

Passion Qualifies We wish you a master jump into 2015

## **International Masters Games Association**

IMGA is the global representative body of Masters sports.

It promotes lifelong competition, friendship and understanding between mature athletes, regardless of their age, gender, race, religion or sport status. The IMGA organises international multi-sport events for mature athletes. Although many such events have been successfully organised through the years, we understand the events in Turin, Italy, were not executed to the IMGA's and the athletes' satisfaction. We have therefore undertaken important steps in cooperation with IMGA members and the International Sports Federation to ensure that all future sports events will be executed at the highest level.

## You can participate!

We look forward to seeing you at one of our events in the years to come.

The games are open to everyone. You will be able to compete for yourself – there are no country delegations. In addition, all regional events are open events as athletes represent themselves and not their nations (even if an athlete isn't European, they can still take part in the European Masters Games). As a result, you have the opportunity to compete in more international events organised at a high standard.

## 2015 Winter World Masters Games in Québec City

Québec City will host one of the largest winter sport events in the world during the second edition of the Winter World Masters Games from 31 January to 8 February 2015.

With nine official sports and one demo sport on the programme, the 2015 Winter World Masters Games promise to be full of excitement. The sports programme includes:

- Alpine Skiing
- Long Track Skating
- Biathlon
- Cross Country Skiing
- Curling
- Ice Hockey
- Marathon Skating
- Short Track Skating
- Triathlon
- Snowshoeing Demo Sport

Québec City, North America's Winter Capital

Known worldwide for its generous winters, Québec City is the perfect backdrop for the Winter World Masters Games.

The 2015 Masters Games will take place in the festive atmosphere of the Québec Winter Carnival, the biggest winter carnival in the world. A UNESCO world heritage treasure and the only fortified city north of Mexico, Québec City is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Its European charm and modern North American appeal set off by a blend of history, culture and great gastronomy shape its distinctive character.

**Register now!** 

## 2015 Summer World Masters Games Nice

Organised by the City of Nice, the European Masters Games will be held for the first time in France from 1 October to 11 October 2015.

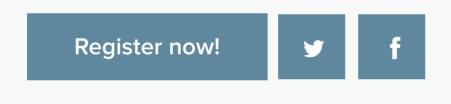




This multi-sport competition, open to everyone, will be the landmark sporting event of 2015 featuring 11 days of sport, with over 10,000 athletes expected to compete in 27 athletic disciplines:

athletics and road racing, sea rowing, badminton, basketball, orienteering, running, cycling, dance sport, fencing, football, weightlifting, handball, judo, karate, kayak (ocean racing), swimming and open water swimming, pétanque (demonstration sport), rugby, softball, squash, taekwondo, tennis, table tennis, archery, triathlon, sailing, volleyball, beach volleyball.

Take part in an extraordinary sporting adventure. A challenge to suit everyone!



2017 Summer World Masters Games Auckland, New Zealand Plans already in progress for the 9th World Masters Games in Auckland



In 2017, Auckland, New Zealand, will have the honour of hosting the world's largest multi-sport event.

Planning is well underway for the 9th World Masters Games with its confirmed competition dates of 21-30 April 2017. April is autumn in New Zealand, a warm sunny season perfect for playing sport and enjoying the outdoors.

Twenty-eight sports disciplines will be included in the official competition programme. They will be played across 45 competition venues – lakes, parks, the stadium, clubs and pools, all prepared at an incredibly high standard and surrounded by beautiful nature.

With the venues announced, athletes can now start planning their trips to Auckland. A wide range of accommodation options are available across the city and for those who like staying close to their sports venue, and an interactive map is now available on the event website.

"We have some incredible events and ceremonies planned for the 10-day festival and, to those considering Auckland, we can only say it will be worth the trip. We know participants love to enjoy the local hospitality once the competition is over. Auckland will not disappoint in this respect because, whether you enjoy food and wine, sightseeing and getting outdoors, or shopping and partying, this wonderful city has it all," says Jennah Wootten, Organising Committee Chief Executive.

For further information, to sign up for a newsletter or join the community, visit www.worldmastersgames2017.co.nz or follow the event on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Google+ via the address @wmg2017.

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**Jens V. Holm** Chief Executive Officer

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