5 - 4 SO (2-0, 1-0, 1-4)
12.03.15	Iceland - Slovenia	2 - 7 (1-0, 0-3, 1-4)
12.03.15	Mexico - Australia	1 - 3 (1-0, 0-2, 0-1)
12.03.15	Belgium - Spain	0 - 3 (0-0, 0-0, 0-3)
13.03.15	Australia - Slovenia	1 - 5 (0-1, 0-4, 1-0)
13.03.15	Iceland - Belgium	2 - 3 OT (0-0, 1-2, 1-0)
13.03.15	Spain - Mexico	2 - 3 (1-1, 0-0, 1-2)

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Group B Qualification

Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Date	Game	Score
18.02.15	Bulgaria - Turkey	3 - 11 (2-3, 0-5, 1-3)
18.02.15	South Africa - Hong Kong	3 - 4 (1-1, 0-2, 2-1)
19.02.15	South Africa - Bulgaria	6 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 4-0)
19.02.15	Turkey - Hong Kong	4 - 1 (1-0, 1-0, 2-1)
21.02.15	Hong Kong - Bulgaria	5 - 1 (1-1, 2-0, 2-0)
21.02.15	Turkey - South Africa	8 - 4 (3-0, 5-2, 0-2)

Final Placing

1	Turkey	3	South Africa
2	Hong Kong	4	Bulgaria

Turkey qualifies for the 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II B.



2015 ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP GREAT BRITAIN

Division II - Group A

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Kazakhstan	5	5	0	0	0	30 : 2	15
2	Great Britain	5	4	0	0	1	23 : 5	12
3	Korea	5	2	1	0	2	21 : 8	8
4	Poland	5	1	1	1	2	17 : 17	6
5	Croatia	5	1	0	0	4	9 : 45	3
6	New Zealand	5	0	0	1	4	5 : 28	1

Final Placing

1	Kazakhstan	4	Poland
2	Great Britain	5	Croatia
3	Korea	6	New Zealand

Kazakhstan is promoted to the 2016 IIHF Women's World Championship Division I B. New Zealand is relegated to the 2016 IIHF Women's World Championship Division II B.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards			
Best Goalkeeper:	Nicole Jackson	GBR	
Best Defenceman:	Jodie-Leigh Bloom	GBR	
Best Forward:	Alyona Fux	KAZ	



2015 ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SPAIN

Jaca Division II - Group B

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Slovenia	5	4	0	0	1	28 : 9	12
2	Mexico	5	3	0	1	1	13 : 7	10
3	Spain	5	2	1	0	2	15 : 11	8
4	Iceland	5	1	1	2	1	13 : 16	7
5	Australia	5	2	0	0	3	8 : 13	6
6	Belgium	5	0	1	0	4	5 : 26	2

Final Placing

1	Slovenia	4	Iceland
2	Mexico	5	Australia
3	Spain	6	Belgium

Slovenia is promoted to the 2016 IIHF Women's World Championship Division II A. Belgium is relegated to the 2016 IIHF Women's World Championship Division II B Qualification.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards			
Best Goalkeeper:	Monica Renteria	MEX	
Best Defenceman:	Vanesa Abrisqueta	ESP	
Best Forward:	Pia Pren	SLO	



2015 ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HONG KONG

Division II - Group B Qualification

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Turkey	3	3	0	0	0	23 : 8	9
2	Hong Kong	3	2	0	0	1	10 : 8	6
3	South Africa	3	1	0	0	2	13 : 12	3
4	Bulgaria	3	0	0	0	3	4 : 22	0

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards			
Best Goalkeeper:	Jenny Kai-Chin Lee	HKG	
Best Defenceman:	Tina Lisichkova	BUL	
Best Forward:	Cagla Baktiroglu	TUR	



Hockey love 'round the world: Bulgaria, hosts Hong Kong, South Africa and Turkey's women's national teams posed for a group shot following the Division II Group B Qualification tournament.
Photo: HKIHA

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship

Buffalo, USA

Preliminary Round

Group A

Date	Game	Score
05.01.15	Russia - Czech Republic	3 - 1 (2-0, 1-0, 0-1)
05.01.15	Canada - USA	1 - 2 SO (0-1, 0-0, 1-0)
06.01.15	Canada - Russia	3 - 2 (2-0, 1-1, 0-1)
06.01.15	USA - Czech Republic	3 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 2-0)
08.01.15	Czech Republic - Canada	1 - 7 (1-1, 0-4, 0-2)
08.01.15	USA - Russia	7 - 1 (2-0, 3-1, 2-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	USA	3	2	1	0	0	12 : 2	8
2	Canada	3	2	0	1	0	11 : 5	7
3	Russia	3	1	0	0	2	6 : 11	3
4	Czech Republic	3	0	0	0	3	2 : 13	0

Group B

Date	Game	Score
05.01.15	Sweden - Japan	3 - 2 (1-0, 0-1, 2-1)
05.01.15	Finland - Switzerland	0 - 2 (0-0, 0-2, 0-0)
06.01.15	Sweden - Switzerland	4 - 0 (3-0, 0-0, 1-0)
06.01.15	Japan - Finland	2 - 4 (2-0, 0-2, 0-2)
08.01.15	Japan - Switzerland	1 - 3 (0-0, 0-1, 1-2)
08.01.15	Finland - Sweden	3 - 1 (0-1, 3-0, 0-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Sweden	3	2	0	0	1	8 : 5	6
2	Finland	3	2	0	0	1	7 : 5	6
3	Switzerland	3	2	0	0	1	5 : 5	6
4	Japan	3	0	0	0	3	5 : 10	0

Relegation Round

Date	Game	Score
09.01.15	Switzerland - Japan	2 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 0-0)
11.01.15	Japan - Switzerland	2 - 3 SO (0-1, 2-1, 0-0)

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

USA girls defeat arch-rivals

Jincy Dunne's second goal of the game, a wrist shot to the top corner 51 seconds into overtime, gave the U.S. a 3-2 win over rivals Canada and its first U18 gold since 2011.

The gold gives the Americans four in total - the same number as Canada - since the U18 started in 2008.

The game was played before a packed house of American and Canadian fans cheering at HarborCenter in downtown Buffalo.

The Americans outshot Canada, 41-18, and were full measure for their win. Canada dominated the first 15 minutes or so, but after that it was all USA.

Russia's U18 women's team won its first ever medal in this event, defeating rivals Czech Republic, 5-1, to win bronze and avenge a 1-0 loss in the bronze game a year ago in Budapest.



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Playoff Round

Quarter-Finals

Date	Game	Score
09.01.15	Russia - Finland	4 - 3 (0-3, 1-0, 3-0)
09.01.15	Czech Republic - Sweden	4 - 3 (1-0, 2-1, 1-2)

Semi-Finals

Date	Game	Score
11.01.15	Canada - Russia	3 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 1-0)
11.01.15	USA - Czech Republic	5 - 0 (2-0, 2-0, 1-0)

5th Place Game

Date	Game	Score
11.01.15	Sweden - Finland	0 - 3 (0-2, 0-0, 0-1)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
12.01.15	Russia - Czech Republic	5 - 1 (1-0, 2-1, 2-0)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
12.01.15	USA - Canada	3 - 2 OT (1-1, 1-1, 0-0)

Final Placing

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

Japan is relegated to the 2016 U18 Women's World Championship Division I.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Valeria Tarakanova	RUS
Best Defenceman:	Jincy Dunne	USA
Best Forward:	Sarah Potomak	CAN

All-Star Team

Goaltender:	Valeria Tarakanova	RUS
Defenceman:	Jincy Dunne	USA
Defenceman:	Micah Hart	CAN
Forward:	Fanuzza Kadirova	RUS
Forward:	Sarah Potomak	CAN
Forward:	Melissa Samoskevich	USA
MVP:	Sarah Potomak	CAN



All-Star and Directorate Top Defenceman Jincy Dunne with former NHL and Latvian national team head coach Ted Nolan.
Photo: Matt Zamboni / HHOF-IIHF Images

