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IIHF World U20 Championship Division I Group A	Norway
IIHF World U20 Championship Division I Group B	Poland
IIHF World U20 Championship Division II Group A	Japan
IIHF World U20 Championship Division II Group B	Estonia
IIHF World U20 Championship Division III	China

IIHF World U18 Championship	Canada
IIHF World U18 Championship Division I Group A	Denmark
IIHF World U18 Championship Division I Group B	Kazakhstan
IIHF World U18 Championship Division II Group A	Hungary
IIHF World U18 Championship Division II Group B	Netherlands
IIHF World U18 Championship Division III Group A	China
IIHF World U18 Championship Division III Group B	Israel

IIHF World Women's Championship	USA
IIHF World Women's Championship Division I Group A	Japan
IIHF World Women's Championship Division I Group B	France
IIHF World Women's Championship Division II Group A	Hungary
IIHF World Women's Championship Division II Group B	Korea

IIHF World Women U18 Championship	Canada
IIHF World Women U18 Championship Division I	Japan

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IIHF Inline Hockey World Championship Division I	Great Britain

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Back Photo: A USA player draped in his country's flag after winning gold at the 2013 U20 World Championship.

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Under the Dome: Sweden and Canada stand with the fans at Globe Arena for the national anthem, ahead of the World Championship quarter-final.

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Silver Swiss: Switzerland captured its first World Championship silver medal since 1935. 11 players scored five or more points as the team made a tournament run for the ages.
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Gotcha: Canada's Jayna Hefford scores on Switzerland's Sophie Anthamatten at the 2013 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship.
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Pure Joy: The party begins in Ufa for 2013 World Junior Champions the United States.
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The Mental Game: Germany's André Rankel gets into focus at the 2013 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.
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Report of the President

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2012/2013 will go down in our federation's history as the season when the IIHF, for the first time and in an organized manner, integrated athletes into our organization. One might say that this is long overdue, and I agree, but there were practical and political reasons why this didn't happen before.

It was the new composition of the IIHF's committee structure that paved the way for active athlete involvement. After the 2012 General Congress in Tokyo (the federation's 135th congress by the way) two new committees were introduced to our program; the Player Safety Consulting Group and the Athletes Committee. Goaltending icon Vladislav Tretiak is the chairman of the latter committee and other members are Philippe Bozon, Sean Burke, Sergei Fyodorov, Saku Koivu, Angela Ruggiero and Jaroslav Spacek, all accomplished Olympians and multiple World Championship participants.

The Player Safety Group includes Mathieu Schneider and Mattias Norström, U.S. and Swedish internationals respectively with vast NHL experience. There is no question that the input from these outstanding hockey players will help us with key issues like player safety, equipment, and rules, all of which are intertwined.

It is beyond any doubt that safety of our athletes is a key challenge, not only for our federation, but for our sport. Ice hockey has changed dramatically in the last 15 years. Rule changes like taking away the red line and stricter rule interpretations against restraining fouls have made our game faster. The combination of this with bigger and better trained athletes is most likely the reason behind increased number of concussions.

The impact of collisions has become overwhelming. We have identified this as the number one issue in our game. It must be remembered that concussions not only hurt the game at the highest level, but have a trickle-down effect all the way to the grassroots program. It is something that may potentially hurt the very base of our sport – recruitment.

■ Another pillar in the IIHF's structure is the men's World Championship. This flagship tournament roughly funds all other 20-25 tournaments in our World Championship program.

That the World Championships remains as a successful template for generating a healthy profit for hockey development was demonstrated by the Finnish part of the co-hosted 2012-2013 IIHF World Championships. Not only did the Finnish Ice Hockey Association and its organizing committee report an impressive return, but FIHA announced publically how the funds will be distributed over the course of the next decade for the benefit of Finnish hockey development.

It is therefore a concern that the Swedish half of the two-year joint venture reported a loss for exactly the same product over the course of two years. It is the first time in the history of the IIHF World Championships that an organizer came out with red figures. It is our duty to carefully analyze what happened and why, and document how there can be such a discrepancy between two organizers presented with the same opportunities.

■ For the remainder of the four-year mandate period, which began in Tokyo last year, the IIHF's regional focus will be primarily on one emerging market and one old. As PyeongChang, Korea was awarded the 2018 Olympic Winter Games, we have a great opportunity to make inroads into Asia and it is our duty to seize this opportunity and target other big markets in Japan and China.

We must realize that just because the Olympic Games are coming to a certain place, it does not automatically mean that there will be an upswing in a certain sport's popularity. Very little will happen if there is no concrete plan how to benefit from the growing enthusiasm for sport in the region and what to do with the available resources.

The old market which will be at the centre of attention is Europe. As this is written, it is exactly one year after our Barcelona Forum to which we invited all stakeholders, our MNAs, the leagues and the clubs with the ambition to improve our relations and to upgrade European competition both on the club side as well as on the national team side.

One year later we can show noticeable progress on the club competition side after one year of different working group activities where all parties were involved. It is our ambition to start with a new European club competition in autumn of 2014.

■ It seems like yesterday when Sidney Crosby scored the overtime winner for Canada in the gold medal game at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, but as this publication is presented to our members and partners it will be five months left to the puck drop in Sochi.

As President of the IIHF, I am very proud of the fact that Sochi 2014 will be the fifth consecutive Olympic ice tournament with best-on-best participation. It is the IIHF's duty to present the opportunity to our member associations to be able to select their best players to a competition where the world expects the very best.

This was made possible through the cooperation with the National Hockey League and its Players Association and I would like to thank our friends at the NHL and NHLPA for their willingness to be a partner on the biggest stage offered in sports.

After Nagano 1998, Salt Lake City 2002, Turin 2006 and Vancouver 2010 another great chapter in the

history of international ice hockey will be written in Sochi. To call a favourite is impossible.

The USA has not won the Olympics since 1980, but since then USA Hockey has done a tremendous job in the last 10-15 years in developing programs and players. It's not a coincidence that USA is the only country which medaled in all six IIHF categories this past season: WM – Bronze, WM20 – Gold, WM18 – Silver, WW – Gold, WW18 – Silver.

Finally, my most sincere gratitude and appreciation to our member national federations and their staffs of volunteers for their dedicated work in 2012/2013. It is the IIHF's hope that we get the same kind of commitment for 2013/2014.

René Fasel
IIHF President



IIHF President René Fasel awarding Team USA the 2013 IIHF U20 World Championship trophy.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images





Up and Coming: Team Norway salutes its fans after a game at the 2013 Worlds. With an Olympic berth, rising player registration numbers and consistent performance at the top division, the future looks bright for Norwegian ice hockey.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images

Report of the General Secretary

Change is often a good thing, especially change which breaks up routines and which prompts a new inflow of energy.

Within the IIHF, we had two events where we tried a new approach and it worked to full satisfaction.

■ One was the gathering of all new IIHF committees in one place, in Zurich in February 2013. The value of having all newly elected chairmen together with new members of the committees being able to interact while exchanging views and experiences was for many an eye-opener, and this intermingling between the Council members and committee people triggered many interesting discussions.

The event ended with a general meeting when everyone was in the same room and where each committee presented their goals and action plans and where the committee representatives could take questions from members of other committees. As a whole, it was a very uplifting experience that everyone involved felt created a new spirit within the IIHF family.

■ The second event which needed a reform in structure was our Congress. Leading up to the Annual Congress in Stockholm at the end of the men's 2013 World Championship, it was decided by the new Council to apply a more casual approach, with a different seating arrangement (in groups instead of an "assembly") and with an emphasis on more interaction between the Council and the delegates and between the delegates.

Several sessions, instead of being "dictated" by the Council on the podium, were instead moderated by Mr Paul Romanuk which created a much more interactive and constructive environment. One appreciated feature was the "Council hour" where the thirteen Council members and some of the life members took their place among the delegates to trigger discussions about the member associations' main concerns. Following the hour, a summary of issues and discussion points was presented by the moderator.

Both modifications to these events indicate strongly that old-school "preaching" from the podium is not the most efficient way to have your members absorb

a message. In a more casual setting the delegates are also more likely to stand up and speak to an issue.

■ To continue on the topic of "new", the Barcelona Hockey Forum in June created an entirely new spirit in European ice hockey. We went there under the motto "Together" and exactly one year later we could see what unity, achieved through identifying common goals, can bring.

When this is written, we haven't yet achieved our ultimate goal (a new European club competition), but what has definitely been accomplished is that the IIHF has regained the trust of the leagues and clubs in Europe to a point where we no longer see each other as representatives of different organizations, but as stakeholders in a common project where the game and its progress is at the centre of attention.

While in Barcelona, and listening to presenters from other sports, we learned from the best and from them who had the same challenges some years ago, but who are well past that stage.

As yet another gesture of the newborn spirit and co-operation, the IIHF has offered that the office of the new club competition be hosted at the IIHF grounds in Zurich. If things go according to the action plan, in one year from now you will be able to read about the concrete structure of the new project under the auspices of a newly founded shareholding company with the clubs, leagues and the IIHF as stakeholders.

■ After two Council terms (eight years), the IIHF office has gone through some necessary restructuring in order to keep up with the changing world of ice hockey, to be able to serve our stakeholders in a more efficient way and to accommodate legitimate requests from some of the staff for new challenges.

In compliance with the ExCo's and Council's directive of reducing staff, these are the changes which were implemented between the end of the World Championship and the end of the last budget year:

Sport Department: Aku Nieminen has assumed the role of the new Sports Manager, while Andy Ecker is the new Sport Data Manager, mainly responsible



for maintaining the player data base and the transfer data base. Simona Richiger moves from Administration to Sport as coordinator.

Marketing Department: Russian-speaking Olesya Müller will combine her new position at 50% in Marketing and 50% in the Event Department. Also in the Event Department, Luzia Baldauf will be responsible for the club competitions, Continental Cup and European Women's Champions Cup.

Administration Department: Iris Hänni will split her duties 50/50 as Legal Manager and Assistant to the General Secretary, while Finance Coordinator Adrian Oggier will split work with the Sport Department, assisting in game-officials coordination. Lastly, Florence Schelling, two-time Olympian and World Championship "Best Goaltender" and 2011 bronze medalist, takes on the new position combining reception with IT coordination.

I would like to extend appreciation and a sincere thank you to the following staff who left the IIHF over the course of the last twelve months: Rob van Rijswijk, Darryl Easson, Nicole Bosshardt, Tim Broadbent and Tanya Foley.

Looking back, it has been a very good year for the IIHF and the Zurich office where we are well prepared to take on the challenges of an Olympic year. I would like thank all who contributed to this, especially the staff, both at the office and our external contributors.

Horst Lichtner
IIHF General Secretary



The 2012-2016 IIHF Council:

Top Row (from left): Frank Gonzalez, Tony Rossi, Luc Tardif, Vladislav Tretiak, Igor Nemecek, Henrik Bach Nielsen, and Christer Englund.

Bottom Row (from left): Thomas Wu, Beate Grupp, Kalervo Kummola, René Fasel, Bob Nicholson, Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer, and Horst Lichtner.

Photo: Martin Merk





*Shower Time: Swiss goaltender Nicola Aeberhard gets a mask full of snow at the U18 World Championship.
Photo: Matthew Murnaghan / 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. President of the AIOWF. Recipient of the French Legion of Honour Award in 2004. Recipient of Russia's Order of People's Friendship in 2011. Chairman of the Historical Committee.



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 Co-ordination 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 has been Hockey Canada's president and CEO since 1998. IIHF Council Member since 2012. He manages a staff of 95 people within five offices across Canada and oversees all operations for competitions that Canada participates in internationally, including in 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. Chairman of the Competition & Inline Committee and the Development & Coaching Committee.



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. Active in government and sports sectors, Wu 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. Joined the IIHF Council in 2012. Chairman of the Asian Strategic Planning Group.



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. Chairwoman of the Social & Environment Committee.



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. Joined the IIHF Council in 2012. Chairwoman of the Women's Committee.



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 champion-



ships with Casco-Viejo and later with C.G. Puigcerdà. 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.

Englund, Christer (SWE)

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



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 Legal 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. Joined the IIHF Council in 2012. Chairman of the Medical Committee.



Igor Nemecek (SVK)

Born on August 28, 1961 in Bratislava, Slovakia. Nemecek worked for Slovan Bratislava and continued at the Slovak Ice Hockey Federation as a Sports Manager responsible for Junior National Teams. 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 also joined the Slovak Olympic Committee where he is the Vice President and responsible for winter sports. He also served as General Secretary of



the 2011 IIHF World Championship Organizing Committee in Slovakia. Joined the IIHF Council in 2012. Chairman of the Event Committee.

Luc Tardif (FRA)

Born on March 29, 1953 in Trois-Rivières, Canada. Tardif played ice hockey in his native country from age three 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. He was named Chef de Mission of the French delegation for the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi. Joined the IIHF Council in 2012.



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. Joined the IIHF Council in 2012. Chairman of the Athletes Committee.



Lichtner, Horst (GER)

General Secretary

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



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IIHF Survey of Players

2012/2013 Season

FEDERATION	PLAYERS				REFEREES		RINKS		PARTICIPATION in 2013 IIHF Championships	POPULATION
	Registered	Senior	Under-20	Female	Male	Female	Indoor	Outdoor		
Andorra	56	23	24	9	0	0	1	0		85,293
Australia	3658	2,203	1,067	388	375	29	20	0	WM IIA, WM20 IIB, WM18 IIB, WW IIA	22,262,501
Austria	11,372	5,867	4,853	652	413	22	45	72	WM, WM20 IA, WM18 IB, WW IA, WW18 I	8,221,646
Belarus	7,255	3,219	3,977	59	127	0	30	3	WM, WM20 IA, WM18 IA	9,625,888
Belgium	1032	255	732	45	38	3	18	1	WM IIA, WM20 IIB, WM18 IIB, WW IIB	10,444,268
Bosnia & Herzegovina	203	58	135	10	6	0	2	0		3,875,723
Bulgaria	488	61	378	49	30	1	3	5	WM IIB, WM20 III, WM18 IIIA, WW IIBQ	6,981,642
Canada	625,152	91,379	446,543	87,230	31,804	1,484	2,631	5,000	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	34,568,211
China	610	118	308	184	63	32	58	43	WM IIB, WM20 III, WM18 IIIA, WW IB, WW18 IQ	1,349,585,838
Chinese Taipei	546	65	439	42	35	4	4	0	WM18 IIIA	23,299,716
Croatia	552	99	402	51	14	1	2	4	WM IIA, WM20 IB, WM18 IIA, WW IIB	4,475,611
Czech Republic	107,722	82,003	23,209	2,510	4,333	206	158	23	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	10,162,921
Denmark	4,198	1,627	2,165	406	102	4	25	0	WM, WM20 IA, WM18 IA, WW IA	5,556,452
DPR Korea	1,575	640	420	515	20	0	3	12	WM III, WW IB	24,720,407
Estonia	1,341	568	700	73	23	1	7	6	WM IB, WM20 IIB, WM18 IIA	1,266,375
Finland	66,636	24,778	37,071	4,787	1,700	50	259	15	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	5,266,114
FYR Macedonia	126	79	47	0	0	0	1	4		2,087,171
France	18,041	6,763	10,022	1,256	99	7	124	5	WM, WM20 IA, WM18 IA, WW IB, WW18 I	65,951,611
Georgia	335	80	255	0	4	0	3	1	WM IIIQ	4,555,911
Germany	34,256	9,586	21,556	3,114	192	17	201	45	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	81,147,265
Great Britain	6,798	2,289	3,815	694	292	27	84	0	WM IA, WM20 IB, WM18 IIA, WW IB, WW18 IQ	63,395,574
Greece	713	463	153	97	4	2	0	0	WM III	10,772,967
Hong Kong	1,337	597	661	79	9	0	4	0		7,182,724
Hungary	3,913	209	3,216	488	86	5	18	18	WM IA, WM20 IIA, WM18 IIA, WW IIA, WW18	9,939,470
Iceland	611	62	445	104	18	3	3	0	WM IIA, WM20 IIB, WM18 IIB, WW IIB	315,281
India	910	300	345	265	10	0	3	12		1,220,800,359
Ireland	297	189	70	38	14	4	0	0	WM III, WM18 IIB, WW IIBQ	4,775,982
Israel	653	270	374	9	5	0	2	0	WM IIB, WM18 IIB	7,707,042
Italy	6,909	2,002	4,502	405	156	6	45	24	WM IA, WM20 IB, WM18 IA, WW IIA, WW18 IQ	61,482,297
Japan	15,474	7,746	5,620	2,108	820	68	110	120	WM IA, WM20 IIA, WM18 IB, WW IA, WW18 I	127,253,075
Kazakhstan	4,324	444	3,773	107	46	7	18	81	WM IA, WM20 IB, WM18 IB, WW IB, WW18 IQ	17,736,896
Korea	2,106	120	1,796	190	62	11	43	4	WM IA, WM20 IIB, WM18 IB, WW IIB	48,955,203
Kuwait	340	89	179	72	1	1	2	0		2,695,316
Kyrgyzstan	330	228	102	0	6	0	1	4		5,548,042
Latvia	4,569	2,851	1,636	82	161	22	17	0	WM, WM20, WM18, WW IA	2,178,443
Liechtenstein	87	65	22	0	0	0	0	0		37,009
Lithuania	1,073	464	609	0	33	1	8	4	WM IB, WM20 IIA, WM18 IIA	3,515,858
Luxembourg	392	130	235	27	26	8	3	1	WM III	514,862
Macau	137	48	61	28	8	0	1	0		583,003
Malaysia	230	118	97	15	1	0	1	0		29,628,392
Mexico	2,345	390	1,597	358	18	2	23	0	WM IIB, WM20 III, WM18 IIIA	116,220,947
Mongolia	976	460	516	0	8	0	0	13	WM IIIQ	3,226,516
Morocco	156	82	56	18	3	0	2	0		32,649,130
Netherlands	2,888	1,465	1,194	229	45	5	26	2	WM IB, WM20 IIA, WM18 IIB, WW IB	16,805,037
New Zealand	1,277	665	428	184	50	10	6	3	WM IIB, WM20 III, WM18 IIIA, WW IIA	4,365,113
Norway	6,899	2,284	3,972	643	199	17	44	2	WM, WM20 IA, WM18 IA, WW IA, WW18 I	4,722,701
Poland	2,575	713	1,494	368	76	3	35	6	WM IB, WM20 IB, WM18 IB, WW IIA	38,383,809
Romania	1,188	156	947	85	52	5	6	15	WM IB, WM20 IIA, WM18 IIA	21,790,479
Russia	66,551	2,833	63,156	562	1,156	13	386	2,064	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	142,500,482
Serbia	652	192	449	11	24	2	3	1	WM IIA, WM20 IIB, WM18 IIB	7,243,007
Singapore	434	308	95	31	20	1	1	0		5,460,302
Slovakia	9,230	2,025	6,754	451	511	16	60	17	WM, WM20, WM18, WW IA, WW18 I	5,488,339
Slovenia	886	148	687	51	37	1	7	0	WM, WM20 IA, WM18 IA, WW IIA	1,992,690
South Africa	483	159	257	67	8	2	5	0	WM III, WM18 IIB, WW IIB	48,601,098
Spain	854	236	530	88	30	1	18	0	WM IIA, WM20 IIA, WM18 IIB, WW IIB	47,370,542
Sweden	64,214	13,060	47,968	3,186	3,169	81	352	139	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	9,119,423
Switzerland	26,466	11,476	14,082	908	1,021	40	158	29	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18 I	7,996,026
Thailand	145	53	83	9	15	3	11	0		67,448,120
Turkey	790	310	320	160	80	30	8	3	WM IIB, WM20 III, WM18 IIB, WW IIBQ	80,694,485
Ukraine	4,367	591	3,764	12	77	0	25	7	WM IB, WM20 IB, WM18 IB	44,573,205
United Arab Emirates	371	118	186	67	12	0	4	0	WM III, WM20 III	5,473,972
United States	510,279	137,766	306,813	65,700	23,056	1,247	1,898	85	WM, WM20, WM18, WW, WW18	316,668,567

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(all tournaments from the 2012/2013 season)

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

WM18 III	IIHF U18 World Championship Division III
WW	IIHF Women's World Championship
WW I	IIHF Women's World Championship Division I
WW II	IIHF Women's World Championship Division II
WW18	IIHF U18 Women's World Championship
WW18 I	IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I
WW18 IQ	IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I Qualification

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Belgium BEL
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Bulgaria BUL
Member since 1963



Canada CAN
Member since 1920



China CHN
Member since 1963



Chinese Taipei TPE
Member since 1983



Croatia CRO
Member since 1992



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



Denmark DEN
Member since 1946



DPR Korea PRK
Member since 1964



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



Finland FIN
Member since 1928



France FRA
Member since 1908



Germany GER
Member since 1909



Georgia GEO
Member since 2009



Great Britain GBR
Member since 1908



Greece GRE
Member since 1987



Hungary HUN
Member since 1927



Iceland ISL
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Team Canada wore black and yellow Livestrong jerseys in their first game of the Women's World Championship. Nike's line of Livestrong apparel raised money for the Livestrong Foundation to help people with cancer through programs and services.

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Tough Landing: Finland's Petri Kontiola and Latvia's Jass Koba get tangled up at the 2013 Worlds.
Photo: Richard Wolowicz / HHOF-IIHF Images

World Championship & Olympic Results timeline 1920-2013

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Shoichi Tomita	JPN

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Arto Sieppi	FIN

Financial Report

2010–2014

	Season 10/11 in 1'000 CHF	Season 11/12 in 1'000 CHF	Season 12/13 in 1'000 CHF Provisional Result	Season 13/14 in 1'000 CHF Budget Figures
INCOME				
Marketing Contracts	20,000	20,000	20,250	20,500
Sponsors and Suppliers	942	1,054	1,289	2,989
Olympic Contribution	11,606	5,299	4,152	43,646
Championship Income	2,606	5,414	5,585	4,305
Other Income	4,145	5,750	4,170	3,290
Total Income	39,299	37,517	35,446	74,730

	Season 10/11 in 1'000 CHF	Season 11/12 in 1'000 CHF	Season 12/13 in 1'000 CHF Provisional Result	Season 13/14 in 1'000 CHF Budget Figures
EXPENSES				
World Championships	19,856	20,111	21,552	22,015
Other Tournaments	343	263	0	0
InLine World Championship	262	328	373	448
Other Club Competitions	821	914	921	1,019
Olympic Games (incl. Qualification)	0	0	345	29,373
Committees	3,009	3,751	2,887	4,606
Congresses	401	438	1,905	824
Council	775	713	1,095	1,155
Operational Costs	15,021	11,096	11,199	10,965
Total Expenses	40,488	37,614	40,277	70,405
Gain/Loss	-1,189	-97	-4,831	4,325

The IIHF and Infront

Building upon joint momentum

As the popularity of ice hockey expands worldwide, the achievements for the IIHF flagship events pave an impression of future prospects and expansion.

In 2013, the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship continued its momentum as the leading winter sport event worldwide – with the IIHF/Infront collaboration embracing the ideal combination of ingenuity, innovation and experience.

This partnership has created not only best proof of how to build and maintain a world class sports entertainment property, but also of how to best synergise the know-how and competencies of a rights-holder and its marketing partner in order to create added value – not just for a one-off, but on an on-going basis.

The latest edition of the tournament highlights across the board how this blueprint for success has unfolded with real impact, drawing from past experience, delivering results in the present and building the foundations for innovation in the future:

Championing the IIHF's efforts to expand the sport globally

For the 2013 event in Sweden and Finland, broadcast reach equalled previous levels, with more than 118 countries receiving TV coverage and the global ice hockey fan community enjoying access through the IIHF YouTube channel. As a first in the tournament's history, broadcast exposure was secured in the United Kingdom and Ireland through an agreement with Premier Sport. Overall, Infront champions the breadth of the sport's television coverage and its digital media spread – always in synergy with the IIHF's efforts to extend ice hockey's reach and popularity in non-traditional markets through grass-root, player development or promotional activities.

Driving innovation forward - a cutting-edge sports tournament

By driving innovation forward and exploiting the latest technology available, the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship is ranked at the highest echelons as a truly exhilarating televisual sports experience. The 2013 event looked to improve once again in media production. With 20 cameras capturing the action already as standard, innovation for 2013 came from the addition of an ultra High Speed Camera to further enhance the viewer experience. The new camera was capable of capturing the most intricate game play and enhanced the full HD and stereoscopic theme to provide maximum excitement to the television audience.

Striving for client satisfaction

Behind the strong commercial appeal of the tournament is an impactful marketing concept supported by sound relationship management. Two points demonstrate this success: Firstly, client satisfaction levels are consistent and remain high year on year which creates long-standing loyalty towards the tournament. Secondly, Infront has been able to secure major blue chip brands with the capacity to not only lever-



age the communications value of the platform but also simultaneously promote the event through their own activities as affiliates.

Year on year, car brand Škoda expands its own record for the longest main sponsorship of a world championship in sports history – alongside other long term partners such as Tissot and Bauhaus involved since the mid nineties. New to the group in 2013 were Samsung, the



global market leader in high-tech electronics manufacturing and Actavis, the world's third-largest generic pharmaceutical company – both committed with a multi-year engagement.

Whilst Infront's activities in the digital media realm are of obvious benefit to the fans, it also adds to the visibility of the sponsors and lights the path for promotional synergies in the near future.

High quality assured: 360° full service approach

Another key factor behind the continued growth and success of the championship results from integrated, long-term IIHF/Infront collaboration: With its diverse scope of services, Infront is able to cover all relevant aspects, providing a one-stop-shop approach. With a full view across not only the media and marketing mix but also host market requirements, client demands and operational needs, no "puck" is left unturned - enabling first class delivery and optimum results for all stakeholders. The implication is a consistent and in-depth approach, which goes far beyond pure sales support. Instead it is a profound commitment to the property's success.

Infront 'thinks' Ice Hockey

And tying into the previous point: A long-term and in-depth partnership of this kind creates a shared passion for the sport. Living it and breathing it – year on year, each and every colleague involved feels part of the international ice hockey community and fully engages with its major properties. It is not the IIHF and Infront, it is one team that builds on history and looks to the future for continued success.

A blueprint for the future

In 2013, another successful IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship has added to the joint experience of the united team – though not an invitation to reduce the vigour. As the relationship grows, Infront takes the know-how forward with the IIHF and all existent stakeholders paving a path for the future expansion of international ice hockey. Furthermore, in the face of changing media landscapes, a more and more globalised sports market and rising competition for exposure from other high-level sports and entertainment properties, Infront is equipped to overcome the challenges and to leverage the exciting opportunities emerging in this dynamic environment - In full momentum for the sport of ice hockey.



*The Final Goal: The IIHF World Championship trophy awaiting the winner of the gold medal game.
Photo: Richard Wolowicz / HHOF-
IIHF Images*



Whiteout: Hartwall Arena in Helsinki was the secondary venue in Year 2 of the co-hosting effort with Sweden, but nonetheless drew big crowds at the 2013 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship. Photo by Matthew Murnaghan / HHOF-IIHF Images



IIHF Semi-Annual Congress Tokyo, Japan

September 25, 2012

The President opened the 2012 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress and welcomed all present to Tokyo. He expressed appreciation to Shoichi Tomita and the Japanese Ice Hockey Association for their assistance in organising the Congress. This was the first time an IIHF Congress was taking place in Asia.

The following former players from the international ice hockey family who had passed away since the last congress were honoured with a minute of silence.

Paul Cyr (CAN, 48)
Vladimir Krutov (RUS, 52)
Jean Ayer (SUI, 82)
Vladimir Vasiliev (RUS, 71)
Richard Bucher (SUI, 56)
Karl-Gustav Kaisla (FIN, 68)

Report of the IIHF Activities

IIHF President

In his opening remarks, René Fasel reminded the delegates about the significance of the upcoming General Congress and pointed out that this was the highest legislative body of the IIHF at which statutes and bylaws would be discussed and potentially changed. He stressed that the General Congress was the occasion where all power rested with the 72 member federations, who made the decisions and elected the representatives to whom they gave the mandate to implement their decisions until 2016.

With regard to the Council candidates, he outlined the importance of looking away from national interests and to recognise that the given mandate was to protect and serve the interest of the IIHF and grow international ice hockey.

Next he commented on the changes to the structure of the World Championship program, specifically the shifting of the levels below the top pool from a horizontal to a vertical system. This restructuring on all the levels had paid immediate dividends as games became more competitive and teams had found their natural place in the championship program. Nevertheless, the change to two groups of eight teams in the World Championship should be reflected on, as there were positive and negative aspects to consider.

The President then expressed his pleasure with the developments over the summer that had seen the IIHF, the top professional leagues in Europe and their clubs find common ground for constructive dialogue and identification of common goals. The Hockey Forum in Barcelona resulted in four Working Groups (Club Competition, National Team Breaks, Governance and Co-ordination Group) who were working in close cooperation.

The President also took the opportunity to praise the Finnish Ice Hockey Association for their hosting of the 2012 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship and commented how well they had utilised all the revenue streams available to a host organiser, which had generated a turn-over of more than 27 million Euro compared to the cost side of slightly over 19 million Euro. This had resulted in a net profit of more than 8 million Euro for the Finnish federation. The federation had directed about 90% of the profits into youth hockey and 10% into infrastructure projects

for the Vierumäki development centre and into other regional funds.

IIHF General Secretary

The General Secretary started his report by informing Congress about some infrastructural modifications at the Headquarters since the last congress.

Video Conference call devices had been set up in the old boardroom of the Villa and had been already used successfully with organising committees and other external partners. He mentioned that the IIHF IT Director could explain to any Member National Association (MNA) how to use and set up a similar program within each respective MNA.

Final Report of the Committee Chairmen

Asian Strategic Planning Group

Shoichi Tomita thanked the delegates and the President for taking the decision to have this Congress in Tokyo.

In 2009 the IIHF Asian Office had opened, operated by Jukka Tiikkaja on a two-year contract until 2011 and now run by Harald Springfield.

Tomita went on to explain the many projects and tasks that had been initiated by the Asian Office such as the Challenge Cup. His goal was to pass on the tools to the future to continue to build ice hockey within Asia. Shoichi Tomita concluded thanking everybody for their support in the Asian project.

Competition Committee

Murray Costello reported that this committee had dealt with the minimum standards, which would be beneficial to the international game.

The committee had also analysed the challenges of co-hosting, determining that the primary host should be among the top twelve nations.

Furthermore, Murray Costello commented on in-line hockey, which was getting more and more attention. He was pleased to report that the IIHF had been able to contract a sponsor for the first time. In addition, the hosts for the next four years had already been found.

Co-ordination Committee

Christer Englund commented that the discussions with clubs and leagues had improved. He stressed the importance to start with the implementation of the transfer guidelines, as there were more leagues in Europe and players moving around.

Development Committee

Frank Gonzalez referred to the Annual Report and commented on the successful development and high performance camps in Vierumäki in July with more than 500 participants from 46 nations. Secondly, he informed Congress that Council had approved the assistance programs for Austria and Slovakia.

Event Committee

Ernest Aljancic referred to the Annual Report and reminded that this committee's mandate was split into the two sections of Marketing and Event which was demanding at some times.

He then voiced his personal opinion, explaining that he understood the synergy of marketing and event, but that the members were experts in

different fields and sometimes had different interests.

Facilities and Environment Committee

Kalervo Kummola informed Congress that the arena building manual was available on the IIHF website in several languages. The committee had also completed their extensive research on synthetic ice. The third project of the committee was to establish a supplier pool, which had now been published but mainly consisted of companies from North America and Finland. He asked the delegates to provide contacts for their arena suppliers or builders in order for the IIHF Office to put them on the list.