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I

Vaujany, France

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
04.01.15	Austria - Hungary	0 - 2 (0-0, 0-1, 0-1)
04.01.15	Norway - France	1 - 2 SO (0-0, 1-1, 0-0)
04.01.15	Slovakia - Germany	7 - 3 (1-1, 3-0, 3-2)
05.01.15	Hungary - Norway	0 - 3 (0-0, 0-1, 0-2)
05.01.15	France - Slovakia	8 - 3 (2-0, 3-1, 3-2)
06.01.15	Germany - Austria	6 - 2 (1-1, 4-0, 1-1)
07.01.15	Hungary - Slovakia	7 - 1 (3-1, 2-0, 2-0)
07.01.15	Austria - Norway	2 - 3 (2-0, 0-0, 0-3)
07.01.15	France - Germany	4 - 3 (2-0, 1-1, 1-2)
08.01.15	Norway - Slovakia	5 - 4 SO (1-1, 2-2, 1-1)
09.01.15	Germany - Hungary	7 - 0 (1-0, 3-0, 3-0)
09.01.15	France - Austria	5 - 1 (3-0, 0-0, 2-1)
10.01.15	Germany - Norway	1 - 2 (0-0, 0-1, 1-1)
10.01.15	Slovakia - Austria	3 - 1 (1-0, 2-1, 0-0)
10.01.15	Hungary - France	1 - 2 (1-0, 0-1, 0-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	France	5	4	1	0	0	21 : 9	14
2	Norway	5	3	1	1	0	14 : 9	12
3	Slovakia	5	2	0	1	2	18 : 24	7
4	Germany	5	2	0	0	3	20 : 15	6
5	Hungary	5	2	0	0	3	10 : 13	6
6	Austria	5	0	0	0	5	6 : 19	0

Final Placing

1	France	4	Germany
2	Norway	5	Hungary
3	Slovakia	6	Austria

France is promoted to the 2016 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship.
Austria is relegated to the 2016 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I Qualification.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Emilie Kristiansen	NOR
Best Defenceman:	Lenka Curmova	SVK
Best Forward:	Estelle Duvin	FRA



France defeated eventual silver medalists Norway 2-1 in overtime before running the table and winning promotion.
Next year's U18 Women's Worlds will be the first time that a French women's team will compete in a top division IIHF tournament
Photo: Yann Cornu

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I Qualification

Katowice, Poland

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
19.04.15	Kazakhstan - China	2 - 1 SO (1-0, 0-1, 0-0)
19.04.15	Denmark - Great Britain	9 - 0 (2-0, 4-0, 3-0)
19.04.15	Italy - Poland	5 - 1 (4-1, 1-0, 0-0)
21.04.15	Great Britain - Italy	0 - 1 (0-1, 0-0, 0-0)
21.04.15	China - Denmark	0 - 5 (0-3, 0-0, 0-2)
21.04.15	Poland - Kazakhstan	6 - 1 (3-0, 0-1, 3-0)
22.04.15	Denmark - Italy	6 - 1 (2-1, 0-0, 4-0)
22.04.15	Poland - China	9 - 0 (4-0, 3-0, 2-0)
22.04.15	Great Britain - Kazakhstan	1 - 2 (0-0, 1-0, 0-2)
24.04.15	Italy - Kazakhstan	2 - 1 (0-0, 1-1, 1-0)
24.04.15	China - Great Britain	2 - 1 (0-0, 1-1, 1-0)
24.04.15	Poland - Denmark	1 - 5 (1-0, 0-2, 0-3)
25.04.15	China - Italy	0 - 2 (0-0, 0-1, 0-1)
25.04.15	Great Britain - Poland	1 - 4 (1-2, 0-2, 0-0)
25.04.15	Kazakhstan - Denmark	0 - 4 (0-1, 0-0, 0-3)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Denmark	5	5	0	0	0	29 : 2	15
2	Italy	5	4	0	0	1	11 : 8	12
3	Poland	5	3	0	0	2	21 : 12	9
4	Kazakhstan	5	1	1	0	3	6 : 14	5
5	China	5	1	0	1	3	3 : 19	4
6	Great Britain	5	0	0	0	5	3 : 18	0

Final Placing

1	Denmark	4	Kazakhstan
2	Italy	5	China
3	Poland	6	Great Britain

Denmark qualified for the 2016 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Eugenia Pompanin	ITA
Best Defenceman:	Josefine Hansen	DEN
Best Forward:	Kamila Wieczorek	POL



Swiss starlet: 17-year-old Switzerland forward Alina Muller (left) has already participated in the Olympic Games (she was 15 at the time), the Women's World Championship, and the U18 Women's Worlds.
Photo: Matt Zambonin / HHOF-IIHF Images

2015 IIHF Inline Hockey World Championship

Tampere, Finland

Top Division Preliminary Round

Group A

Date	Game	Score
05.07.15	Sweden - Czech Republic	4 - 5 (3-0, 0-1, 1-2, 0-2)
05.07.15	Slovenia - Finland	2 - 9 (2-3, 0-3, 0-2, 0-1)
06.07.15	Sweden - Slovenia	4 - 3 (1-1, 2-1, 0-0, 1-1)
06.07.15	Finland - Czech Republic	7 - 3 (0-0, 5-1, 1-1, 1-1)
07.07.15	Czech Republic - Slovenia	3 - 2 (1-0, 2-1, 0-0, 0-1)
07.07.15	Finland - Sweden	9 - 1 (2-0, 2-0, 1-0, 4-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Finland	3	3	0	0	0	25 : 6	9
2	Czech Republic	3	2	0	0	1	11 : 13	6
3	Sweden	3	1	0	0	2	9 : 17	3
4	Slovenia	3	0	0	0	3	7 : 16	0

Group B

Date	Game	Score
05.07.15	USA - Germany	7 - 3 (2-0, 3-2, 1-0, 1-1)
05.07.15	Slovakia - Canada	2 - 5 (1-0, 0-1, 0-2, 1-2)
06.07.15	USA - Slovakia	6 - 0 (2-0, 3-0, 1-0, 0-0)
06.07.15	Canada - Germany	6 - 4 (3-0, 2-1, 0-2, 1-1)
07.07.15	Germany - Slovakia	1 - 2 SO (1-0, 0-1, 0-0, 0-0)
07.07.15	Canada - USA	5 - 4 OT (1-0, 3-2, 0-0, 1-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Canada	3	2	1	0	0	16 : 10	8
2	USA	3	2	0	1	0	17 : 8	7
3	Slovakia	3	0	1	0	2	4 : 12	2
4	Germany	3	0	0	1	2	8 : 15	1

Playoff Round

Quarter-Finals

Date	Game	Score
09.07.15	USA - Sweden	2 - 5 (0-0, 1-3, 1-0, 0-2)
09.07.15	Czech Republic - Slovakia	3 - 4 (1-1, 1-1, 0-2, 1-0)
09.07.15	Finland - Germany	6 - 3 (3-2, 2-0, 0-0, 1-1)
09.07.15	Canada - Slovenia	6 - 5 (0-3, 0-1, 5-0, 1-1)

Classification Games

Date	Game	Score
10.07.15	Czech Republic - Germany	4 - 1 (0-0, 1-0, 0-1, 3-0)
10.07.15	USA - Slovenia	5 - 2 (2-1, 1-0, 1-0, 1-1)
11.07.15	Germany - Slovenia	5 - 4 (1-2, 1-0, 2-1, 1-1)

Semi-Finals

Date	Game	Score
10.07.15	Finland - Slovakia	4 - 3 SO (1-0, 1-0, 1-1, 0-2)
10.07.15	Canada - Sweden	6 - 2 (1-0, 0-1, 1-1, 4-0)

Bronze Medal Game

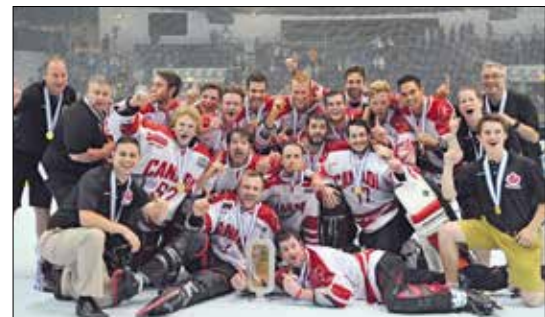
Date	Game	Score
11.07.15	Sweden - Slovakia	5 - 4 (0-1, 2-1, 2-1, 1-1)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
11.07.15	Finland - Canada	2 - 4 (1-1, 0-1, 0-0, 1-2)