History Committee

Tony Rossi reported on the success of the IIHF Hall of Fame inductions during the World Championship. The event was constantly improving and has begun to receive TV coverage.

Legal Committee

Frederick Meredith explained that the mandate of the legal committee was quite broad from EU matters to insurance. The committee had moved towards subcommittees to deal with the specific tasks, i.e. insurance and Statutes and Bylaws committees:

(1) Insurance

The whole work had been completed which had concluded with the third party liability insurance coverage. He however noted that the IIHF's third party liability did not remove the obligation that each host had to take out its own insurance when hosting an event and explained that the IIHF Office would help each member with their individual insurance within their country.

(2) Claims of CHL clubs

Although the case of SC Bern (SUI) had been concluded, two German clubs were also going against the IIHF in CAS (Court of Arbitration of Sport)

(3) Education Fee

The results of the Education Fee Workshop would be incorporated into the Education Fee Regulations with a presentation at the 2013 IIHF Annual Congress.

(4) EU

Five areas that were of interest to the IIHF were currently under consideration.

- Match fixing
- Regulating player agent activities (IIHF guidelines had been issued)
- Measures for sports bodies to improve governance
- How to react to complaints if an international federation (IF) was not following EU law with respect to marketing rights, tenders, etc.
- Transfer study.

The report on the transfer study would only become available in December 2012 and the IIHF Transfer Regulations would not be amended until this report was published.

Medical Committee

Murray Costello reported that the committee had met for the last time the previous month in Toronto, in conjunction with the AOSSM (American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine) meeting, which had been purely hockey specific.

He then stressed the fact that the IIHF Medical Supervisors had no authority at championships with respect to controlling player participation after injuries, especially in the case of concussions. He requested that all members would give high priority to pla-

yers' safety when allowing coaches or players to return to play after injuries and consequently to listen to their doctors.

Bob Nicholson (CAN) voiced his opinion about the players' safety being the most important aspect of the game and reported that Canada had specifically created an App with the aim to educate parents, coaches and players in this area. He suggested that an international App be launched worldwide.

Murray Costello went on to report on the e-learning process (anti-drug campaign). Although the site was available in five languages, he felt that it was necessary to translate it into more languages, in order to get the message across to all players.

Furthermore, with regard to anti-doping matters, he reported that the long-list of athletes for the Olympic competition was being requested one year in advance, i.e. February 2013, for test distribution planning as opposed to the IOC's traditional deadline of October 2013. This matter would need to be clarified with the IOC.

Bob Nicholson (CAN) asked to address the concern about the long-list submission date before the end of the Congress and pointed out that for most MNAs it would be a great challenge to put the list in on such an early deadline.

He also reported that the IIHF Registered Testing Pool (RTP) would become operational on 1 October 2012 and thanked the MNAs for their understanding and patience with recent adjustments. With this operational change the IIHF was now Code compliant.

Officiating Committee

Juraj Siroky provided a summary of the committee's key accomplishments over the past four years as well as their future recommendations.

- For the second year in a row, a pre-season seminar for the top IIHF officials (26) had been conducted in Magglingen (SUI). At this seminar, the officials participated in extensive fitness testing followed by classroom and ice sessions.
- Improvement had been made in the quality of the female officiating program. Female-specific development camps had been conducted.
- Cooperation between the IIHF and the MNAs had resulted in more efficiency in the operation of the exchange program.
- Greater cooperation and building relationships with the various IIHF committees had been achieved and especially in working with the Medical Committee pertaining to making the game safer.
- Continued improvement of the development camp program which allowed for distinction between new officials and IIHF top level officials. As a result, the overall professionalism of IIHF officials had improved.

Juraj Siroky then passed on some recommendations for the future committee:

- Continuation of the Referee Supervisor and Referee Supervisor-in-Training education programs.
- Continued cooperation of the IIHF and MNAs to improve the number and quality of the female officials and their officiating programs.
- To prepare a fitness and instructional seminar in preparation for top level female officials as part of their continued development and professionalism.
- Annual training and fitness camps for the top game officials to continue with special attention given to the next generation of top level officials.

Organisers' Reports

All chairmen and hosts had received the relevant information from the IIHF Office on administrative matters.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Sweden and Finland

The President reported that the IIHF World Championship meeting had been very constructive and no issues had come up.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II Group B in Turkey

Frederick Meredith reported that changes in the game starting times had been made and that there could be some security issues as Israel would be visiting Turkey.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division III Group in South Africa

Shoichi Tomita reported that two qualifiers would complete this group. The Zambonis would be using gas and the host would therefore have to submit an air quality report for the players.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division III Qualifying in the UAE

Harald Springfeld reported that there was no concern. Mongolia had not been present but would be contacted after the congress.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey World U20 Championship Division II Group B in Serbia

Ernest Aljancic reported that the host would decide between Novisad and Belgrade in three weeks. The General Secretary confirmed that the IIHF would stick to that deadline of 16 October 2012 and no further delay would be accepted.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey World U18 Championship Division I Group B in Poland

Christian Hofstetter on behalf of Veronika Mühlhofer reported that there was no concern. The schedule had however not yet been signed and the date had been changed to 1 to 7 April 2013.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey World U18 Championship Division III Group A in Chinese Taipei

Jan-Ake Edvinsson reported that due to a misunderstanding the host had not prepared the documentation for the teams, but promised to do so and distribute by E-Mail.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey World Women's Championship Division IB in France

Monique Scheier-Schneider reported that DPR Korea had not been present. She asked Harry Springfeld to intervene and urge DPR Korea to organise their visas in time. Based on recent withdrawals, the General Secretary asked to put a deadline for DPR Korea to confirm their participation.

No concerns were reported for the rest of the 2013 tournaments.

Report on Research Findings

The General Secretary explained that the co-hosting rules would be discussed in detail during the Statute and Bylaw Workshop scheduled for 26 September 2012 and would, ultimately, be voted on during the General Congress on Friday. He explained that the IIHF created the co-hosting rules based on not only discussions among relevant stakeholders, but also the research findings determined from the co-hosting research study. The General Secretary then explained in detail, by means of a PowerPoint presentation, the specific results of the research findings of the co-hosting study.

Kirovs Lipmans (LAT) asked to take a decision on the 2014 WM playing format at this congress.

Kalervo Kummola stated that with the experiences made in this year, it had been realised that with all games known up to the play off round, the fans very carefully selected which games they wanted to attend. He found positive and negative aspects in both playing systems.

The General Secretary confirmed that there would be a discussion on the format with 16 teams and the decision would be known by the end of the year.

Bob Nicholson (CAN) indicated that with respect to championships all issues including the NHLPA and international play, KHL, etc. had to be looked into. He explained that he recognised that some questions would have to be answered quickly and that was why all of these discussions had to take place in order for the IIHF to make quick decisions.

Proposed Rules for future Co-hosting

The proposed rules for future co-hosting were discussed in the Statutes and Bylaws Workshop on 26 September 2012.

The General Secretary reminded that this topic had already been presented at the last two congresses. He wanted to ensure that all delegates were aware that as of the end of this season, the IIHF would check operations of all MNAs applying to participate in the 2014 IIHF Championship Program to ensure that they met the corresponding Minimum Participation Standards. This implementation would start as of 15 April 2013. The requirements had been identified and specified in better wording in the new Statutes and Bylaws. Those specifications had to be fulfilled and he urged each MNA to pay great attention in this regard.

The General Secretary provided details to the presentation containing the overview as well as the impacts of the activities that had taken place over the past season on the IIHF accounts.

Yearly Accounts and Auditors Report

Yearly Accounts 2011-2012

The General Secretary explained the documentation on the Yearly Accounts which had been submitted to Congress. The financial report covering the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 was completed by the report of the external auditors.

IIHF Parking AG 2011-2012

The Yearly Account of the IIHF Parking AG covering the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 was also presented.

The General Secretary reported that his period as responsible person for the finances was completed after these four years, as these tasks would be taken over by the IIHF Treasurer.

He confirmed that all Olympic money would be paid in USD, which could make a big difference in the account depending on the exchange rate.

He was pleased to explain how more transparency had been achieved in the budget process. In January the committees submitted their budgets, which would be reviewed in the IIHF Office in February and presented to Council in February/March. After the Council's final input, the budget was presented to the Annual Congress in May.

The General Secretary then emphasised the Olympic contributions to the IIHF especially thanking the President for his negotiation skills which had ensured such a significant Olympic contribution from the IOC to the IIHF.

Additionally, the General Secretary reported that the IIHF no longer paid any taxes irrespective of the amount of income. He explained that the IIHF still paid taxes for salaries, etc.

With regard to the development of funds, he reported that a minimum of 20 million CHF had to be available. Also thanks to the work of the internal auditors the IIHF managed to keep the funds stable. The parting internal auditors would supervise the new internal auditors in the beginning.

Ron DeGregorio (USA) asked whether the General Secretary would still control the operating income in future, although a treasurer would be put in place.

The President responded that the General Secretary and the Finance Director, Gion Veraguth, would still be in charge with respect to daily operations in the office.

Ron DeGregorio (USA) then questioned the anticipation of another windfall of contributions from the 2014 Olympic Winter Games.

The President replied that he had some of the figures with respect to the 2014 sponsors explaining that similar numbers could be expected. The income greatly depended on the value of the dollar, as the IIHF paid the amounts out in Swiss Francs.

Auditors Report 2011-2012

Johnny Baumann presented the report of the Internal Auditors. He pointed out that the examination by the Internal Auditors revealed that the books of accounts represented a fair and honest view of the financial operations of the IIHF and Parkring AG.

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.

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 2011/12 were in accordance with the IIHF Statutes and Bylaws.

The full IIHF financial report for the season 2011/2012 is available online.

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, Council and Internal Auditors of their responsibilities for the period 1 July 2011 through 30 June 2012.

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

Other Business

Summary of Results on Injuries

Mark Aubry, Chairman of the Medical Committee, took the floor to talk about player safety and informed Congress that the Medical Committee had been collecting data over the past 14 years on medical related hockey injuries. This system allowed the Medical Committee to provide recommendations to the IIHF regarding safety standards.

He then went on to show a detailed summary on a seven-year study by means of a PowerPoint presentation.

Bob Nicholson (CAN) pointed out that the number of injuries at the WM had increased and Mark Aubry explained that this was due to the higher number of games.

Additionally, Bob Nicholson noted that the hits to the head should be watched and questioned whether face masks should not only be required in the U18 but also in the U20 competitions. Mark Aubry explained that this had been an on-going debate for two years and that there was a chance that players would have the tendency to take more risks due to the comfort of having a face mask on.

Jarvo Jalarvo (FIN) asked if there were figures from other leagues available to make a comparison.

Mark Aubry indicated that the IIHF was very careful in comparing the IIHF medical data with other leagues mainly because each league had different reporting structures which could po-

tentially lead to a very biased analysis between the IIHF and the respective league.

The Officiating Committee's secretary, Konstantin Komissarov, explained that the Officiating Committee had made a statistic regarding checking to the head and behind from the lowest division to the highest division. He indicated that the lower division had the highest hits to the head and from behind and stressed the importance to get the IIHF's position on checking to all players and parents via the MNAs. He explained that officiating lower division championships was becoming more difficult due to the checking and this resulted in the Officiating Committee having to place higher level officials in lower division championships.

Konstantin Komissarov concluded his remarks by asking the MNAs to follow the videos on the IIHF website to educate players.

Mohammed Asuraff (GBR) explained that the IIHF should use the new technology (e.g. iphone apps, facebook, etc.) to spread the respective information to the players. He urged the new Council to consider his suggestion.

Eran Aharonovich (ISR) pointed out the importance to obtain more figures about injuries from non-legal hits. Mark Aubry replied that the doctors were asked to indicate whether the particular injuries also correlated with a penalty to determine what improvements could be made from non-legal checks.

Don Rurak (AUS) reported that his federation started trending major penalties which had brought to light that the same players were engaging in major penalties. After determining that major trends existed with a particular player, the league instructed the club to warn the player regarding such.

Ole-Jacob Libaek (NOR) stated that there was already a concussion issue in the age group 8 to 18 and questioned whether the players' rules provided sufficient protection.

Mark Aubry confirmed that the culture of game had to be looked into and ways to change should be found.

Junior Club World Cup, Omsk

Dmitri Efimov, Managing Director of the Russian Junior Hockey League, presented a summary including a short video about the Junior Club World Cup in Omsk, Russia, held in August 2012.

The invitational tournament, age category U21, had been staged with ten teams from USA, LAT, RUS, CAN, SWE, CZE, FIN, DEN, NOR and BLR. A total of 24 games had been played and the tournament had been won by the Canadian team Sudbury Wolves in front of a crowd of 7,000.

Dmitri Efimov explained that this tournament was an excellent example of effective cooperation between the KHL, Junior Hockey League, Russian Ice Hockey Federation, Minister of Sport, Omsk Hockey Club and the government of the hockey region.

Before closing the 2012 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress, the President expressed his gratitude to everybody who had contributed towards the success of this Congress, especially the Japanese Ice Hockey Association for the excellent preparations. He thanked the General Secretary and the members of the Council for their support as well as the IIHF staff for the devoted work. Furthermore he thanked the delegates for their contributions to the discussions. With particular appreciation of the work by the interpreters Viktor Gusev, Vsevolod Kukushkin, Heide Mösslang and Meike Steckhan, the President declared the 2012 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress closed.



Eyes on the Puck Part 1: Swiss goaltender Sophie Anthamatten at the 2013 IIHF Women's World Championship.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images



IIHF General Congress Tokyo, Japan

September 26 & 28, 2012

The President identified eight areas as most vital to him for the upcoming new period of 2012 - 2016, which he addressed to Congress in his report.

He stressed the fact that the guiding principle would be TOGETHER, all together, only together would we be strong.

Three current Council members could not stand for the new Council due to age restrictions, namely Vice-President Shoichi Tomita, Vice-President Murray Costello and Council member Frederick Meredith. The President proposed to Congress to award them with the IIHF Life Membership.

In addition, the President proposed to Congress to award IIHF Life Membership to Ernest Aljancic, who had served nine years on the IIHF Council.

■ Congress approved the admission of the four new Life Members.

Lastly, the President proposed to Congress to award Johnny Baumann, serving as Auditor on three terms, with the IIHF Honorary Membership.

■ Council approved the admission of the new IIHF Honorary Member.

Election

President

Rene Fasel was the only candidate nominated for this position.

■ René Fasel was unanimously re-elected as President of the IIHF for the period 2012 – 2016 by Congress

Vice-Presidents

Vice President for Europe

Kalervo Kummola (FIN) was the only candidate nominated for this position.

■ Kalervo Kummola was unanimously re-elected as IIHF Vice-President for Europe for the period 2012 – 2016 by Congress.

Vice President for the Americas

Bob Nicholson (CAN) was the only candidate nominated for this position.

■ Bob Nicholson was unanimously elected as IIHF Vice-President for the Americas for the period 2012 – 2016 by Congress.

Vice President for Asia

Thomas Wu (HKG) was the only candidate nominated for this position.

■ Thomas Wu was unanimously elected as IIHF Vice-President for Asia for the period 2012 – 2016 by Congress.

Council Members

After concluding the election of the Vice-Presidents, the General Secretary moved on to the elections of the female candidates as required in Statute 42.

Female candidates

- 1) Dr. Beate Grupp (Germany)
- 2) Monique Scheier-Schneider (Luxembourg)
- 3) Shirley Rurak (Australia)
- 4) Dr Katerina Radostova (Czech Republic)
- 5) Dr Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer (Hungary)

■ Candidates elected for Council:

Dr Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer	60 votes
Dr Beate Grupp	59 votes

Second Round of Elections

The General Secretary confirmed that the IIHF had seven remaining seats to fill on the 2012 – 2016 IIHF Council. He indicated that the names of all remaining candidates including the three female candidates would now be listed on one ballot for the second round of elections. A maximum of seven votes could be cast. Each MNA has the right to vote for one or up to seven candidates, but a ballot would not count if it contained more than seven votes. The General Secretary encouraged all MNAs to exercise their right to vote and cast all seven votes and explained that a simple majority of votes would determine who was elected as a Council member.

Candidates:

- 1) Christer Englund (Sweden)
- 2) Frank Gonzalez (Spain)
- 3) Tony Rossi (USA)
- 4) Dr Slavko Azman (Slovenia)
- 5) Joaquin de la Garma (Mexico)
- 6) Dr Igor Nemecek (Slovakia)
- 7) Vladislav Tretiak (Russia)
- 8) Luc Tardif (France)
- 9) Vidar Gardarsson (Iceland)
- 10) Henrik Bach Nielsen (Denmark)
- 11) Dr Katerina Radostova (Czech Republic)
- 12) Shirley Rurak (Australia)
- 13) Monique Scheier-Schneider (Luxembourg)

After providing time for all MNAs to vote and time for the scrutineers to tally the votes, the General Secretary announced that all ballots casted were valid.

The secret vote was conducted with the assistance of the scrutineers and the result was announced as follows:

■ Candidates elected for Council:

Christer Englund	83 votes
Vladislav Tretiak	83 votes
Toni Rossi	80 votes
Frank Gonzalez	68 votes
Luc Tardif	67 votes
Igor Nemecek	61 votes
Henrik Bach Nielsen	56 votes

Auditors

The only two candidates proposed for election as auditors were Juraj Siroky (SVK) and Thomas Oetterli (SUI), who were elected by acclamation.

■ Juraj Siroky and Thomas Oetterli were unanimously elected as IIHF Internal Auditors for the period 2012 – 2016 by Congress.

Admission of New Member National Association

Following an Audit carried out by the IIHF in Qatar earlier this September, Council recommended to approve Associate Membership, as the requirements for Full Membership had not been met.

■ Congress unanimously approved to award Qatar Associate Membership.

Confirmation of Co-hosting Rules

The General Secretary clarified that the co-hosting rules had been explained at the Statute and Bylaw Workshop on 26 September 2012. He further explained that the reasoning for each single rule had been discussed and that

any concerns/issues had been addressed and duly noted. Additionally, he noted that the wording regarding a single applicant having to have participated in two out of the five prior World Championships had been reinstated as in the IIHF Bylaws.

Lastly, he explained that the IIHF General Congress, by voting to approve the Co-Hosting Rules provided the IIHF Office with the authority to amend any necessary IIHF Bylaws and/or Regulations to effectuate the co-hosting rules. He noted that with respect to the Bylaws, only Bylaw 701 would require minor changes to implement the co-hosting rules.

■ Congress unanimously approved the Co-hosting Rules.

Modifications to the Statutes and Bylaws

The General Secretary directed the distribution of the voting cards to Congress and the Council members based on the respective number of votes each Member National Association (MNA) and Council member was entitled.

The General Secretary explained that a 75% majority of votes was needed for a change to IIHF Statutes, and a 50% majority of the votes was needed for any change to the Bylaws.

After explaining all of the voting formalities and procedural matters, the General Secretary began the voting process, asking Congress to vote in one motion for the approval of all Housekeeping Changes in the Statutes.

■ Congress unanimously approved the housekeeping changes to the Statutes.

After voting on Housekeeping changes in both the Statutes and Bylaws, the General Secretary moved on to the Minor Changes in the Statutes.

■ Congress unanimously approved the Minor Changes to the Statutes including the new language discussed on the floor of Congress concerning Statute 41.

Statute 17 – Dissolution

The proposal is a requirement of the Swiss Tax Authorities for the IIHF to maintain its tax exemption status. The proposal requires that any excess of funds occurring from an IIHF dissolution be transferred (and held) in an earmarked account for the International Olympic Committee until a new Ice Hockey Federation with the same or similar objectives as the IIHF can be found and/or established.

■ Congress unanimously approved the changes in Statute 17.

Statute 19 (1) Membership Classes – Full Membership (old Statute 20)

Amendment which requires a full MNA who has not been involved in IIHF Ice Hockey Activities to two consecutive years to lose the right to vote until the MNA once again becomes fully active in IIHF ice hockey related activities. The amendment which is supported by Council ensures that MNAs are actively involved in IIHF ice hockey related activities.

Statute 20 Change of Membership Class (old Statute 22)

Amendment which allows the IIHF Congress to grant affiliate status to a governing body controlling in-line hockey in a country when the IIHF independently determines that the MNA of that country is not in a good position to develop in-line hockey. Council supports this amendment as it provides the IIHF with more control of in-line hockey.

■ Congress unanimously approved the changes in Statute 20.

Statute 21 Member in Good Standing (new Statute)

New statute which defines exactly what the requirements for a MNA to be in good standing according to the IIHF Statutes and

Bylaws. The amendment is supported by Council and among other things requires that a MNA fulfilling all requirements within its membership class meet all financial obligations with the IIHF and other MNAs, and requirements contained in Statute 22 through 26.

■ Congress unanimously approved the new Statute 21.

Statute 24 – Statutory Requirements

Amendment requiring all MNAs to issue Statutes and Bylaws, Regulations, and rules for the organisation and operation of ice hockey within their individual country and that such contain principles of good governance, and not stand in contradiction of IIHF statutes. The amendment is supported by Council and ensures the good order of international ice hockey.

■ Congress unanimously approved the changes in Statute 24.

Statute 34 – Administration of the IIHF (old statute 30)

Amendment to place General Congress tasks within the Annual Congress with the major tasks (election and Statute and Bylaw amendments) staggered every two years, i.e. Statutes and Bylaw amendments will take place in 2014 and every four years thereafter and elections will take place in 2016 and every four years thereafter. Council supports this amendment as it allows a newly elected Council to operate and implement its new goals and strategies.

■ Congress unanimously approved the changes in Statute 34.

Statute 52 – Internal Auditors

Amendments to require auditors to have only their 72nd or earlier birthday in the appointment year. Council supports this amendment as such adds consistency between the age of auditors and the age of Council members.

■ Congress unanimously approved the changes in Statute 52.

Bylaw 402 – Minimum Standards to participate in IIHF Ice Hockey Men's World Championship (old bylaw 202)

Amendment which requires the minimum number of participating male players to play on the IIHF designated minimum size ice rink. The Council supports this amendment as it prevents a MNA from creating a one-time ice rink just to meet minimum standards.

■ Congress unanimously approved this change in Bylaw 402.

Bylaw 403 – Minimum Standards to participate in IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship (old Bylaw 203)

Amendment which requires the minimum number of participating female players to play on the IIHF designated minimum size ice rink. The Council supports this amendment as it prevents a MNA from create a one-time ice rink just to meet minimum standards.

■ Congress unanimously approved this change in Bylaw 403.

Bylaw 404 – IIHF National League Statistical Requirements

New Bylaw which requires that each MNA participating in the IIHF Championship program to operate and maintain a fully functional on-line statistical system for any league in which players, who wish to participate in any IIHF Championship category, take part. Council supports this amendment as it creates transparency, reduces misinformation, provides sponsorship opportunities for MNAs, and allows the IIHF to provide a wider scope and sport presentation for reporting and research purposes.

■ Congress unanimously approved the new Bylaw 404.

Bylaw 406 (1.6) and (1.7) – Player Eligibility Rules for Participation in IIHF Championships and Olympic Competitions (old bylaw 205)

Amendments which require a player who has changed his citizenship, acquired/surrendered another citizenship or is a dual national to prove that he has participated for the respective MNA for two consecutive years after his 12th birthday

■ Congress approved this change to Bylaw 406 (1.6) and Bylaw 4.7 (1.7) by majority vote.

Bylaw 501 – International Games (old bylaw 301)

Amendment which requires that clubs wishing to participate in a cross-border league and/or league of a MNA that is not the MNA where the club is located must obtain the permission of the MNA where the club is located (this MNA shall consult the respective national league regarding such) and (2) obtain the permission of the MNA of the country where the club's future league is located.

■ Congress unanimously approved the change to Bylaw 501.

Bylaw 602 – Application to Host IIHF Competitions

Amendment which prevents a MNA from being eligible to apply to host the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships Division I Group A if it was relegated from the World Championship in the preceding season, unless there is no other application applying to host the championship and requires MNAs applying to host an IIHF Event to submit the application by 15 April prior to the IIHF Annual Congress in which the allocation is made.

■ Congress unanimously approved the change in Bylaw 602.

Bylaw 608 – Withdrawal from IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships (old bylaw 619)

Amendment will double fines for MNAs withdrawing their indication to participate or organise an IIHF competition if withdrawn after 1 September of the respective championship season preceding year (1 September two years prior to the event for organisers of the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships). Council supports this amendment as it creates an incentive for MNAs to withdraw participation and/or organisation in advance to allow the IIHF Office to reorganise the event.

■ Congress unanimously approved the changes in Bylaw 608.

Bylaw 614 – Promotion and Relegation

Amendment which requires one team of the three lowest seeded teams from a championship group which is cancelled to be drawn by lot and relegated to the lower division for the next season. Council supports this amendment as it prevents other division and groups not so cancelled from being affected in the same season due to a particular championship not operating for the lack of a host.

■ Congress unanimously approved the change in Bylaw 614.

Bylaw 701 – IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship

Amendment reintroduces the requirement that a MNA is not eligible to bid for hosting of the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships unless, at a minimum, it has participated at the level in two of the previous five years. However, the amendment now placed the requirement in Bylaw 602; Application to Host IIHF Competitions. Council supports this change as it accurately reflects the co-hosting rules.

Bylaw 703 – IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division III and Qualification;

Bylaw 804 – IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division III and Qualification;

Bylaw 808 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championships Division III and Qualification;

Bylaw 904 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Qualification; Bylaw 1004 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championships Division I and Qualification:

Amendment to all Championship Bylaws which eliminates the requirement that qualifications are played in the same year as the respective championship. Council supports this amendment as such came at the request of Congress.

The General Secretary requested the Congress to pass the amendments to Bylaw 703, 804, 808, 904, and 1004 in one lot as each Bylaw amendment contained language representing the same principle.

Bylaw 1104 Match Fixing

New Bylaw which requires players, team officials, on and off ice officials and IIHF representatives to not be involved, before and during an event, in any match fixing activities which are specifically defined in the Bylaw. Council supports this new bylaw to control and prevent sporting fraud within ice hockey.

■ Congress unanimously approved the new Bylaw 1104.

Bylaw 1207 – Expenses for the Referees, Linesmen and Referee Supervisors at IIHF Championships (old bylaw 1108);

Bylaw 1208 – Expenses for Referees and Linesmen at International Games (old bylaw 1107)

Amendment establishes a game fee of CHF 30 for referees at IIHF Championships, differentiates the referee and linesmen game fee (400 CHF and 200 CHF respectively) for games between national and senior teams, differentiates the referee and linesmen game fee for international senior club games (250 CHF and 130 CHF respectively) and provides 100 CHF for each additional travel day excluding the arrival and departure day for referees and linesmen. The General Secretary requested the Congress to pass the amendments to Bylaw 1207 and Bylaw 1208 in one lot as the amendment to both Bylaw 1207 and Bylaw 1208 relates to referee and linesmen fees.

■ Congress unanimously approved the changes to Bylaw 1207 and 1208.

Member National Association Proposals

After concluding the voting on all Housekeeping and Minor Changes and all Major Changes submitted by IIHF Committees, the General Secretary moved on to the Major Changes submitted by the various MNAs.

Statute 36 – Elections

The proposed amendment to Statute 36 had been submitted by Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Russia, Sweden, and USA. The Amendment required that in each round of voting, each MNA had to vote for a number of candidates equal to the number of positions remaining to be filled in that round and required that any ballot showing support for a number of candidates other than the number of positions remaining to be filled would be declared spoiled.

The General Secretary explained that Council did not support this amendment as the amendment removed a MNA's democratic right to not vote for an unfavourable candidate and could lead to unfavourable members on Council due to tactical voting.

■ Congress rejected the change in Bylaw 36 as amendment did not receive the respective 75% majority of votes

Bylaw 205 – Player Eligibility Rules for Participation in IIHF Championships and Olympic Competitions

The Irish Association had submitted two proposals both dealing with Irish nationality laws with respect to IIHF eligibility. The proposed amendments directly dealt with the difficulties that the Irish Association faced with players born in Northern Ireland being eligible to participate in IIHF competitions for Ireland.

Frederick Meredith explained that he had a long discussion with the Irish Association regarding their concerns. He provided a bit of explanation on the Good Friday Agreement and explained that confusion resulted from the interpretation of the Agreement with respect to citizenship and the application of IIHF Eligibility Bylaws.

The General Secretary indicated that Council did not recommend approving the proposed amendments. The General Secretary asked if any Member was in favour of the amendments. Ireland voted in favour of the amendments (2 votes).

Frederick Meredith and the General Secretary thanked the delegates for their active participation on the Statutes and Bylaws and asked for the Congress' approval to change sequences, where requested to confirm with Swiss Law or to better express and clarify the meaning of wording.

■ Congress rejected the change to Bylaw 205 as the amendment did not receive 75% majority of the votes.

Modifications to the Regulations

Sport Regulations

The General Secretary explained that the Sport Regulation amendment increased the commercial breaks from 60 to 70 seconds.

■ Congress unanimously accepted the change to the Sport Regulations.

Disciplinary Regulations

The General Secretary explained that all Disciplinary Regulations amendment

proposals were according to the Disciplinary Committee proposals and were specifically aimed at clarifying the Disciplinary Regulations.

■ Congress unanimously accepted the changes to the Disciplinary Regulations.

Championship Regulations

The General Secretary explained that the Championship Regulation amendment proposals all dealt with IIHF insurance requirements as detailed in the IIHF Insurance Guidelines. The first set of amendment proposals dealt with all of the IIHF Championships Events, whereas the second set of amendment proposals only dealt with the IIHF World Championship.

■ Congress unanimously accepted the changes to the Championship Regulations.

Bid Regulations

The General Secretary explained that because the Congress specifically approved the co-hosting idea/rules and the corresponding right for the IIHF to create the necessary amendments to IIHF Statutes, Bylaws, and Regulations to effectuate such, there were no written changes to the Bid Regulations at this time. He indicated that the IIHF would now make all necessary amendments to all IIHF Bylaws and Regulations to carry out all rules agreed to via the co-hosting rules.

Transfer Regulations

The General Secretary explained each Transfer Regulation proposal in turn.

Proposal 1

The General Secretary explained that proposal 1 aligned both the professional player and non-professional player appeal procedures and reduced the appeal time period for professional players by seven days.

■ Congress unanimously approved proposal 1 to the Transfer Regulations.

Proposal 2

The General Secretary explained that proposal 2 specifically clarified how the IIHF handled Letter of Approvals that expired after the transfer deadline.

■ Congress unanimously approved proposal 2 to the Transfer Regulations.

Proposal 3

The General Secretary explained that proposal 3 clarified that article 4.6 could be utilised for players who had been born in the country seeking clearance of the player to participate.

■ Congress unanimously approved proposal 3 to the Transfer Regulations.

Proposal 4

The General Secretary explained that proposal 4 extended the transfer deadline to 15 February of each year as requested by Annual Congress in Helsinki.

■ Congress unanimously approved proposal 4 to the Transfer Regulations.

Member National Association Transfer Regulation Proposals

Proposal 1 (Swiss Ice Hockey Association)

The General Secretary explained that Swiss Association's proposal defined that an international game of a national team had to be organised during an IIHF international break so as to allow clubs to plan and forecast the release of import players.

■ Congress unanimously approved the Swiss Association's proposal to the Transfer Regulations.