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Vladimir Neumann	SVK
Best Defenceman:	Adam Ross	CAN
Best Forward:	Jimi Palanto	FIN



(Left) Canada got revenge for the 2015 finals loss by beating the Finns on their own turf. In Division I, Australia made another great run through to the final but was stopped in overtime by last year's bronze medalists Croatia (right). Photos: Esa Taka-Prami

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Division I

Preliminary Round

Group C

Date	Game	Score
05.07.15	Latvia - Austria	12 - 0 (3-0, 1-0, 3-0, 5-0)
05.07.15	Bulgaria - Great Britain	1 - 16 (1-0, 0-7, 0-5, 0-4)
06.07.15	Latvia - Bulgaria	18 - 1 (5-0, 6-0, 5-0, 2-1)
06.07.15	Great Britain - Austria	5 - 4 (0-1, 2-3, 2-0, 1-0)
07.07.15	Austria - Bulgaria	8 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 3-0, 2-0)
07.07.15	Great Britain - Latvia	5 - 6 (2-4, 1-1, 1-1, 1-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Latvia	3	3	0	0	0	36 : 6	9
2	Great Britain	3	2	0	0	1	26 : 11	6
3	Austria	3	1	0	0	2	12 : 17	3
4	Bulgaria	3	0	0	0	3	2 : 42	0

Group D

Date	Game	Score
05.07.15	Croatia - Hungary	1 - 5 (1-0, 0-2, 0-2, 0-1)
05.07.15	Argentina - Australia	3 - 6 (1-2, 0-1, 1-1, 1-2)
06.07.15	Croatia - Argentina	7 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 4-0, 2-0)
06.07.15	Australia - Hungary	7 - 2 (0-0, 3-1, 0-0, 4-1)
07.07.15	Hungary - Argentina	3 - 4 OT (2-0, 1-1, 0-1, 0-1)
07.07.15	Australia - Croatia	4 - 9 (0-2, 1-3, 1-1, 2-3)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Croatia	3	2	0	0	1	17 : 9	6
2	Australia	3	2	0	0	1	17 : 14	6
3	Hungary	3	1	0	1	1	10 : 12	4
4	Argentina	3	0	1	0	2	7 : 16	2

Playoff Round

Quarter-Finals

Date	Game	Score
09.07.15	Australia - Austria	6 - 3 (2-0, 0-2, 2-1, 2-0)
09.07.15	Great Britain - Hungary	7 - 5 (0-0, 3-1, 2-0, 2-4)
09.07.15	Croatia - Bulgaria	23 - 0 (6-0, 4-0, 7-0, 6-0)
09.07.15	Latvia - Argentina	4 - 5 (0-1, 1-0, 1-4, 2-0)

Classification Games

Date	Game	Score
10.07.15	Hungary - Austria	7 - 1 (1-1, 2-0, 0-0, 4-0)
10.07.15	Latvia - Bulgaria	14 - 0 (2-0, 1-0, 4-0, 7-0)
11.07.15	Latvia - Hungary	3 - 4 (0-2, 1-0, 1-0, 1-2)

Semi-Finals

Date	Game	Score
10.07.15	Great Britain - Australia	4 - 7 (2-0, 2-3, 0-2, 0-2)
10.07.15	Croatia - Argentina	7 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 2-0, 2-0)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
11.07.15	Great Britain - Argentina	3 - 2 (1-0, 1-1, 1-0, 0-1)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
11.07.15	Croatia - Australia	5 - 4 OT (1-1, 0-1, 3-1, 0-1)

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Mate Tomljenovic	CRO
Best Defenceman:	Cameron Todd	AUS
Best Forward:	Ivan Jankovic	CRO



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First Round

Group A - Sofia, Bulgaria

Date	Game	Score
26.09.14	Beostar Belgrade - Izmir BJBSK	20 - 2 (7-2, 9-0, 4-0)
26.09.14	CSKA Sofia - CG Puigcerda	3 - 2 (1-0, 2-0, 0-2)
27.09.14	CG Puigcerda - Beostar Belgrade	5 - 1 (1-0, 1-0, 3-1)
27.09.14	Izmir BJBSK - CSKA Sofia	3 - 19 (1-6, 1-7, 1-6)
28.09.14	Izmir BJBSK - CG Puigcerda	1 - 20 (0-6, 0-7, 1-7)
28.09.14	CSKA Sofia - Beostar Belgrade	10 - 2 (3-0, 3-1, 4-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	CSKA Sofia	3	3	0	0	0	31 : 7	9
2	CG Puigcerda	3	2	0	0	1	27 : 5	6
3	Beostar Belgrade	3	1	0	0	2	23 : 17	3
4	Izmir BJBSK	3	0	0	0	3	6 : 59	0

CSKA Sofia advances to Second Round Group B.

Second Round

Group B - Bremerhaven, Germany

Date	Game	Score
17.10.14	Tilburg Trappers - Belfast Giants	1 - 4 (0-1, 0-3, 0-0)
17.10.14	CSKA Sofia - Fischtown Pinguins Bremerhaven	2 - 6 (0-1, 1-1, 1-4)
18.10.14	Belfast Giants - CSKA Sofia	6 - 2 (2-1, 2-1, 2-0)
18.10.14	Fischtown Pinguins Bremerhaven - Tilburg Trappers	4 - 0 (0-0, 3-0, 1-0)
19.10.14	CSKA Sofia - Tilburg Trappers	4 - 5 (2-1, 1-0, 1-4)
19.10.14	Belfast Giants - Fischtown Pinguins Bremerhaven	2 - 4 (1-1, 1-1, 0-2)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Fischtown Pinguins Bremerhaven	3	3	0	0	0	14 : 4	9
2	Belfast Giants	3	2	0	0	1	12 : 7	6
3	Tilburg Trappers	3	1	0	0	2	6 : 12	3
4	CSKA Sofia	3	0	0	0	3	8 : 17	0

Fischtown Pinguins Bremerhaven advances for next round GROUP D

Due to the withdrawal of the Kompanyon Kyiv, Belfast Giants as the higher ranked 2nd placed team from the 2nd round advance to the next round GROUP E

Group C - Brasov, Romania

Date	Game	Score
17.10.14	Dunaujvarosi Acélbikak - KH Sanok	2 - 6 (1-0, 1-3, 0-3)
17.10.14	Corona Brasov - Prizma Riga	3 - 2 (0-2, 3-0, 0-0)
18.10.14	KH Sanok - Prizma Riga	2 - 3 (1-0, 1-2, 0-1)
18.10.14	Dunaujvarosi Acélbikak - Corona Brasov	2 - 3 (1-2, 0-1, 1-0)
19.10.14	Prizma Riga - Dunaujvarosi Acélbikak	2 - 5 (0-4, 0-1, 2-0)
19.10.14	Corona Brasov - KH Sanok	3 - 4 (1-2, 0-1, 2-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	KH Sanok	3	2	0	0	1	12 : 8	6
2	Corona Brasov	3	2	0	0	1	9 : 8	6
3	Dunaujvarosi Acélbikak	3	1	0	0	2	9 : 11	3
4	Prizma Riga	3	1	0	0	2	7 : 10	3

KH Sanok advances to Third Round Group E.



Belarusian champion Neman Grodno won the 2015 IIHF Continental Cup Super Final, qualifying for next season's Champions Hockey League. Photo: Andre van Elten

Third Round

Group D - Ritten, Italy

Date	Game	Score
21.11.14	Yertis Pavlodar - Fischtown Pinguins Bremerhaven	3 - 2 (0-1, 0-1, 3-0)
21.11.14	Ritten Sport - Herning Blue Fox	5 - 1 (1-1, 3-0, 1-0)
22.11.14	Herning Blue Fox - Yertis Pavlodar	1 - 4 (1-0, 0-3, 0-1)
22.11.14	Fischtown Pinguins Bremerhaven - Ritten Sport	2 - 1 SO (1-0, 0-0, 0-1)
23.11.14	Ritten Sport - Yertis Pavlodar	0 - 4 (0-3, 0-1, 0-0)
23.11.14	Fischtown Pinguins Bremerhaven - Herning Blue Fox	2 - 1 (1-1, 0-0, 1-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Yertis Pavlodar	3	3	0	0	0	11 : 3	9
2	Fischtown Pinguins Bremerhaven	3	1	1	0	1	6 : 5	5
3	Ritten Sport	3	1	0	1	1	6 : 7	4
4	Herning Blue Fox	3	0	0	0	3	3 : 11	0

Yertis Pavlodar and Fischtown Pinguins Bremerhaven advance to 2015 IIHF Continental Cup Super Final.

Group E - Angers, France

Date	Game	Score
21.11.14	Belfast Giants - Neman Grodno	1 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 0-0)
21.11.14	KH Sanok - Angers Ducs	0 - 4 (0-1, 0-2, 0-1)
22.11.14	Neman Grodno - KH Sanok	2 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 0-0)
22.11.14	Angers Ducs - Belfast Giants	2 - 1 (2-0, 0-0, 0-1)
23.11.14	KH Sanok - Belfast Giants	3 - 5 (0-1, 3-2, 0-2)
23.11.14	Angers Ducs - Neman Grodno	3 - 4 (2-3, 1-1, 0-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Angers Ducs	3	2	0	0	1	9 : 5	6
2	Neman Grodno	3	2	0	0	1	6 : 4	6
3	Belfast Giants	3	2	0	0	1	7 : 5	6
4	KH Sanok	3	0	0	0	3	3 : 11	0

Angers Ducs and Neman Grodno advance to 2015 IIHF Continental Cup Super Final.

Super Final

Group F - Bremerhaven, Germany

Date	Game	Score
09.01.15	Angers Ducs - Neman Grodno	0 - 5 (0-3, 0-2, 0-0)
09.01.15	Fischtown Pinguins Bremerhaven - Yertis Pavlodar	5 - 4 (1-2, 2-0, 2-2)
10.01.15	Yertis Pavlodar - Angers Ducs	2 - 4 (0-1, 2-0, 0-3)
10.01.15	Neman Grodno - Fischtown Pinguins Bremerhaven	6 - 2 (2-0, 3-1, 1-1)
11.01.15	Yertis Pavlodar - Neman Grodno	3 - 4 SO (1-1, 1-2, 1-0)
11.01.15	Fischtown Pinguins Bremerhaven - Angers Ducs	3 - 2 SO (1-1, 1-1, 0-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Neman Grodno	3	2	1	0	0	15 : 5	8
2	Fischtown Pinguins Bremerhaven	3	1	1	0	1	10 : 12	5
3	Angers Ducs	3	1	0	1	1	6 : 10	4
4	Yertis Pavlodar	3	0	0	1	2	9 : 13	1

Neman Grodno wins the 2015 IIHF Continental Cup.

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First Round

Group A - Ankara, Turkey

Date	Game	Score
17.10.14	HK Poprad - Aisulu Almaty	2 - 1 (0-1, 1-0, 1-0)
17.10.14	Milenyum Ankara - HSC Csikszereda	4 - 3 (0-2, 2-0, 2-1)
18.10.14	Aisulu Almaty - HSC Csikszereda	15 - 0 (4-0, 7-0, 4-0)
18.10.14	Milenyum Ankara - HK Poprad	2 - 5 (0-2, 1-2, 1-1)
19.10.14	HSC Csikszereda - HK Poprad	0 - 10 (0-2, 0-4, 0-4)
19.10.14	Aisulu Almaty - Milenyum Ankara	12 - 0 (3-0, 6-0, 3-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	HK Poprad	3	3	0	0	0	17 : 3	9
2	Aisulu Almaty	3	2	0	0	1	28 : 2	6
3	Milenyum Ankara	3	1	0	0	2	6 : 20	3
4	HSC Csikszereda	3	0	0	0	3	3 : 29	0

HK Poprad advances to Second Round Group E.

Group B - Karvina, Czech Republic

Date	Game	Score
17.10.14	Sabres Vienna - Unia Oswiecim	15 - 3 (4-2, 4-0, 7-1)
17.10.14	SK Karvina - Bracknell Queen Bees	6 - 1 (2-0, 2-0, 2-1)
18.10.14	Sabres Vienna - Bracknell Queen Bees	8 - 1 (3-0, 3-1, 2-0)
18.10.14	Unia Oswiecim - SK Karvina	2 - 5 (1-3, 0-1, 1-1)
19.10.14	Bracknell Queen Bees - Unia Oswiecim	2 - 7 (1-2, 0-3, 1-2)
19.10.14	SK Karvina - Sabres Vienna	1 - 7 (0-2, 0-4, 1-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Sabres Vienna	3	3	0	0	0	30 : 5	9
2	SK Karvina	3	2	0	0	1	12 : 10	6
3	Unia Oswiecim	3	1	0	0	2	12 : 22	3
4	Bracknell Queen Bees	3	0	0	0	3	4 : 21	0

Sabres Vienna advances to Second Round Group F.

Group C - Liepaja, Latvia

Date	Game	Score
17.10.14	Jordal Oslo - SADH Majadahonda	4 - 1 (0-0, 2-0, 2-1)
17.10.14	Laima Riga - Herlev Hornets	1 - 3 (0-2, 0-0, 1-1)
18.10.14	SADH Majadahonda - Herlev Hornets	4 - 10 (0-5, 1-1, 3-4)
18.10.14	Jordal Oslo - Laima Riga	2 - 3 SO (0-0, 1-1, 1-1)
19.10.14	Herlev Hornets - Jordal Oslo	8 - 0 (3-0, 2-0, 3-0)
19.10.14	Laima Riga - SADH Majadahonda	2 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 1-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Herlev Hornets	3	3	0	0	0	21 : 5	9
2	Laima Riga	3	1	1	0	1	6 : 5	5
3	Jordal Oslo	3	1	0	1	1	6 : 12	4
4	SADH Majadahonda	3	0	0	0	3	5 : 16	0

Herlev Hornets advance to Second Round Group E.

Group D - Bolzano, Italy

Date	Game	Score
17.10.14	HC Neuilly sur Marne - Marilyn Budapest	3 - 1 (0-1, 2-0, 1-0)
17.10.14	Gric Zagreb - Bolzano Eagles	1 - 10 (0-2, 1-4, 0-4)
18.10.14	HC Neuilly sur Marne - Gric Zagreb	14 - 1 (4-0, 2-0, 8-1)
18.10.14	Bolzano Eagles - Marilyn Budapest	5 - 0 (3-0, 0-0, 2-0)
19.10.14	Marilyn Budapest - Gric Zagreb	8 - 2 (4-1, 3-1, 1-0)
19.10.14	Bolzano Eagles - HC Neuilly sur Marne	6 - 0 (1-0, 3-0, 2-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Bolzano Eagles	3	3	0	0	0	21 : 1	9
2	HC Neuilly sur Marne	3	2	0	0	1	17 : 8	6
3	Marilyn Budapest	3	1	0	0	2	9 : 10	3
4	Gric Zagreb	3	0	0	0	3	4 : 32	0

Bolzano Eagles advance to Second Round Group F.

Second Round

Group E - Nizhni Novgorod, Russia

Date	Game	Score
05.12.14	Sabres Vienna - HK Poprad	7 - 0 (2-0, 4-0, 1-0)
05.12.14	SKIF Nizhni Novgorod - SK Karvina	3 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 2-0)
06.12.14	Sabres Vienna - SK Karvina	2 - 1 SO (0-0, 0-0, 1-1)
06.12.14	HK Poprad - SKIF Nizhni Novgorod	1 - 7 (0-2, 0-4, 1-1)
07.12.14	SK Karvina - HK Poprad	6 - 2 (3-0, 2-0, 1-2)
07.12.14	SKIF Nizhni Novgorod - Sabres Vienna	3 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 1-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	SKIF Nizhni Novgorod	3	3	0	0	0	13 : 1	9
2	Sabres Vienna	3	1	1	0	1	9 : 4	5
3	SK Karvina	3	1	0	1	1	7 : 7	4
4	HK Poprad	3	0	0	0	3	3 : 20	0

SKIF Nizhni Novgorod advances to Final Round.