Proposal 2 (Belarusian Ice Hockey Association)

The General Secretary explained that the Belarusian Association's proposal created a requirement that a club respond to a MNA in writing within 7 days of receiving a request to release a player for international play. However, the General Secretary further explained that Council did not support the proposal as it felt the current wording of 11.7 was sufficient to assist the MNAs in obtaining approvals from clubs for the release of players.

The Belarusian Association voted for the proposal (2 votes).

■ Congress rejected the Belarusian Association's proposal as it did not receive the 50% majority of votes to be approved.

Medical Regulations

The General Secretary explained that the Medical Regulations amendment proposals were based on WADA's requirement that the IIHF created a Registered Testing Pool.

■ Congress unanimously approved the proposals to the Medical Regulation.

Interim Financial Statement per 30.09.2012

The General Secretary informed Congress that the IIHF would have to come back to Congress at the 2013 IIHF Annual Congress to provide an interim financial statement and discharge the responsibility of the Council members, as the Council of 2008-2012 would be in place until 30 September 2012.

■ IIHF to provide interim financial statement and discharge the responsibility of the 2008-2012 Council at the 2013 Annual Congress.

The General Secretary then reminded the MNAs to make sure that they had no outstanding invoices with the IIHF or other MNAs. The IIHF finance department would send out reminders to those MNAs that had debts with a deadline of 15 April 2013 to settle the accounts.

■ IIHF Finance Department to send out reminders for open accounts.

The General Secretary was pleased to report there were again Olympic solidarity funds available to help each MNA with their preparations for their participation in the Olympic qualification tournaments.

The President added that some of the Olympic Solidarity funds were also available for development plans and he encouraged the MNAs to address their NOCs for such funding.

2017 WM Bid GER/FRA

Franz Reindl (GER) referred to the letter that he had handed out to Council and delegates and officially confirmed the bid of GER/FRA as co-hosts for the 2017 WM under the newly adopted rules.

National Insurances

Replying to a question from Mohammed Asuraff (GBR), the General Secretary explained that for the moment it was not possible for the MNAs to liaise with the IIHF broker due to the national law of their respective country.

Excess airline baggage

Christer Englund asked whether the new Council could look into obtaining deals with airline companies in terms of getting free transportation for hockey equipment.

■ Council to check possibilities for more free weight of hockey equipment on flights.

The President reported that he was proud and honoured to be President of this Council and Congress. He also expressed his pleasure having everybody come together in Tokyo. He thanked Shoichi Tomita and his colleagues from the Japanese Federation and Japanese NOC, all the volunteers, the IIHF Office and especially the General Secretary, Hannes Ederer and Eslie Dall'Oglio for the excellent organisation of the Congress.





*Eyes on the Puck Part 2: Italy's Daniel Bellissimo staying focused against the Dutch at the Final Olympic Qualification tournament.
Photo: Marco Leipold / City-Press*

IIHF Annual Congress Stockholm, Sweden

May 16-18, 2013

The President opened the 2013 IIHF Annual Congress and welcomed all present.

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 Meelis Laido, General Secretary of Estonia; Mr Kevin Brown, President of Australia; Mr Emilio de Souza Strapasson, President of Brazil; Mr Chung Mongwon, President of Korea; Mr Jorge Perez Alfaro, General Secretary of Mexico, Mr Valery Larykov, General Secretary from Azerbaijan; Mr Jean Le Blond, Vice President of France.

The President then asked Congress to honor members of the hockey family who had passed away since the 2012 IIHF General Congress in Tokyo, Japan:

Russel Jones, Australia
Kaspars Astasenko, Latvia
Damien Velay, France
Ken Wellman, Australia
Wayne Fleming, Canada
Dobromir Krastev, Bulgaria
Elvis Beslagic, Slovenia
Tim Taylor, USA
Kevin Conway, Canada

Report of the President

René Fasel explained to Congress that there would be a new format for the President's Report. Specifically, the President's Report was presented in a question and answer format with Paul Romanuk as the presenter.

Paul discussed many topics with René Fasel including:

(1) Ice Hockey Growth – particularly Asia

René Fasel indicated that the growth of the game in Asia would be most represented by the 2018 Olympic Games taking place in Pyeongchang and with China wishing to host the games in 2022 or 2026. He hoped that the host would be able to play there, the men as well as the women's team. He explained that such desire establishes Asia's long term growth plan in ice hockey. Lastly, René Fasel indicated that one additional key to Asia's ice hockey growth would be the major leagues' (National Hockey League and Kontinental Hockey League) efforts to help grow the game in this part of the world, with such things as exhibition games. The number of inhabitants of China versus the registered players would be significantly different as they currently concentrate more on individual sport than team sport. Nevertheless, having Thomas Wu as a new Vice President would surely help to develop ice hockey and to raise the motivation to let hockey grow.

(2) European Changing Ice Hockey Structure

René Fasel agreed that the European environment was completely different from the time when the federations were autonomous organizations. René Fasel explained that the IIHF, in realizing the changing structure within Europe, has begun to work with the various stakeholders, specifically by organizing the Barcelona Working Group to develop a future goal for European ice hockey. René Fasel explained that key to developing a European competition with the

best clubs would be aligning the varying agendas of the clubs and creating a common goal and vision.

(3) Women's Ice Hockey

René Fasel acknowledged that Canada and the USA far exceed other countries with respect to women's ice hockey and explained that key to reducing the gap would be Canada's and USA's willingness and efforts in helping smaller more underdeveloped women's ice hockey countries develop women's ice hockey programs. He concluded by explaining that while ice hockey was a male-dominated sport he foresaw the women's game growing faster than the men's game.

(4) Player Safety – kids, senior, and coaching level

René Fasel explained that player safety was a significant issue for the IIHF, and because of such the IIHF created the Athlete's Committee as well as the Player Safety Consulting Group to work on IIHF strategies towards creating a safer game.

After conducting the short question and answer session with René Fasel, Paul Romanuk introduced Ralph Krueger to provide more insight into the issue of player safety.

Ralph Krueger indicated that he has been involved with ice hockey for many years including being a player, commentator, coach, and father. He currently is the head coach of the NHL team Edmonton Oilers. He explained that the IIHF WM and Congress would be a great opportunity to speak with all nations about important international ice hockey issues including Player Safety.

He explained that countries and players who have a desire to improve the game should focus on player safety. He discussed three key issues in regards of player safety:

(1) Education

Ice hockey must work with coaches and other relevant stakeholders to educate players on how to reduce the risks involved with a physical game. He indicated that players should be shown how to hit properly with respect and discipline and how to take a hit in the right way. He explained that the key to education would be exchange of knowledge with excellent off-ice programs to keep players strong and fit such as the information available on the NHL webpage. He concluding discussing education by noting that coaches should focus on what players should be doing rather than what they should not be doing and that age would be not be a factor to be successful but the right attitude.

(2) Accountability

He explained that it would be key for all coaches and persons involved with the game to make sure all players are clear on the rules and regulations of the game. Expectations of players must be made clear to the players and they should be held accountable. Coaches need to teach players to respect all aspects of the game.

(3) Equipment

He explained that an open dialogue must exist amongst manufacturers to ensure that the best materials are used to create the best equipment. The equipment should not be created to be used as a weapon, but should be used by players according to detailed instructions.

After his speech, IIHF Communications Director, Szymon Szemberg inquired into the culture difference between North America and Europe with respect to physical level of the game. Ralph Krueger explained that he thinks that the physical difference between North America and Europe was decreasing with the game being more similar than in the past.

Tarek Charaf (QAT) inquired into whether coaches would also be held accountable for their players' actions. Ralf indicated that accountability would exist at all levels including the leadership level.

Tony Rossi (USA) asked if players who are continuously sanctioned for illegal hits, probably should be permanently removed from the game. Ralf Krueger indicated that clear expectations should be created and then players should be held to the level.

Art Berglund (USA) inquired into the reasons behind the inclusion of hits in player statistics. Ralf explained that hits would be one of the only statistics for defensemen and that coaches, etc., would need some measure of a defenseman's ability.

Committee Kick Off Meeting, Zurich

Host Lichtner explained that the IIHF held a kick-off meeting in Zurich from 27 February to 1 March 2013 for IIHF Committees. The objective of this meeting was to not only provide information regarding IIHF travel policies, insurance, etc., but was also used as an initial platform for each committee to create a four year work plan and identify major projects.

Zoltan Kovacs (HUN) expressed huge interest in a South American and Arabic project. He expressed desire to have an IIHF person specifically dedicated to such, similar to the IIHF Asian Development Manager. The IIHF responded via Vice President, Bob Nicholson, and Council Member, Frank Gonzalez indicating that the IIHF appreciated the desire for such projects, but that the IIHF would have to pursue such utilizing its current resources.

Mohammed Ashraff (GBR) requested the IIHF to instruct all Committees to outline goals in order to measure the success of each Committee. Bob Nicholson indicated that before the IIHF can measure Committee's success it must establish a clear vision and then methods and corresponding measurements for the Committee's goals to be uniformly measured.

Tarek Charaf (QAT) asked how the individual MNAs could assist the Committees in doing a better job. René Fasel indicated that the best way for MNAs to help the Committees was to work with the Committee and share resources amongst the various stakeholders.

IIHF Championship Reports

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

No special remarks were made for any Championship Division except, WM DIV II GROUP B of which Frederick Meredith congratulated Turkey for their excellent handling of a gas leak in the arena. Additionally, he noted that all Championships should ensure that a paramedic would be in place the day before championship starts as one player was injured during this day at the WMIIB championship.

Insurance Expert Information

Kai Bockelmann provided information concerning the IIHF Insurance Guidelines and the IIHF Player Insurance Program.

Tarek Charaf (QAT) enquired if there would be any available list specifying the insurance companies which could be used to insure

the respective IIHF Championships. Horst Lichtner responded that this would not be on hand nevertheless Kai Bockelmann could offer to check the insurance offer to provide a second opinion. There would be several insurance companies which would be specialised in sport insurance, but due to the different laws of the countries it was very difficult to create a comprehensive list. There would not be a standard insurance contract which could be used without taking into account the specific situation in each country.

Ron de Gregorio (USA) expressed the importance of an expert working for the IIHF. It would allow the IIHF to act in a proactive way. He asked if there would be event cancellation insurance for the IIHF which Kai Bockelmann confirmed. The IIHF would have an insurance contract until 2017 covering event cancellation risks.

Djordje Ljolijc (SRB) informed that after following the instructions for DIV IIB he had insurance costs of CHF 17'000 for a sum insured of CHF 12 million. In his belief, this would be a small tournament why no such sum insured should be requested and asked for adjustment of the sums insured. Kai Bockelmann hereafter explained that the level of the championship was not as relevant as the risk would be. Also at smaller countries, severe injuries could happen and could lead to significant high claims, irrespective of the size of the tournament.

Fred Meredith indicated that many arenas now would have third party liability coverage, but that such insurance would not necessarily cover participants.

Mike Bruni (CAN) inquired if in case a Congress decision would be wrong, the IIHF Directors and Officers Liability Insurance would cover the IIHF Member Delegates which Kai Bockelmann denied.

Horst Lichtner indicated that the IIHF would continuously analyse the sums insured but nevertheless, a host would receive an organizing fee and such should – among others – also be used to buy insurance coverage.

Balkan Initiative

The Balkan Initiative Report was provided in a question and answer session with Mr Marius Gliga (ROM), Mr Djordje Ljolijc (SRB), Mr Serhat Enyüce (TUR), and Mr Phaedon Kaloterakis (GRE).

The Commentator, Paul Romanuk, explained that the Balkan ice hockey project would focus on 9 countries with the aim to build friendly relations, building bridges and mutual understanding between cultures and borders using sport as the medium.

While the project was initially a bit challenging, after the first country, Bosnia and Herzegovina, joined the project with Serbia, most other countries followed suit. It was explained that while there are still many political problems in the Balkans nations, such problems should not apply to ice hockey.

Lastly, the participants explained that as a result of the Balkan Initiative, the IIHF was awarded the Peace and Sport Award due to the project spreading the idea of fair play and peace across borders and that the project will continue based on this legacy.

At the conclusion, René Fasel indicated that the result of the project really would show how sport is bringing people together.

Admission of New MNAs and Expulsions, Membership Issues

Horst Lichtner recommended that, based on the UAE submitting all necessary documents to the IIHF Office and the IIHF's Asian Development Manager's report establishing that all requirements

were met as well as the recommendation of Council, UAE would be given Full Membership Status.

Reports of the Organisers of Coming IIHF Championships

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, Belarus

On behalf of the 2014 Organising Committee, Yevgeni Vorsin explained the progress of the 2014 WM. He indicated that the dates of the 2014 IIHF World Championship were confirmed as 9 to 25 May 2014, with the semi-finals and finals being played in the Minsk Arena. He explained that Belarus and the cities would be ready to show to the whole world that Belarus is a great ice hockey country and a country capable of organizing such a prestigious championship. He further provided details regarding the facilities, accommodation, and safety within the arenas, transportation, and visas. Specifically - with respect to transportation - he explained that a new airport was being built and that each national team would receive a private bus with a security detail.

With respect to visas, he explained that the Belarusian President had agreed to relax the visa procedures from 25 April to 31 May 2014. Specifically, a valid passport and accreditation and/or ticket including electronic ticket for fans would be sufficient to gain entry into the country. Further, he explained that the Belarusian President has agreed to free entry for all participants of test events, workshops and meetings when showing up on an official list of the IIHF (Final details of visa free entry would be presented to all of Congress at Semi-Annual Congress.)

Next Yevgeni Vorsin explained that a Memorandum of Understanding had been signed with city which would exclude the possibility of increased prices for tourism with respect to food, accommodation, etc.

In conclusion he expressed his gratitude to the IIHF and the 2013 WM OC for their assistance with the exchange of information for the organization of the 2014 WM.

2015 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship, Czech Republic

On behalf of the 2015 Organizing Committee, Martin Urban and Marketa Sterbova provided a brief overview of the status of the 2015 WM organization. Specifically, Marketa Sterbova provided some details and statistics on the hosting cities (Prague and Ostrava), the arenas, transportation, accommodation, etc.

Kalervo Kummola inquired about the transportation between the hosting cities Prague and Ostrava. Martin Urban explained that there would be the possibility of an airplane (one hour flight time), but the most convenient way to travel would be trains as buses would take 4 hours and trains would only take 3 hours.

2014 Olympic Winter Games-Organiser's Report

Vladimir Cherkasov explained the current status of the 2014 Olympic Winter Games organization. Specifically, he gave details and key facts of the last season's test events. He concluded by welcoming delegates to Sochi.

NHL / NHLPA status of negotiations

René Fasel noted that to find a common agreement for the NHL players to participate in the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi was not easy, but that the IIHF was working very hard to reach a common agreement and understanding. René Fasel, however, emphasized that he would be very positive and indicated that the IIHF is very close to a mutual solution with the NHL and the NHLPA.

The participation summary was reviewed at the Calendar Meeting held on 16 May 2013 preceding 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 and the number of votes each Full member received.

Allocation of IIHF Championships

2017 IIHF WM

Germany and France as a dual host and Denmark and Latvia as a dual host applied to host this Championship Division. The result of the voting was as follows:

63 votes for Germany and France, and
45 votes for Denmark and Latvia.

After the conclusion of the vote Council Member Luc Tardif welcomed everybody to Cologne and Paris and thanked everybody for their confidence. Franz Reind (GER) thanked the representatives from Latvia and Denmark for the good and fair campaigning period and expressed good cooperation in the future.

Kirovs Limpans (LAT) stated that the campaign period had been very fair and good and then wished Germany and France success to organize the 2017 WM. Council Member Henrik Bach Nielsen similarly congratulated Germany and France for their success and thanked his entire team for their hard work and stated that Denmark had an ice hockey dream and would continue to pursue its hockey goals.

■ Based on the voting results Congress appointed Germany and France as host. Cologne and Paris, 5 – 21 May 2017

2014 IIHF WMIA

The only applicant for the hosting of this Championship Division was Korea.