Group F - Lugano, Italy

Date	Game	Score
05.12.14	HC Lugano - Herlev Hornets	6 - 0 (2-0, 1-0, 3-0)
05.12.14	ESC Planegg - HC Neuilly sur Marne	4 - 1 (2-0, 0-1, 2-0)
06.12.14	ESC Planegg - Herlev Hornets	7 - 2 (4-0, 3-2, 0-0)
06.12.14	HC Neuilly sur Marne - HC Lugano	0 - 9 (0-3, 0-6, 0-0)
07.12.14	Herlev Hornets - HC Neuilly sur Marne	5 - 1 (0-1, 3-0, 2-0)
07.12.14	HC Lugano - ESC Planegg	5 - 2 (2-1, 2-0, 1-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	HC Lugano	3	3	0	0	0	20 : 2	9
2	ESC Planegg	3	2	0	0	1	13 : 8	6
3	Herlev Hornets	3	1	0	0	2	7 : 14	3
4	HC Neuilly sur Marne	3	0	0	0	3	2 : 18	0

HC Lugano advances to the Final Round.

Group G - Linköping, Sweden

Date	Game	Score
05.12.14	Linköpings HC - Bolzano Eagles	14 - 0 (4-0, 6-0, 4-0)
05.12.14	Espoo Blues - Aisulu Almaty	7 - 4 (2-2, 5-0, 0-2)
06.12.14	Espoo Blues - Bolzano Eagles	7 - 3 (2-1, 1-0, 4-2)
06.12.14	Aisulu Almaty - Linköpings HC	1 - 2 (0-1, 0-1, 1-0)
07.12.14	Bolzano Eagles - Aisulu Almaty	1 - 4 (0-1, 0-1, 1-2)
07.12.14	Linköpings HC - Espoo Blues	1 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 0-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Linköpings HC	3	3	0	0	0	17 : 1	9
2	Espoo Blues	3	2	0	0	1	14 : 8	6
3	Aisulu Almaty	3	1	0	0	2	9 : 10	3
4	Bolzano Eagles	3	0	0	0	3	4 : 25	0

Linköpings HC and Espoo Blues advance to Final Round.

Final Round - Espoo, Finland

Date	Game	Score
20.02.15	HC Lugano - Linköpings HC	0 - 9 (0-5, 0-1, 0-3)
20.02.15	SKIF Nizhni Novgorod - Espoo Blues	3 - 1 (0-1, 1-0, 2-0)
21.02.15	Espoo Blues - HC Lugano	6 - 5 OT (2-1, 2-3, 1-1)
21.02.15	SKIF Nizhni Novgorod - Linköpings HC	2 - 1 (0-0, 1-1, 1-0)
22.02.15	HC Lugano - SKIF Nizhni Novgorod	4 - 7 (0-2, 2-2, 2-3)
22.02.15	Linköpings HC - Espoo Blues	5 - 2 (0-1, 3-0, 2-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	SKIF Nizhni Novgorod	3	3	0	0	0	12 : 6	9
2	Linköpings HC	3	2	0	0	1	15 : 4	6
3	Espoo Blues	3	0	1	0	2	9 : 13	2
4	HC Lugano	3	0	0	1	2	9 : 22	1

SKIF Nizhni Novgorod wins the 2015 European Women's Champions Cup.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards		
Best Goalkeeper:	Meeri Raisanen	NIZ
Best Defenceman:	Mira Jalosuo	NIZ
Best Forward:	Anja Stiefel	LUG



Austria's Konstantin Komarek beats Germany's Dennis Endras in the shootout at the 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey Challenge Cup of Asia

Taipei City, Chinese Taipei

Top Division - Round robin

Date	Game	Score
14.04.15	Macau - Mongolia	1 - 8 (0-4, 1-2, 0-2)
14.04.15	United Arab Emirates - Thailand	5 - 2 (1-2, 1-0, 3-0)
15.04.15	Chinese Taipei - Macau	30 - 0 (8-0, 10-0, 12-0)
16.04.15	Mongolia - United Arab Emirates	1 - 6 (0-1, 0-2, 1-3)
16.04.15	Thailand - Chinese Taipei	0 - 9 (0-3, 0-2, 0-4)
17.04.15	Macau - Thailand	1 - 4 (0-2, 0-2, 1-0)
18.04.15	United Arab Emirates - Macau	7 - 0 (2-0, 2-0, 3-0)
18.04.15	Mongolia - Chinese Taipei	2 - 8 (1-2, 0-3, 1-3)
19.04.15	Thailand - Mongolia	2 - 6 (0-3, 2-0, 0-3)
19.04.15	Chinese Taipei - United Arab Emirates	5 - 4 (2-0, 1-4, 2-0)



2015
ICE HOCKEY
CHALLENGE
CUP OF ASIA
CHINESE TAIPEI
Taipei City

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Chinese Taipei	4	4	0	0	0	52:6	12
2	United Arab Emirates	4	3	0	0	1	22:8	9
3	Mongolia	4	2	0	0	2	17:17	6
4	Thailand	4	1	0	0	3	8:21	3
5	Macau	4	0	0	0	4	2:49	0

Final Placing

1	Chinese Taipei	3		Mongolia
2	United Arab Emirates	4		Thailand
		5		Macau

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Ahmed Al Dhaheeri	UAE
Best Defenceman:	Wei-Ting Chang	TPE
Best Forward:	Yen-Chin Shen	TPE



2015
ICE HOCKEY
CHALLENGE
CUP OF ASIA
KUWAIT
Kuwait City
Division I

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey Challenge Cup of Asia Division I

Kuwait City, Kuwait

Division I - Preliminary round

Date	Game	Score
18.04.15	Kyrgyzstan - Malaysia	6 - 5 (1-1, 3-2, 2-2)
18.04.15	Oman - India	6 - 5 SO (1-2, 3-1, 1-2)
18.04.15	Singapore - Kuwait	3 - 5 (1-2, 1-2, 1-1)
19.04.15	Malaysia - Oman	7 - 8 SO (2-3, 1-2, 4-2)
19.04.15	Kyrgyzstan - Singapore	2 - 4 (1-1, 0-2, 1-1)
19.04.15	Kuwait - India	10 - 2 (2-0, 2-0, 6-2)
21.04.15	Singapore - India	13 - 0 (4-0, 4-0, 5-0)
21.04.15	Kyrgyzstan - Oman	7 - 3 (2-2, 3-1, 2-0)
21.04.15	Kuwait - Malaysia	1 - 0 (0-0, 0-0, 1-0)
22.04.15	India - Kyrgyzstan	1 - 9 (1-3, 0-3, 0-3)
22.04.15	Malaysia - Singapore	1 - 4 (0-1, 1-2, 0-1)
22.04.15	Oman - Kuwait	0 - 5 (0-4, 0-1, 0-0)
24.04.15	Singapore - Oman	12 - 3 (5-1, 2-2, 5-0)
24.04.15	India - Malaysia	4 - 16 (1-6, 1-7, 2-3)
24.04.15	Kuwait - Kyrgyzstan	9 - 3 (2-0, 4-2, 3-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Kuwait	5	5	0	0	0	30:8	15
2	Singapore	5	4	0	0	1	36:11	12
3	Kyrgyzstan	5	3	0	0	2	27:22	9
4	Oman	5	0	2	0	3	20:36	4
5	Malaysia	5	1	0	1	3	29:23	4
6	India	5	0	0	1	4	12:54	1

Final Placing

1	Kuwait	4		Oman
2	Singapore	5		Malaysia
3	Kyrgyzstan	6		India

Macau is promoted to 2016 IIHF Challenge Cup of Asia.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Jasem Al Sarraf	KUW
Best Defenceman:	Mesha Al Ajmi	KUW
Best Forward:	Ban Kin Loke	MAS



Tournament winners Kuwait gather for a photo with newcomers Oman, which became an IIHF member in 2014.



Chinese Taipei continued its streak of success in Asian ice hockey, claiming its third consecutive Challenge Cup of Asia title.
Photo: Igotshot

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's Challenge Cup of Asia Division I

Taipei City, Chinese Taipei



2015
ICE HOCKEY
WOMEN'S
CHALLENGE
CUP OF ASIA
CHINESE TAIPEI
Taipei City
Division I

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
06.11.14	Chinese Taipei - Hong Kong	7 - 0 (1-0, 3-0, 3-0)
06.11.14	Chinese Taipei - Thailand	3 - 1 (0-0, 2-0, 1-1)
06.11.14	Hong Kong - Thailand	1 - 3 (1-1, 0-0, 0-2)
07.11.14	Thailand - Chinese Taipei	1 - 7 (0-3, 0-3, 1-1)
07.11.14	Hong Kong - Thailand	3 - 2 SO (1-2, 1-0, 0-0)
07.11.14	Chinese Taipei - Hong Kong	7 - 0 (1-0, 3-0, 3-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Chinese Taipei	4	4	0	0	0	24:2	12
2	Thailand	4	1	0	1	2	7:14	4
3	Hong Kong	4	0	1	0	3	4:19	2

Final Placing

1	Chinese Taipei	3		Hong Kong
2	Thailand			

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 Challenge Cup of Asia

Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Russia



2014
ICE HOCKEY
U20 CHALLENGE
CUP OF ASIA
RUSSIA
Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk

Round robin

Date	Game	Score
04.08.14	MHL - Japan	8 - 3 (2-1, 2-2, 4-0)
05.08.14	Kazakhstan - Korea	4 - 2 (2-1, 1-0, 1-1)
06.08.14	Japan - Kazakhstan	2 - 4 (1-1, 0-2, 1-1)
06.08.14	MHL - Korea	12 - 0 (3-0, 4-0, 5-0)
07.08.14	Japan - Korea	8 - 2 (1-1, 3-1, 4-0)
07.08.14	MHL - Kazakhstan	3 - 1 (0-0, 1-1, 2-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	MHL Red Stars	3	3	0	0	0	23:4	9
2	Kazakhstan	3	2	0	0	1	9:7	6
3	Japan	3	1	0	0	2	13:14	3
4	Korea	3	0	0	0	3	4:24	0

Final Placing

1	MHL Red Stars	3		Japan
2	Kazakhstan	4		Korea

IIHF Calendar of Events

IIHF TOURNAMENTS

Men's World Championships

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship		
2016	RUSSIA, Moscow & St. Petersburg	06 - 22.05.16
2017	GERMANY, Cologne & FRANCE, Paris	05 - 21.05.17
2018	DENMARK, Copenhagen & Herning	04 - 20.05.18
2019	SLOVAKIA, Bratislava & Kosice	03 - 19.05.19
2020	SWITZERLAND, Zurich & Lausanne	01 - 17.05.20

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group A		
2016	POLAND, Krakow	23 - 29.04.16

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group B		
2016	CROATIA, Zagreb	17 - 23.04.16

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II Group A		
2016	SPAIN, Jaca	09 - 15.04.16

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II Group B		
2016	MEXICO, Mexico City	10 - 16.04.16

IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division III		
2016	TURKEY, Istanbul	31.03 - 09.04.16

U20 World Championships

IIHF World Junior Championship		
2016	FINLAND, Helsinki	26.12.15 - 05.01.16
2017	CANADA, Montreal & Toronto	
2018	USA, TBA	
2019	CANADA, TBA	
2020	CZECH REPUBLIC, TBA	
2021	CANADA, TBA	

IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I Group A		
2016	AUSTRIA, Vienna	13 - 19.12.15

IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I Group B		
2016	FRANCE, Megeve	12 - 18.12.15

IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II Group A		
2016	LITHUANIA, Elektrenai	13 - 19.12.15

IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II Group B		
2016	SERBIA, Novi Sad	17 - 23.01.16

IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division III		
2016	MEXICO, Mexico City (applicant)	15 - 24.01.16

U18 World Championships

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship		
2016	USA, Grand Forks	14 - 24.04.16
2017	SLOVAKIA, TBA	
2018	RUSSIA, Chelyabinsk & Magnitogorsk	19 - 29.04.18

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I Group A		
2016	BELARUS, Minsk	09 - 15.04.16

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I Group B		
2016	ITALY, Asiago	18 - 24.04.16

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II Group A		
2016	ROMANIA, Brasov	04 - 10.04.16

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II Group B		
2016	SPAIN, Valdemoro	26.03 - 01.04.16

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III Group A		
2016	BULGARIA, Sofia	14 - 20.03.16

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III Group B		
2016	South Africa, TBA	15 - 19.02.16

Women's World Championships

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship		
2016	CANADA, Kamloops	28.03 - 04.04.16
2017	USA, TBA	
2019	FINLAND, TBA	
2019	CANADA, TBA	

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I Group A		
2016	DENMARK, Aalborg	25.03 - 01.04.16

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I Group B		
2016	ITALY, Asiago	04 - 10.04.16

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Group A		
2016	SLOVENIA, Bled	01 - 07.04.16

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Group B		
2016	TURKEY, Ankara	29.02 - 06.03.16

IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Div. II Gr. B Qualification		
2016	BULGARIA, Sofia	07 - 10.12.15

U18 Women's World Championships

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship		
2016	CANADA, St. Catharines	08 - 15.01.16

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I		
2016	HUNGARY, TBA	10 - 16.01.16

IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I Qualification		
2016	TBA	TBA

Inline World Championship

IIHF InLine Hockey World Championship		
2017	SLOVAKIA, TBA	TBA
2019	CANADA, TBA	

OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

Qualification Game		
2016	BULGARIA, Sofia - Bulgaria vs Georgia	10.10.15

Olympic Preliminary Qualification		
2016	Group K - ESTONIA, TBA	05 - 08.11.15
	Group L - SPAIN, Valdemoro	

Olympic Pre-Qualification		
2016	Group G - ITALY, TBA	11 - 14.02.16
	Group H - HUNGARY, Budapest	
	Group J - JAPAN, Sapporo	

Final Olympic Qualification		
2016	Group D - BELARUS, TBA	1 - 4.09.16
	Group E - LATVIA, TBA	
	Group F - NORWAY, TBA	

Olympic Winter Games		
2018	KOREA, PyeongChang	09 - 25.02.18
2022	CHINA, Beijing	04 - 22.02.22

YOUTH OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

Youth Olympic Winter Games		
2016	NORWAY, Lillehammer	12 - 21.02.16
2020	SWITZERLAND, Lausanne	10 - 19.01.20

IIHF CONGRESSES

IIHF Semi-Annual Congress		
2015	CROATIA, Dubrovnik	24 - 26.09.15

IIHF Annual Congress		
2016	RUSSIA, Moscow	TBA

NATIONAL TEAM BREAKS

2015/2016 Season		
1st International Break		24 - 30.08.15
2nd International Break		02 - 08.11.15
3rd International Break		14 - 20.12.15
4th International Break		08 - 14.02.16

Poland will host the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group A for the second year in a row.
Photo: Miroslaw Ring



New horizons: Chinese Taipei and the United Arab Emirates contested the final game of the 2015 IIHF Challenge Cup of Asia. The tournament hosts outlasted the Emirati in a tight game 5-4. Photo: Igotshot



2015/2016 IIHF Championship Program

Men's World Championships

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship

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

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I

GROUP A	GROUP B
Austria	Ukraine
Slovenia	Great Britain
Poland	Lithuania
Japan	Croatia
Italy	Estonia
Korea	Romania

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II

GROUP A	GROUP B
Netherlands	Australia
Belgium	New Zealand
Serbia	Mexico
Spain	Bulgaria
Iceland	Israel
China	DPR Korea

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division III

GROUP
South Africa
Turkey
Luxembourg
Hong Kong
Georgia
United Arab Emirates
Bosnia & Herzegovina

U20 World Championships

2016 IIHF World Junior Championship

GROUP A	GROUP B
Canada	Russia
Sweden	Slovakia
USA	Czech Republic
Denmark	Finland
Switzerland	Belarus