Christian Hartl (AUT) indicated that some discussions had occurred regarding the Championship's proposed dates and how those correspond with the ongoing leagues. He requested that the date be postponed to the end of April and start on 26 April – 2 May.

Dave Fitzpatrick indicated that the Championship would have to finish by 2 May at latest. Mong Won Chung (KOR) indicated that Japan had to accept the dates and then Korea could agree to such. However, he promised that the Championship would not start before the 20th of April and would not end after the 2nd of May (i.e. one week before the championships).

Horst Lichtner requested Japan to indicate when they would be able to respond on the date. They responded that they would provide to the IIHF the exact dates within 10 days of Congress.

■ Congress unanimously appointed Korea as host. Seoul with final dates to be determined based on the Championship not starting before 20 April and not ending after 2 May.

2014 IIHF WMIB

Croatia and Lithuania applied to host this Championship Division. However, Croatia is only allowed to host this Championship Division if there is no other host.

■ Congress unanimously appointed Lithuania as host. Kaunas, 20-26 April 2014.

2014 IIHF WMIIA

Serbia and Estonia applied to host this Championship Division. The results of the voting was as follows:

14 votes for Serbia, and
11 votes for Estonia.

Iceland withdrew from hosting this Championship Division.

■ Congress unanimously appointed Serbia as host. Belgrade/Novi Sad, 09 -15 April 2014

2014 IIHF WMIIIB

Mexico and Spain applied to host this Championship Division. The result of the voting was as follows:

7 votes for Mexico, and
18 votes for Spain.

■ Based on the voting result, Congress appointed Spain as host. Jaca, 05 - 11 April 2014

2014 IIHF WMIII

Luxembourg and Bulgaria applied to host this Championship Division. The results of the voting was as follows:

- 13 votes for Luxembourg
- 7 votes for Bulgaria

Nugzari Paikidze (GEO) requested that a commission would be sent to Georgia to control if their arena fulfils minimum participation standards. Bob Nicholson responded that the IIHF would send an IIHF Representative to Georgia to control the arena. If the arena meets the corresponding standards then Georgia shall be admitted to participate in the WM Division III.

■ Based on the voting result, Congress appointed Luxembourg as host. Luxembourg, 07 -12 April 2014

2013 IIHF WM20IA

Poland was the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

Latvia withdrew their hosting application for this Championship Division. Congress unanimously appointed Poland as host. Sanok, 15 - 21 December 2013

2014 IIHF WM20IB

The only applicant for the hosting of this Championship Division was Great Britain.

■ Congress unanimously appointed Great Britain as host. Dumfries, 9-15 December 2013.

2014 IIHF WM20IIA

Hungary and Estonia applied to host this Championship Division. The results of the voting was as follows:

- 14 votes for Hungary, and
- 11 votes for Estonia

■ Congress unanimously appointed Great Britain as host. Dumfries, 9-15 December 2013

2014 IIHF WM20IIB

Spain and Iceland applied to host this Championship Division. The result of the voting was as follows:

- 16 votes for Spain, and
- 6 votes for Iceland

Based on the voting result, Congress appointed Hungary as host. tbd, 15 – 21 December 2013

■ Based on the voting result, Congress appointed Spain as host. Puigcerda, 11 - 17 January 2014

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey WM20III

Turkey and Mexico applied to host this Championship Division. The result of the voting was as follows:

- 15 votes for Turkey, and
- 10 votes for Mexico.

■ Based on the voting result, Congress appointed Turkey as host. Izmir, 12 - 18 January 2014

2014 IIHF WM18IA

The only application for the hosting of this Championship Division was France.

■ Congress unanimously appointed France as host. Nice, 13 – 19 April 2014

2014 IIHF WM18IB

The only applicant for the hosting of this Championship Division was Hungary.

Zoltan Kovacs (HUN) proposed to change the date to 13 – 20 April. Dave Fitzpatrick noted that dates proposed are one day too many. The organiser was asked to reduce the event date by one day.

■ Congress unanimously appointed Hungary as host. Szekesfeharvar, tbd, but between 14-20 April 2014

2014 IIHF WM18IIA

Great Britain is the only applicant for the hosting of this Championship Division.

■ Congress unanimously appointed Great Britain as host. Dumbries, 24 – 30 March 2014.

2014 IIHF WM18IIB

Estonia is the only applicant to host this Championship Division as the other applicants (Iceland and Serbia) withdrew their applications.

■ Congress unanimously appointed Estonia, Tallinn, 13 – 19 April 2014

2014 IIHF WM18IIIA

Bulgaria was the only applicant to host this Championship Division as Mexico withdrew from hosting.

■ Congress unanimously appointed Bulgaria as host. Sofia, 24 – 30 March 2014

2014 IIHF WM18IIIB

The only applicant for the hosting of this Championship Division was Turkey. Turkey is allowed to host this Championship Division since no other applicant applied to host.

■ Congress unanimously appointed Turkey as host. Izmit, 13 -15 February 2014

2015 IIHF WW

Igor Nemecek explained that Council decided that the 2014 and 2018 WW championship would be the Olympic competitions. Council discussed that the Olympics would be completely controlled as the IIHF WW event for the year including the promotion and relegation system, even though the operation of the Olympic ice hockey games was a little different, i.e. relegation round. However, Christer Englund objected to this idea as if Sweden would be relegated then it would be very difficult for Sweden to host the event in 2015. At this time, Scott Smith (CAN) offered for Canada to host the 2015 WW in case Sweden was relegated.

As a result of the confusion, René Fasel indicated that the topic would be tabled again so that Council could discuss the topic in greater detail at their next Council Meeting.

Mohammed Ashraff (GBR) concluded the discussion expressing concern with respect to having the Olympics qualify as the WW 2014 event without promotion/relegation as it would result in no sporting value for the competition.

■ The IIHF Council will analyse the situation with respect to promotion and relegation in the Women's Competition of the Olympic Games

2014 IIHF WWIA

Czech Republic was the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

Jon Haukeland (NOR) indicated there was a problem with the dates as a result of the league schedules. He indicated all of the teams would be happy having such organized the beginning of April and suggested 5 – 12 April.

Martin Urban explained that he spoke with the arena and would propose 6 -12 April.

■ Congress unanimously appointed Czech Republic as host. Prerov, 06 – 12 April 2014.

2014 IIHF WWIB

DPR Korea and Latvia applied to host this Championship Division. The results of the voting was as follows:

- 8 votes for DPR Korea, and
- 16 votes for Latvia

■ Based on the votes Congress appointed Latvia as host. Ventspils, 16 – 22 March 2014.

2014 IIHF WWIIA

Poland and Italy applied to host this Championship Division. The results of the voting was as follows:

11 votes for Poland, and
14 votes for Italy.

Based on voting results Congress appointed Italy as host. Asiago, 06 - 12 April 2014

2014 IIHF WWIIB

The only applicant to host this Championship Division is Iceland as Turkey is only eligible to host if no other applicant applied to host the Championship Division.

■ Congress unanimously approved Iceland as host. Reykjavik, 24 - 30 April 2014

2014 IIHF WWIIBQ

Mexico was the only applicant to host this Championship Division as Bulgaria withdrew from hosting.

■ Congress unanimously appointed Mexico as host. Mexico City, 19 - 22 March 2014

2014 IIHF WW18

There currently was no applicant to host this Championship Division. Horst Lichtner noted that the IIHF would accept applications up until Semi-Annual Congress. However, if no applicant has been received by Semi-Annual Congress, this Championship Division will not be played.

Turkey indicated that Turkey also would have a desire to organize 2014 WW18 championship. Estonia also indicated a desire to host the event after speaking with the Estonia NOC.

René Fasel indicated that the IIHF would come back to the Congress in Semi-Annual Congress with a hosting strategy.

■ Decision postponed to 2013 SAC in Cascais, Portugal.

2014 IIHF WW18I

Germany was the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

Andy French (GBR) requested from 29th March to 4th of April which was accepted by Germany.

■ Congress unanimously appointed Germany as host. Füssen. 29 March – 4 April 2014.

2014 IIHF WW18IQ

Poland was the only applicant to host this Championship Division.

■ Congress unanimously appointed Poland as host. Krynica - Zdroj, 18 – 23 March 2014.

General Remarks:

Zolton Kovacs (HUN) expressed to Congress that Hungary would have five cities that are bidding to host the 2 events of which Hungary has been awarded and, therefore, requested Congress to allow until June to indicate the cities of which would host these events.

2018 U18 WM

Igor Nemecek mentioned that Russia had applied to host the 2018 U18 WM and that all participating nations agreed to such. He indicated that Russia would only agree to host if there was a guarantee that it would receive the championship. Therefore, Igor Nemecek agreed to such after confirmation from participating nations and a final vote at the next Congress.

IIHF WM 2018

Marc Furrer (SUI) indicated that Switzerland would be applying to host the WM in 2018.

Igor Nemecek indicated that Slovakia would also be applying to host the 2018 WM.

Kirovs Lipmans (LAT) further indicated that Latvia would once again apply to host the 2018 WM and pleaded with Congress to consider Latvia application as it has continuously applied and has continuously met all necessary standards to host the WM.

Horst Lichtner noted with respect to each person expressing interest to host the 2018 WM, that merely indicating and/or stating during Congress that the respective country would have to officially apply to host a Championship by submitting a formal application as required by the IIHF Statutes and Bylaw to the Event Department and Event Committee.

IIHF Calendar and 2014 IIHF Championship Program

The 2013/2014 IIHF Calendar of Events recording the dates and venues of future IIHF Championships along with the 2014 IIHF Championship Program listing the participation summary of all teams entitled to participate in the different championship divisions are attached to the minutes and will be permanently available at www.iihf.com in their most updated version.

Barcelona Working Groups Summary Presentation

Horst Lichtner provided a short presentation outlining the most recently developments of the Barcelona Working Group. Specifically, he noted that all Stakeholders (MNAs, leagues and clubs) agreed to work together to form a Pan-European Club Competition, work on the dates of the International Breaks and Governance. At this time, with respect to the European Club Competition (ECC), he explained the structure of club ownership and participation. He further indicated that a separate company was currently being formed to operate and manage the ECC which would prominently be owned by the clubs. He explained the tournament structure which will ultimately be decided with the opinion of the Marketing Partner.

Council Members Kalervo Kummola and Christer Englund specifically noted that the international breaks and corresponding competition schedule for the European Competition must be analysed specifically noting that Sweden, Finland, Czech Republic and Russia currently play a European Trophy tournament amongst themselves.

The deadline to show the interest to participate would be first of June 2013 and Congress should decide about the IIHF investment of EUR 396'000.

Horst Lichtner first explained that all Regulation Amendments were made available to Congress four weeks before the Annual Congress. He further explained that no MNA made any objections or submitted any counter proposals to any of the Regulation Amendment proposals.

Proposals for Changing the Regulations

Bid Regulations

Horst Lichtner explained that the bid regulation amendments would be included within the binder for information purposes as the regulation changes would be a consequence of dual hosting which was decided and agreed at the 2012 General Congress held in Japan.

IIHF Championship Regulations

(a) Horst Lichtner explained that the Championship Regulation amendments for WM and WM DIV I would be housekeeping amendments adapting current practices into the regulations. At all times the IIHF tried to keep the wording between the Infront Contract and the Regulations the same. Therefore, anytime a discrepancy was noticed, the IIHF made an amendment so as to not contradict the Infront Contract.

(b) Horst Lichtner explained the Championship Regulation U20, U18, WW and WWU18 are amendments which specifically deal with the Hockey Canada Contract. Additionally, as a result of the Hockey Canada Contract, the Host Country Contracts have changed dramatically so as to stay in line with the Hockey Canada Contract. Lastly, Horst Lichtner noted that even though the IIHF would just now amend the Regulations to keep in line with the Hockey Canada Contract, Sochi and Ufa were both successfully organized without the amendments and that all participating teams agreed to such changes before the Hockey Canada Contract was signed.

Peter Forsberg (SWE) indicated that when Sweden was bidding for Malmö it was bidding based on the old Regulations. The new ones would result in higher costs for the organizer. Horst Lichtner explained that the Regulations and other IIHF documents would take this into consideration and when necessary

the IIHF would discuss this issue with each organizer individually.

Medical Regulations

Horst Lichtner explained that the Medical Regulations Amendments would be really administrative in that the amendments define out-of-competition results management of positive doping results received throughout the year. Currently the Regulations do not adequately define such.

Transfer Regulations

Horst Lichtner explained that the regulation amendments first deal with under 18 transfers in that if a player receives a Letter of Approval for the season, but then turns 18 during the season, he no longer needs an ITC and second, deals with administrative requirements for the IIHF player support program.

René Fasel indicated that the IIHF would post-pone the international player transfer deadline to 27 February 2014 24:00, CET. This would be a special arrangement for the 2014 Olympic Winter Games.

Disciplinary Regulations

Horst Lichtner explained that the regulations amendments would be just housekeeping dealing first with a discrepancy/ambiguity in the Regulations with respect to decisions of the Disciplinary Panel at IIHF Events exceeding the championship and a clarification with respect to when a formal session of the Disciplinary Committee must be held.

Continental Cup Regulations for season 2013/2014

Horst Lichtner explained that all of the regulation amendments would be just housekeeping and operation so as to ensure easier operation of the championship.

European Women Championships Cup

All Regulations would be completely new, but based on already existing practices.

IIHF Budget for the Year 2013/2014

The IIHF Treasurer presented the budget for the 2013-2014 seasons and explained the various items. All Congress delegates had received a printed copy of the budget.

Before beginning the presentation Luc Tardif briefly thanked Gion Veraguth, IIHF Finance Director and the internal auditors as well as the auditor's advisory group.

During the presentation Luc Tardif specifically noted the major tasks and matters which would take place this year that contribute to the budget. Additionally, Luc Tardif noted all the differences between this year's budget costs and last year's budget costs, explaining the increases and/or decreases. Luc Tardif also explained the Olympic Contribution funds and where all of the funds originated.

Luc Tardif concluded noting that if a MNA would want a statement of its account, then they would need to get into contact with Gion Veraguth after the presentation.

The President congratulated and thanked the IIHF Treasurer, General Secretary and the Finance Director for putting together the budget in such a comprehensible and transparent form

Other Business

Pierre de Coubertin Olympic Medal Award

René Fasel awarded Bob Nadin the Pierre de Coubertin Olympic Award which was one of the highest honours awarded to athletes or administrators in sport. He thanked Bob for his excellent work in ice hockey.

Bob Nadin thanked René and the ice hockey family for the opportunity to be involved with ice hockey. He noted all of the people that he was able to meet throughout the years in ice hockey and thanked the hockey world.

City of Stockholm

The city of Stockholm provided the IIHF with a congratulatory lunch. Before the lunch a Stockholm Representative congratulated everybody on the excellent competition. He further noted that the fans influence on the city had been amazing. He thanked the IIHF Congress for holding the 2013 WM in Stockholm and wishes Congress luck for the rest of the Championship.

René Fasel thanked him for allowing the city to hold the Championships.

Council Hour

Council held a round table hour with all delegates to discuss relevant issues. A summary of the results would be delivered at the next Congress.

Horst Lichtner concluded noting that if any delegates would have important notes that were not mentioned during the summary, that such results should be forwarded to his attention.

Council outside representative

As a result of an inquiry into Council's ability to appoint an Ad Hoc Member to Council, René Fasel explained that based on Statute 41, the IIHF President has the right to invite external specialist to the IIHF Council Meetings. He further indicated that the Council approved the invitation to Gennadi Timchenko to come to IIHF Council Meetings as an external specialist.

Tony Rossi (USA) clarified that Gennadi Timchenko was an ad hoc Council Member without the right to vote.

Beate Grupp further explained that Gennadi Timchenko had listened to all problems and was very helpful with respect to important issues such as women's development etc.

Bob Nicholson indicated that the world was changing and as a result governance structures would also be changing. The IIHF must adjust to these environmental changes to stay relevant.