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I

GROUP A	GROUP B
Germany	Slovenia
Norway	Ukraine
Latvia	Poland
Italy	France
Austria	Japan
Kazakhstan	Great Britain

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II

GROUP A	GROUP B
Hungary	Romania
Lithuania	Spain
Korea	Australia
Netherlands	Belgium
Estonia	Serbia
Croatia	China

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division III

GROUP
Iceland
New Zealand
Mexico
South Africa
Turkey
Israel
Bulgaria



Next season Canada will host both of the top division IIHF Women's World Championships: the senior tournament in Kamloops, British Columbia, and the U18s in St. Catharines, Ontario. Photo: Francois Laplante / HHOF-IIHF Images

U18 World Championships

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship

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

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I

GROUP A	GROUP B
Germany	Hungary
Belarus	Slovenia
France	Japan
Norway	Ukraine
Kazakhstan	Italy
Austria	Korea

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II

GROUP A	GROUP B
Lithuania	Estonia
Poland	Spain
Great Britain	Serbia
Netherlands	Belgium
Croatia	China
Romania	Iceland

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III

GROUP A	GROUP B
Australia	South Africa
Mexico	New Zealand
Bulgaria	Hong Kong
Chinese Taipei	
Israel	
Turkey	

U18 Women's World Championships

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship

GROUP A	GROUP B
USA	Finland
Canada	Sweden
Russia	Switzerland
Czech Republic	France

Women's World Championships

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship

GROUP A	GROUP B
USA	Sweden
Canada	Switzerland
Finland	Japan
Russia	Czech Republic

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I

GROUP A	GROUP B
Germany	Latvia
Austria	Netherlands
France	China
Denmark	Hungary
Norway	Italy
Slovakia	Kazakhstan

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II

GROUP A	GROUP B
DPR Korea	New Zealand
Great Britain	Mexico
Korea	Spain
Poland	Iceland
Croatia	Australia
Slovenia	Turkey

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Group B Qualification

GROUP
Hong Kong
South Africa
Bulgaria
Romania

2016 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I

GROUP	QUALIFICATION
Japan	Due to high interest, a new format and participants will be determined at the 2015 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress in September.
Norway	
Slovakia	
Germany	
Hungary	
Denmark	



Finnish fans will no doubt be out in force in Helsinki when the 2016 IIHF World Junior Championship kicks off at Hartwall Arena. Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images

IIHF Supplier Pool

Giving around the globe

The IIHF Equipment Supplier Support Program has been in operation since 1994, successfully bringing together the IIHF and equipment manufacturers to help grow ice hockey by distributing equipment to Member National Associations.

In the intervening years it has changed as required so that it is now well established and continues to benefit the sport. This program, striving to support the other IIHF sport development initiatives - enables players new to ice hockey to experience the fun of playing and get involved for little or no cost.

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



IIHF Partners

Making things official

NIKE - OFFICIAL APPAREL SUPPLIER OF THE IIHF

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. Since 1996, when Nike joined forces with the IIHF, it has produced the official IIHF uniforms at the Olympic Winter Games as well as for the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, IIHF World Junior Championship and IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship.



Nike ice and board ads were visible in all IIHF World Championship events. Photo: Richard Wolowicz / HHOF-IIHF Images

TISSOT - OFFICIAL TIMEKEEPER OF THE IIHF

When the world turns white in winter, people's hearts and minds turn to hockey. To take advantage of the passion of these fans, Tissot has been involved with the Ice Hockey World Championships since 1998 and a partner of the IIHF for the same period. Indeed, currently Tissot is the award the players strive for at all levels of the IIHF Ice Hockey Championships for both men and women as well as at the IIHF InLine Hockey World Championship.

As the Official Timekeeper and Official Watch, Tissot is present and very visible at every game, and this year presented a special edition Quickster Ice Hockey watch to the best player on each team in every match of the World Championships, a way for Tissot to honor these great players and thank them for the enjoyment and passion they bring to the sport.



IIHF.com

Enhanced digital media consumption

2015 was a record year, not only on the tribunes of the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship arenas in Prague and Ostrava, but also in terms of media consumption on the IIHF's digital media platforms.

On average 402,014 fans per day from over 200 countries visited the official website IIHF.com during the IIHF's flagship event – that's a growth of 14.7 per cent compared to Minsk 2014. The official IIHF and World Championship websites had 49.5 million cumulative page views.

The bilingual website was the virtual arena for fans who were able to visit the Worlds or who followed it from elsewhere. They were able to follow the games live, watch the highlights and view photos, read stories from the games and take in the behind-the-scenes material produced by the staff on-site.

The official IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship app, which was available in several languages for four different operating systems, was downloaded by over 260,000 new users who were able to follow the games on their mobile phones and tablets. The app was used in over 14 million sessions in all continents during the event.

With the user growth rate in the World Championship month in social media more than doubled, the IIHF increased its number of Facebook users by 13.5 per cent during the month with a reach of the postings during the Worlds of over 66 million and to nearly 200,000 fans who follow the IIHF on Facebook by the end of July.

The Twitter account "IIHFHockey" had a reach of over 18 million during the World Championship when the number of followers grew by 10.1 per cent. By the end of July 84,000 hockey fans were following the IIHF's account on the micro-blogging platform.

Not only the number of fans was growing significantly but also the media offered to and consumed by fans. Thanks to a strong collaborative effort with the IIHF's exclusive marketing partner for the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, Infront Sports & Media, moving images became more widely available on com-

puters and mobile devices for hockey fans around the world, supplementing to a cumulative TV audience of around a billion in over 160 countries and territories.

The response to the new material was positive. Videos on the official World Championship platforms were viewed over 11.4 million times during the event especially on YouTube and Facebook – up 25 times compared to 2014. Fans were able to watch highlights, interviews, on-ice sessions with players or the popular jumbrotron clips with the mascots Bob & Bobek.

Many fans in countries with no exclusive TV rightholders made use of the live stream to watch games not shown on TV in their territories while they were able to see the most recent stats and news on their computers or mobile devices.

With the recently launched Instagram account the IIHF reached a new audience of mobile phone users through the photo-sharing platform, especially during the 2015 Worlds. The account grew to 14,000 fans during the event and the number increased further by 11 per cent during the 2015 IIHF Inline Hockey World Championship, which tripled its media consumption in terms of videos and social media consumption.

Among the other highlights with many great storylines, photos and highlight clips from the games was the coverage from tournaments such as the 2015 IIHF World Junior Championship in Canada, the U18 Worlds in Switzerland, the Women's Worlds in Sweden and the 2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group A in Poland where Hungarians fans visibly followed their team's long-awaited promotion to the top division with passion.

Also outside of major events it's always worth to have a look at the IIHF's digital media platforms with live coverage and stories also from the lower divisions, news from other international events and from developments in the IIHF's member nations and initiatives to grow hockey worldwide. Thanks to the co-operation with several organizing committees, content was provided not only in English in 2015 but also in other languages including Czech, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Polish, Russian and Swedish.

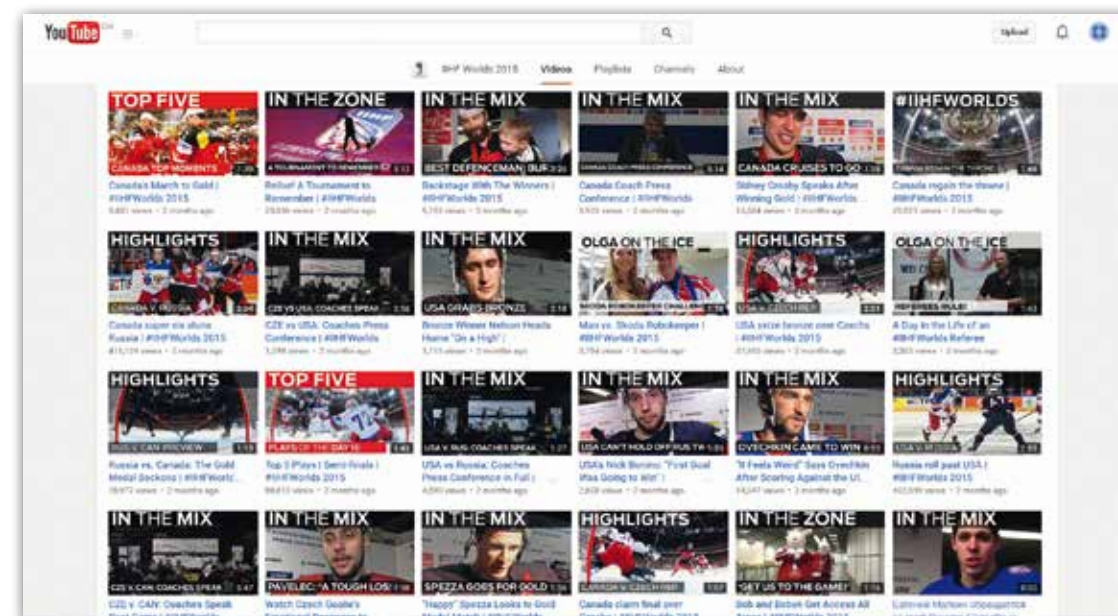


The IIHF camera crew provided comprehensive coverage of the 2015 Worlds.

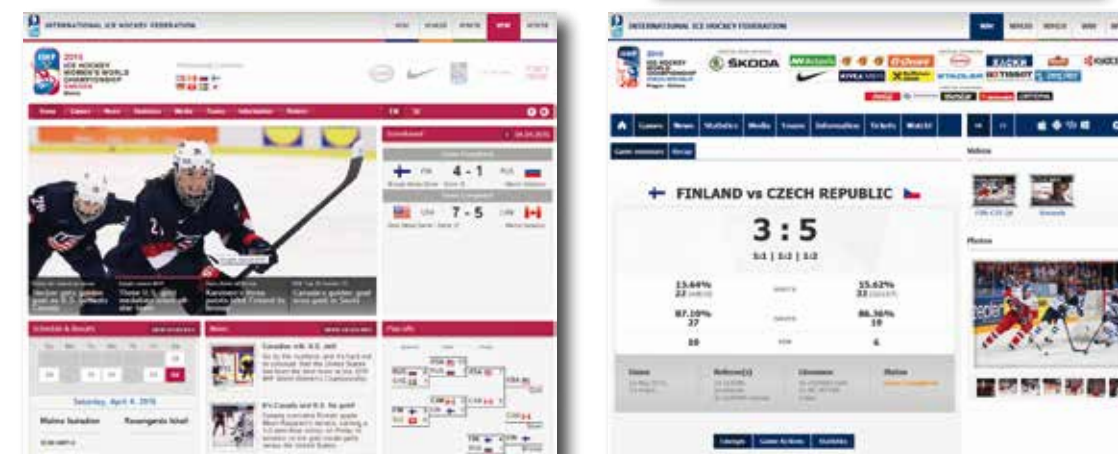
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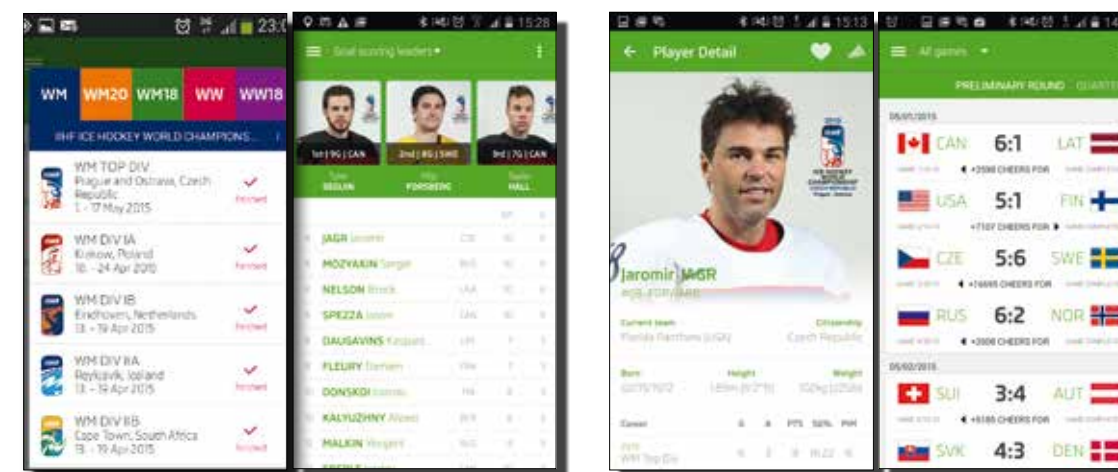
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The IIHF Youtube page, combined with on Facebook and Twitter drew over 11.4 million views (below left) from the 1st to the 19th of May.



Above: The IIHF tournament channel pages posted record numbers and along with the IIHF App (below) continues to build followers.



New at the Hall Hockey Hall of Fame

NHLPA GAME TIME

The Hall of Fame's core interactive model rink attraction featuring Shoot Out and Shut Out simulation games attracts much interest from visitors of all ages. Key new features include a dynamic new video scoreboard and presentation system that cycles pre-produced content and live feeds from the two simulation games, the integration of EA Sports NHL14 animations and a GameCAM video System that records every simulation game along with scoring metadata so that guests can immediately download and share their game experience via social media.

TSN/RDS BROADCAST ZONE

The Hockey Hall of Fame has been unveiling a series of new interactive exhibits within the TSN/RDS Broadcast Zone, an area dedicated in providing an immersive, entertaining and educational first-hand look at the evolution of television hockey broadcasting. Using state-of-the-art technology, guests can explore and experience the TV broadcast world from a variety of angles, both on and off the camera.

In the updated TSN/RDS Broadcast Pods, overlooking the NHLPA Game Time model rink attraction, guests choose from a menu of classic hockey games and then put them behind the microphone to try their hand at calling the action. The Cisco HHOF GameCAM Video System records every broadcast so guests can immediately download and share their experience with the world via social media.

At the new TSN Top 10 Challenge Zone, guests are invited to watch and rank an assortment of 10 highlight segments, based on various categories, which run simultaneously on a 14-foot grid of high-definition screens. The patron's results are then matched to the actual ratings determined by the hockey gurus at TSN's SportsCentre.

The most recent exhibit launch took place this past March Break with the unveiling of the new TSN SportsCentre. This exact replica of the Sportscentre studio at TSN offers guests an opportunity to "audition" and test their sports anchor skills in front of a camera. As is the case with the broadcast pods, all performances are recorded via the Cisco HHOF GameCAM Video System which allows participants to download and later share their clip online.

HOCKEY HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCES NEW CHAIR OF THE BOARD

On March 25, 2015, Jim Gregory, Vice-Chair of the Hockey Hall of Fame, announced that one of hockey's most distinguished team leaders, Lanny McDonald, would become the next Chair of the Board effective July 1, 2015. The appointment to fill the vacancy left by the untimely passing of Pat Quinn last November was confirmed at the March Board of Directors meeting in Toronto with the effective date to occur following McDonald's final meeting as a member of the Selection Committee in June.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS NOTES

- Scotty Bowman, David Branch, Brian Burke, Marc de Foy, Mike Gartner and Anders Hedberg were re-appointed each to a further term on the Selection Committee for the 2015, 2016 and 2017 selection proceedings.
- The general voting Members ratified new By-law Nos. 25 and 26 which, among other amendments, provide for improved voting procedures applicable to all categories of Honoured Membership.

PARTNERSHIP BRIEFS

International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF), the governing body of international ice hockey and its 74-member country federations, has amended and extended its "Cooperation Agreement" with the Hockey Hall of Fame through December 31, 2022. Over the course of the new agreement, the HHOF will continue to provide services in connection with IIHF event photography assignments and related archiving, licensing and distribution, and the IIHF will provide further funding towards the revitalization of the Hall of Fame's Tissot World of Hockey Zone.



In 2015 Dominik Hasek was inducted into both the Hockey Hall of Fame and IIHF Hall of Fame.
Photo: Dave Sandford



Peter Forsberg giving his induction speech at the HOF ceremony in Toronto.
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Parting Shot

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Czech Republic goalie Ondrej Pavelec appears to do a pirouette as he tries to get back into position at the 2015 IIHF World Championship. Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images



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