Youth Olympic Games

Horst Lichtner explained the current structure and details of the Youth Olympic Games in Lillehammer 2016.

Bob Nicholson noted that the Competition Committee looked at other possible formats, but the IOC expressed a desire to have the same format used in 2012 Youth Olympic Games in Innsbruck. He indicated that the IIHF would continue to challenge the IOC toward a better format especially taking into consideration safety.

Date and Location of Next Congress

The next Congress will be the 2013 IIHF Semi-Annual Congress from 19 – 21 September 2013 in Cascais, Portugal.

The President thanked the President of the Swedish Ice Hockey Association, Christer Englund and the President of the Finnish Ice Hockey Association, Kalervo Kummola, as well as CEO of the Swedish OC, Tony Wirén, the OC staff and all of the volunteers for their outstanding job.

Before closing the 2013 IIHF Annual Congress, the President expressed his gratitude to everybody who had contributed towards the success of this Congress, in addition to the Swedish and Finnish organisers for the preparations. He thanked the members of the Council for their support as well as the General Secretary and the IIHF staff for the devoted work. The President declared the 2013 IIHF Annual Congress closed.





All Together: Following their game at the 2013 World Championship, Germany and France got together for a picture to show their support of the 2017 IIHF World Championship co-hosting bid by Cologne and Paris.
Photo: Richard Wolowicz / HHOF-IIHF Images





*Dropped: Russian defenceman Andrei Mironov lowers the boom on Slovak forward Michal Uhrík at the 2013 World Juniors in Ufa.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images*

IIHF Sport Development Report

The IIHF Sport Development Program which was initiated in 1997 co-operates with member National Associations in a partnership to develop and promote hockey world wide.

Within this partnership the IIHF Sport Development Program provides National Associations with the resources to organize and operate the educational programs within their country to generate the infrastructure and train the people to operate our sport domestically.

However, the IIHF does not operate development within nations but aim to assist a country with its development programs.

Ultimately it is the National Association's responsibility to provide the highest quality of instruction, training and supervision in order to operate their own programs and educate their own membership.

The 2012/2013 season was another strong year from a development standpoint. With new inroads being forged for our sport around the world, progress towards our goal of enhancing hockey globally can be measured through the programs and initiatives spearheaded through the Sport Development program.

These are some of the highlights from the past season.

IIHF Hockey Development Camp

The 12th global IIHF Hockey Development Camp, held in Vierumäki, Finland, 6-14 July 2013, was the biggest IIHF camp ever held with 480 participants from 53 nations in eleven programs along with eight team programs.

Under the slogan "Make It Happen" the camp was changed to a targeted development approach for each of the nations present

according to their strengths and weaknesses identified through the audit. The aim is to develop leaders in various fields within the IIHF Member National Associations through the programs at the camp.

The most important thing is that the end of the camp is the beginning of a next step. It's when the participants take gained knowledge home, practise it and design and fund own programs within their country and with the help of the IIHF.

"It really starts right here from the skill development of the kids to all the other programs. We try to touch on all the programs you need in hockey structures all around the world," said Bob Nicholson, IIHF Vice President and Chairman of the Development & Coaching Committee.

"It's been a great week in Vierumäki but the key is that it just starts now. We want to make sure they go back to improve. We want to have yearly plans about the associations that were here. We're going to use the key instructors here to help us throughout the year. We want to work with the associations several times a year to make sure they're meeting their goals of improving their program and hopefully when they come back next time we have another plan to improve the program."

Many of the programs were connected with the teams. One hundred and forty one boys born in 1998 from 42 countries came together and were grouped in eight mixed teams. For them it was about showing leadership and winning games. For the camp it was about putting into practice what the coaches, goalie coaches, team managers and equipment managers learned during the day in the classroom sessions and from their mentors.

Another big group was in the Learn to Play Instructor Development Program 1 and 2. Fifty-five men and women from 35 nations



The 2013 Hockey Development Camp was the biggest IIHF camp ever held with 480 participants from 53 nations.

Photo: Toni Pylvänäinen

– including two from Kyrgyzstan as the newest IIHF member making use of the Hockey Development Camp – came to Vierumäki to learn how to recruit players, introduce ice hockey and develop young kids in the sport and make their program world-class.

“We talked about how to structure a practice, how to run a recruitment program, how to organize coaches, practices and a season that’s very age-appropriate for kids of five- to ten-year-olds,” said IIHF Development and Coaching Committee member Kevin McLaughlin, one of the program’s six mentors.

The classroom sessions were followed by on-ice sessions with 140 six- to eight-year-olds from the region and back in the classrooms with video sessions and feedback from the other students and the mentors.

For the first time in five years the Result Manager Program was run in Vierumäki to assemble veterans and rather new faces in the network of result managers who work on the data management and statistical services at the IIHF tournaments all around the world. Statistics were run at a scale of the top division of the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship to give everybody the opportunity to work with the full setup at the highest level.

Making use of the opportunity to assemble almost all of the 24 Result Managers, another goal was to work on statistical regulations for use at IIHF tournaments but also as a guideline for other events, leagues, clubs and fans and also to bring in new ideas and find suggestions to improve the system.

Improving in the sport area is one thing but introducing programs for clubs or coaches within the national associations also needs strong administrative support. That’s why for the first time an Administrator’s Education Program was run during the camp.

Sixteen men and 12 women – managers, secretaries or organizers from national bodies, leagues and clubs – were present for the launch of the program that was run in interactive sessions in groups and workshops by Paul Carson, Co-Chairman of the Development & Coaching Committee.

“We targeted associations that need support in everything from building a capacity as administrators to improving the capacity of coaches and coach development programs,” Carson said.

One of the goals was to put them in a better position to take full advantage of the resources within their country but also internationally including having good strategies and programs to apply for IIHF co-funding through the national association assistance program or getting manpower through student placements from the program in Vierumäki.

“I really liked the enthusiasm from everybody at the camp,” Nicholson said. “We had top instructors here and the up and coming nations sent the right people who will go back and have an impact in their association to have the game of hockey grow throughout the world. We want to make sure that all nations get engaged, tell us where they are so we can work more with them and they can challenge us to help them.”

2013 IIHF Women’s High Performance Camp

Girls from all across the globe hit the ice in Sheffield, Great Britain for the 2013 IIHF Women’s High Performance Camp, learning how to take the next step towards becoming elite athletes.

Over 180 Under-18 female participants from 18 nations gathered

for a week in July for the camp. There they were put to work on their game with a full support team ranging from on-ice coaches to strength trainers to nutritionists, all brought together to provide resources for these Olympic hopefuls to create the right environment for success on the international stage.

The camp, now in its third year, has become the flagship program in the IIHF’s efforts to narrow the gap in women’s hockey between North America and the rest of the world. The theme for the 2013 HPC was “From Sochi to PyeongChang” which is the road many of these young athletes are hoping to take in order to reach the 2018 Olympics.

With this in mind, the camp’s main purpose was to provide one-week example of what an athlete needs to do and focus on to become an elite female hockey player.

“This camp will hopefully be the impact step that you can take to be playing seven years from now,” said camp director Darryl Easson when speaking to the campers. “Obviously it’s important to have fun, but also to work hard while you’re here and make the most out of this opportunity.”

Easson noted that with so many girls from the same age group coming in from many different nations, the odds were good that some of these campers could be playing against each other in PyeongChang 2018.

“Some of you might be in Sochi, others will be aiming for Korea, but either way there’s a good chance you will see each other on the ice. That’s the nature of hockey, it’s a small family but a strong family because we work together,” he said.

In the spirit of cooperation the top two women’s hockey nations, Canada and the United States, contribute heavily to the camp



On and off-ice activities kept the girls busy at the 2013 Women’s High Performance Camp. Photos: David Chapman

each year by supplying coaches and trainers to help the girls in their development. Mel Davidson, former Team Canada hockey coach and veteran of the camp, marveled at the camp's growth in just three years' time.

"The real success is seeing how many of the staff members return each year, and the ones that we run into over the whole year are continually asking about getting involved and bringing in their own people to help," said Davidson. "The players too are always excited, the word is out now and people want to come...I wish we had it when I coached!"

At the end of the camp, the girls were reminded that the most important thing to take away from their time in Sheffield was the lessons and training that they were taught, not only to use themselves but also to pass on to their teammates and other players in their countries.

"Remember our week together will be only successful if each of us takes something back to our teams, communities and federations to make the women's game better - I trust each and every one of you will do this!" said Davidson.

The campers' first day included an Introduction to Fitness Testing and a round table discussion entitled 'Path of a Champion' by a select panel of world class female athletes. The panel included four Olympic ice hockey players: Isabelle Chartrand (CAN), Carla MacLeod (CAN), Tehri Mertanen (FIN), and Zuzanna Tomcikova (SVK), along with Olympian and world champion skeleton bobsledder Shelley Rudman (GBR).

Through the next few days the camp split players from all countries up by position, then later divided them into six rosters, each consisting of 15 skaters and two goalies. Teams were on the ice twice a day, playing three games over the course of camp. In between on-ice work, girls went through dryland training, fitness testing and classroom sessions.

While the first two high performance camps took place in hockey centres like Slovakia, and Finland, the city of Sheffield would seem like an unusual choice for a hockey camp. But the city, home to the Elite Ice Hockey League's Sheffield Steelers, boasts a modern

ice rink and two practice rinks nearby, along with many fitness facilities within the complex surrounding the Steelers' Motorpoint Stadium.

Coaches from the High Performance Camp and the host association ran a Girls Hockey Day during the week, in an additional effort to recruit new players into the sport.

Other projects

Apart from these two global camps there were also regional initiatives run by the IIHF.

The Asian Strategic Planning Group is the platform to install, refresh or upgrade the necessary domestic development programs in the Far East and Middle East and to bring the nations to the next step and make them ready to compete in the World Championship Program.

In the 2012/2013 season the main focus were the implementation of systematical and continuous coaching and officiating education as well as the future structure of the IIHF Challenge Cup of Asia tournaments.

The Balkans Development Program consists of nine nations and aims to develop ice hockey skills in this region and at the same time build friendly relations and mutual understanding between the people and their cultures.

During the 2012/2013 season a full program of events were operated touching all areas of development. Events operated included the first Balkans Festival in Izmit, Turkey, a marketing workshop along with a goalkeeper and goalkeeper coach clinic in Sofia, Bulgaria, and the second Balkans Hockey Development Camp in Izmit, Turkey.

On 1st November, the IIHF was named the International Sports Federation of the Year by the Peace and Sport Awards 2012 for the first ever sport alliance founded in the Balkan promoting peace and friendly relations among the nations in a region that suffered greatly from wars in the '90s.



René Fasel accepts the Peace and Sport Award for the International Sports Federation of the Year. The prize was handed over in Sochi by Joël Bouzou, President of the Jury of the Peace and Sport Awards Ceremony 2012, and President and Founder of Peace and Sport.
Photo: sochi2014.ru



*Focused: Slovenian goaltender Robert Kristan makes a save on a Belarus forward at the 2013 World Championship.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images*





Now you see me...: Russian forward Ruslan Galejev makes a great deke past Finland's Saku Kinnunen at the U18 Worlds in Sochi.
Photo: Francois Laplante / HHOF-IIHF Images





Not this time: Finnish forward Mikael Granlund couldn't conjure up another amazing World Championship goal in 2013, losing the handle on the puck during his shootout attempt against U.S. goalie John Gibson in the bronze medal game. Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images

IIHF Committee Reports

Asian Strategic Planning Group

Asia is where the growth is

The Asian Strategic Planning Group consists of 19 countries including Australia and New Zealand and represents almost 26% of all IIHF Members. With the growing number of our Asian members and the experience the members get by co-operating with the IIHF Asian Office, the respective development needs and activities come along and grow naturally.

With a total of 10 participating countries in the last Challenge Cup of Asia tournament in Bangkok the participation of teams in the highest Asian men's category reached an all-time high.

We only have to look at population to realize the size of Asia and the potential it brings. With over 1.3 billion people, it's not only China's population that holds huge potential. Currently 127 million people are living in Japan, 48 million people in Korea and 67 million people in Thailand. It is feasible to find the necessary amount of athletes, community and sponsors to develop ice hockey in these regions.

The way to reach Minimum Participation Standard

We have identified four different categories of Associations:

- Category 1 – Core countries,
- Category 2 – MPS safe countries,
- Category 3 – Possible MPS candidates
- Category 4 – Real development countries.

This is the starting point in which money, investment, effort and outcome of all the activities can be measured in the mid- and long-term point of view. The four different categories which identified for the ASPG members are based on the Minimum Participation Standards and programs in each country. Core countries fulfill the Minimum Participation Standards to compete in the World Championship Program. They have the respective development programs in place necessary to compete on an international level.

However all the countries must be checked separately before entering the IIHF World Championship Program in Category 1 – our core countries – and a few adjustments are needed to reach MPS. Therefore the goal is to lead all the other associations to work within their countries and regions to register successfully in the World Championship program in future.

Many Associations do have the potential, but they must upgrade their development programs in different areas. There are a few ASPG members who, with the necessary program adjustments and preparation work, have already set one foot in the door and just need to further develop their programs only to compete within the IIHF World Championship Program.

The ASPG is also confronted with many different skill levels and bringing everybody on the same page is one of the biggest challenges we focus on in Asia. It is crucial that everybody understand that the ASPG is the platform to develop in order to reach the next level and compete in the World Championship Program.

Tournaments for raising awareness in each country

From the sportive point of view the IIHF Challenge Cup of Asia tournaments which are played according the IIHF World Championship categories and under IIHF Regulations must be seen for

associations which would like to make the next step to participate in the World Championship program. The Challenge Cup of Asia tournaments are a platform:

- To give the National Associations motivation and possibilities to compete and play at the international level
- To raise the recognition of the National Association, the IIHF and the sport of hockey in each country
- To work in Asia with Asian future prospects
- To combine tournaments with education seminars and to increase the transfer of knowledge

IIHF-governed tournaments are very important for all the associations, as the government support in Asia is mostly connected with international competition.

This means that only if a team competes on the international level do they get recognition and support from the government and sport community. Therefore it must be one of the goals to give every ASPG member the possibility to participate in at least one of the Challenge Cup of Asia tournaments.

Growing the game naturally

Asia has its challenges and everybody must find out the best solutions to increase the level of participation. Within the National Association Assistance program, the data we have and the experience we collect we design, deliver, monitor and adjust to the development programs and respective process.

The IIHF Asian Office has also started to train and educate National Association Instructors according to the IIHF Coaching and Officiating Development Programs. One of the major goals is to identify and find possible candidates in each ASPG country that can take over responsibility in each association and start to build up or kick-start the necessary program and structure.

In all of the seminars the IIHF "teach the teachers" philosophy is followed and after training the instructors can organise their own development seminars. Seminar participants learn how to use and explore the IIHF resources and help at the same time to establish the IIHF as a brand in the Asian region.

The regional programs are good possibilities for the IIHF Asian Office to identify in co-operation with the National Association the respective instructors and work with them individually afterwards and make the available IIHF Resources and Network accessible for them at the same time.

With experience, the right mix of tournaments and domestic and regional development programs along national association's leagues, combined with the right marketing strategies for Asia the foundation for each ASPG members will be built or expanded.

It is a must for each ASPG member to reach the next stage according our graduation program so that we can see more Asian countries in the IIHF World Championship program in future and at higher levels.

Thomas J. Wu
Chairman

Athletes Committee

The International Olympic Committee encourages IFs and NFs to form their own athletes' commissions in order to guarantee representation of athletes at all levels of the sports movement. To address this need within the Committee structure of the IIHF, the decision to create an Athletes Committee has been taken.

Under the guidance of former world class goalie Vladislav Tretiak, Angela Ruggiero, Sergei Federov, Jaroslav Spaček, Philippe Bozon, Sean Burke and Saku Koivu the Athletes Committee met once during the big Committee Kick-Off event in Zurich in February/Match. The newly formed Athletes Committee looks forward to bring an extra dimension to the great work of all IIHF Committees by adding the athlete's perspective.

Many topics are linked directly or indirectly to the players all around the globe and the Committee will try to address the most important ones like safety of the players, rules, development and infrastructure first. Additionally discussions on career planning/transition will be on the agenda over the course of this first term.

In a first phase the work will concentrated to promote the existence of such Committee to the athletes in order to let them know, that there is a group with the IIHF taking care about their ideas and concerns of our sport. The Committee also wants and needs to collect as much feedback on the above mentioned topics from the stakeholders that are directly touched by any decisions that have so far taken without their having been consulted. I encourage these groups to get in contact with our committee and share their knowledge and experience.

The experience of over 400 games at IIHF World Championships and Olympic Games in addition to countless others at the highest professional level will help the group to represent best the interest of the ice hockey players worldwide and give back to the sport what all members were or are still able to get through it.

The Committee members anticipate a warm, close collaboration with the other Committees and are confident that all together will achieve to bring the sport of ice hockey one big step forward.

Vladislav Tretiak
Chairman

Competition and InLine Committee

The newly appointed 2012-2016 IIHF Competition/Inline Committee began its work with a strategic planning meeting attended by the Chairman and his appointed Sub-Committee Chairmen of the Competition/Inline and the Development/Coaching Committees in Vierumäki, Finland in mid-January 2013. This meeting helped to update the representatives with current programs and status information, to organize the administration and the coordination of this group plus the preparation of the startup meeting scheduled for all committees in Zurich in late February 2013.

The 2011-2012 season brought forward a number of new challenges on which the Competition/Inline Committee was requested to provide guidance and recommendations to the IIHF Council.

A number of the issues focused around the preparations for the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia, for which the IIHF President was preparing negotiations with the National Hockey League (NHL) and the National Hockey League Players' Association in our attempts to confirm the participation of NHL players in the 2014 Games. The first item of concern was to present the best possible timing and scheduling of games that would fit within the same break period that the NHL agreed for Vancouver in 2010. Along with the schedule, such items as the number of male and female players allowed to dress for the games of 2014

Games, assistance with jersey agreements for participating MNAs, the most ideal transportation options for player movement to and from Sochi plus arena capacity and configuration for teams, for the IIHF and for the Organizing Committee.

The members also developed and submitted their 4-year plan including the following to IIHF Council:

- Monitor Minimum Participation Standards and use them to encourage growth and development
- Review of current Championship Program structure, operations and participants
- Monitor the structure, operation and results of the men's and women's club competitions
- Analyze competition results annually
- Regional application & operation of Championships/events
- Review annual or bi-annual Championships
- Consider opening discussions with the goal of creating a single player transfer agreement with the NHL on behalf of all European leagues as in the past
- Agreement to also include the Olympic Winter Games, World Championships, player insurance, the Victoria Cup and officiating exchanges
- Pay special attention to junior aged players transferring to the Canadian Hockey League before entering the NHL
- Consider player burn-out issues during the season with various competitions nationally, regionally and globally
- Study Inline hockey and its advantages and/or disadvantages within the IIHF family

The Committee confirmed that it is the responsibility of the IIHF to ensure that the rules governing the play of the game also protected the players and goalkeepers during competition. As such, the Committee recommended that the process to develop the next IIHF Rule Book be deferred one year to allow all parties to study rule issues and generate rule proposals that can be adequately analyzed before adoption.

The Competition Committee were also introduced to the IIHF National Association's audit program of 61 member national associations. The results of the 4-year audit will be combined to identify best practices, as well as establish a framework for the incoming IIHF Council to assist in formulating future strategic concepts.

In addition, the IIHF presented the second and final stage of the World Championship competition in 2013, operating the co-hosted event in Stockholm, Sweden with the secondary site in Helsinki, Finland. The two-groups of eight team format will be studied very closely by the IIHF Competition Committee over the next few months with a final recommendation to be delivered to the IIHF Council in March of 2014. The committee will carefully analyse the on-ice changes resulting from the operation of two eight-team groups as opposed to the four groups of four competition structure of previous Championships

I just wanted to update everyone I saw my very first Inline World Championship in Dresden this past June. I was very impressed with the caliber of play and look forward to further discussion on where Inline should be within the IIHF Family.

Bob Nicholson
Chairman

Coordination Committee

As all the other IIHF Committees, the Coordination Committee had its first Committee Meeting in February 2013. The objective of the Meeting was to compose a four-year plan and it was agreed that the Committee shall work, at least, on the following areas:

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

Whereas only a few months have passed, the work around the European Club Competition, National Team Breaks and the IIHF-NHL Player Transfer Agreement has continued and I am happy to report that there has been very solid progress on those areas.

Following the Coordination Committee Meeting, the tasks on the European Club Competition and national team breaks of the Barcelona Work Groups have been concluded and a new Work Group has been formed. Their task is to solely focus on the setup of the European Club Competition and the Coordination Committee will continue contributing in the establishment of a new league.

In the spring, the Committee gathered feedback on the possible IIHF-NHL Player Transfer Agreement (PTA) from the Member National Associations and the National Leagues. This was then followed by a meeting organized by the Committee which took place in Stockholm on May 9, 2013. The required parties (NHL, NHLPA, MNAs and Leagues) were invited to initiate discussion on forming a new Agreement. I am happy to inform that the discussion has progressed and is currently on-going with contribution from several different parties mentioned earlier.

The Committee will continue its work on these and the other matters listed above in the fall and look into the IIHF-Licensed Agent Program and the Education Fee System more closely.

Kalervo Kummola
Chairman

Development and Coaching Committee

To start the 2013-2016 committee cycle, the 2012/13 season saw the amalgamation of the Coaching and Development Committee with a joint focus on offering member National Associations coaching and player development programs that will support and enhance the development of ice hockey within the IIHF membership.

2012 Hockey Development and High Performance camps

2012 marked the 11th global hockey development program, 4th female hockey development camp and 2nd high performance camp. The Hockey Development camp focused on leadership education available to all member National Associations, who are encouraged to use the information gained during the camp to improve existing educational programs.

The camp program included the Learn to Play Program, the High Performance Camp, the Development Camp, the Game Officials Program, and the Observers Program. Using the camp programs as a practical example, seminars and demonstrations led by the expert camp staff onsite highlighted key areas federations can immediately implement with their programs.

National Association Development Program Assistance

In the 2012-13 season, the IIHF continued to work with National Associations to offer support with the design of Development Plans and provide program assistance. The national audit continues to serve as the catalyst to determine which nations the IIHF should target to offer support.

During the 2012-13 season, 8 National Associations had their plans approved for development assistance. Australia, the Netherlands and Romania had their submissions approved in April 2011 and Hungary had its submission approved in February 2012.

Additionally, Slovakia, France, Belgium and Austria had plans approved in 2012. A number of these national federation projects are on going and some, with project execution assistance from the IIHF, have been completed.

During the Coaching/ Development Committee meetings in Zurich in February 2013, the Committee elected to plan the 2013 Hockey Development Camp with an effort to target developing National Associations and to target a variety of program areas. The aim for this is to assist participating National Associations with putting together development plans which could then be used as the foundation in build applications for the National Association Development Program Assistance Grants. The IIHF Audit results assisted in the identification of National Associations to be invited to participate in the camp programs.

2013 IIHF Coaching Symposium

The Coaching Committee, in cooperation with the IIHF Office and the Swedish Ice Hockey Association, organized and executed two Coaching Symposiums in Stockholm during the 2013 World Championship Tournament. Both events were staged at the Globe Hotel, which is connected to the Globe Arena. This made for very easy travel between the seminar sessions and the tournament games throughout the symposiums.

IIHF International Youth Coaching Symposium

(Theme: Game Analysis, Character and Skating)

- Stockholm 3th – 5th May 2013
- 11 presentations
- 1 Panel discussion
- Pre Game presentations before Team Sweden games
- Attended by 212 coaches from 21 nations
- Exhibitor Fair with 6 companies, 1 National Association and The IIHF

IIHF International Coaching Symposium

(Theme: Game Analysis, Character and Skating)

- Stockholm 10th – 12th May 2013
- 11 presentations
- 1 Panel discussion
- Pre Game presentations before Team Sweden games
- Attended by 198 coaches from 18 nations
- Exhibitor Fair with 6 companies, 1 National Association and The IIHF

Balkans Regional Program

The IIHF assisted in the initiation of a project to assist the development of ice hockey in the Balkan region. This region has had a very difficult history especially over the last 2 decades and now there is a need to bring people together, especially to concentrate on what they have in common.

The goal is to help individual nations develop hockey in the region, using the same procedures that have been applied in other regional programs.

1. Goalkeeper's Clinic (Sofia, Bulgaria)

The two main objectives were to further develop goalkeeper skills and abilities, while simultaneously working to develop the regional goalkeeper coaches. The event not only made significant steps in the development of the goalkeepers, but also assisted in identifying two new IIHF regional instructors to support the delivery of future programs.

2. Presidents and General Secretaries Meeting (Sofia, Bulgaria)

The agenda included an overview of the Balkan's Program, planning for the 2012/13 season, National & Regional Development Planning, IIHF Development Programs and Planning for the 2013/14 season.

3. Marketing Seminar (Sofia, Bulgaria)

The seminar objectives included assisting nations to find sponsors, techniques to approach perspective sponsors and improve national association revenue streams. The Balkan Ice Hockey Union was able to complete an exercise that outlined the strategic marketing plan for the future of the region.

4. 2013 IIHF Hockey Development Camp (Izmit, Turkey)

The 2013 IIHF Hockey Development Camp in Izmit, Turkey was the 2nd Development Camp organized through the BIHU project by the International Ice Hockey Federation. This year's program expanded in both number of participants and program. There was a great relationship with the Turkish IHF and the main contact Serhat Enyüce.

Bob Nicholson
Chairman

Disciplinary Committee

During the 2012/2013 Championship Season, the IIHF Disciplinary Committee reviewed several cases ranging from on-ice infractions to irregular transfers and doping infractions.

With respect to doping, the IIHF Disciplinary Committee reviewed a doping infraction which occurred during the 2013 IIHF Olympic Qualification, Group F Tournament in Denmark. During the Olympic Qualification Tournament, the Player tested positive for Methylphenylamine and pseudoephedrine, both considered specified substances according to the 2013 WADA Prohibited List.

After receiving all evidence from the WADA accredited lab and written statements the Player, Team Doctor, General Director of the Player's club, and the Member National Association, the IIHF Disciplinary Committee suspended the Player from all ice hockey activities for two years.

With respect to irregular transfer issues, the IIHF Disciplinary Committee reviewed the transfer of three players from clubs in the Czech Republic to a club in Turkey due to the irregularity of the transfers. Specifically, while the Players had long term contracts with the Turkish Club, each Player only transferred to Turkey for roughly one month during the 2012 Continental Cup Group A Tournaments.

According to the 2012 Continental Cup Regulations, the IIHF Disciplinary Committee can review any irregular transfers where it appears the players only transferred to the respective club for the Continental Cup Tournament. Based on Continental Cup Regulation 6.3, the IIHF Disciplinary Committee determined that the Turkish Club engaged the Players for the purpose of the Continental Cup alone in an attempt to gain an advantage over the other participating clubs in an extremely unfair and unsportsmanlike manner.

The Disciplinary Committee dismissed the Turkish Club from the 2012 Continental Cup competition and annulled its results, fined the Turkish Club CHF 1,000 and rendered the Turkish Club ineligible for the 2013 Continental Cup.

With respect to on-ice infractions, the IIHF Disciplinary Committee reviewed a violation of IIHF Playing Rule 550 (f); specifically a Player threw a stick after missing a shot at the end of a game which ultimately hit a Linesman. The Player immediately apologized to the Linesman indicating to the Linesman that he did not mean to strike the Linesman when he threw the stick.

The IIHF Disciplinary Committee determined that because the Player did not intentionally mean to hit Linesman, IIHF Playing Rule 550 (f) did not apply. Nevertheless, the IIHF Disciplinary Committee censured the Player for his unsportsmanlike conduct according

to IIHF Disciplinary Regulation Article 1.1.

Gerhard Mösslang
Chairman

Event Committee

The IIHF Event Committee inaugural meeting was held during the 2013 season, in conjunction with the IIHF General Committee Meeting in Zürich.

The committee, with three new members, including the Chairman, introduced and discussed the mandate, budget structure and meeting schedule incl. agendas for the upcoming term. The focus of the discussions was:

- The playing format and joint hosting opportunities of the World Championship. The committee agreed that a high quality competition makes the event more appealing to fans and sponsors. Ideally the duration of the event should be shorter and more emphasis placed on enhancing the fan experience in and around the arena.

For joint-hosting, the key factor to success is having only one organising committee representing the two different international venues.

- The infrastructure of the IIHF World Championship. Specific key areas, beneficial to both the IIHF and its commercial partner and the Organizer, were identified and evaluated. Included in the topics discussed were the improvement and upgrading of, amongst others, communication, ticketing, game presentation and live experience and ceremonies.

- Upgrading IIHF events. Five crucial areas were identified as being in need of either modification or improvement in an endeavour to upgrade IIHF events. The five areas identified and the resultant projects are:

- 1) Bidding: The overall modification and in-depth analysis of questionnaires and tools used by applicants.
- 2) Cooperation: Improve transparent and open relation between IIHF and organisers
- 3) Controlling: Compliance with host country contract and IIHF regulations
- 4) Events: Intensifying fan experience in the arena
- 5) Marketing: Organise and offer marketing and/or similar workshop

The Committee also received the 2017 IIHF World Championship bid presentations by Germany, joint hosting with France and Denmark, joint hosting with Latvia. The bidders presented their project plans and answered all committee questions satisfactorily.

Igor Nemecek
Chairman

Facilities Committee

The 2012-2016 IIHF Facilities Committee met for the first time at the IIHF's Joint Committee Meeting in Zurich, Switzerland at the end of February. The IIHF Facilities Committee takes over part of the work from the former Facilities & Environment Committee, as well as adding new projects to its mandate. Responding to the IIHF Council's mandate, the Facilities Committee developed a strategy for its work in the upcoming term, summarized as follows:

Committee Mandates

Mandate 1 – Facilities Management and Maintenance Seminars

- To offer Basic seminars on education towards facility management and maintenance seminars to our MNAs and their technical staff.
- To cooperate & associate with STAR/USA Hockey and other members of the IIHF ; In order to set up these seminars in Europe.
- If seminars work out well in Europe, then go further and organize in other parts of the World such as Asia and South America.

Mandate 2 – Blue Prints

- To take up the idea of our President to develop the so called blue prints on how to build arenas which can be distributed to countries and organizations according to the mandate of the Facility Committee.
- To create different sizes of ice rinks, but maintain focus on smaller low cost arenas.

Mandate 3 – Basic Needs of Arenas for Our Members

- To review the “former” IIHF Arena Manual.
- To share the knowledge among our IIHF Family Globally.

Mandate 4 – Two Arena Levels: Elite/Basic

- Two type of levels when it comes to arenas:

1) 1st level; the Elite Group where we focus on safety equipment towards players security such as flexible boards, new chemical ice for smoothness and security on the plexi-glass openings in order to minimize concussions.

2) 2nd level; the Basic Group where traditional low cost arenas for school and family programs are organized with focus to develop and to come closer to the 1st level group.

Frank Gonzalez
Chairman

Historical Committee

The 2013 IIHF Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony set a new record in terms of attendance, media presence and overall presentation. And would have been a pity had it been differently with such an outstanding class of 2013, as selected by the ad-hoc Historical Committee.

The honoured members inducted at the Globen Hotel’s “Star-Room” on May 19, 2013 were: Peter Forsberg (SWE), Danielle Goyette (CAN), Paul Henderson (CAN), Teppo Numminen (FIN), Mats Sundin (SWE) in the Player’s Category and Jan-Ake Edvinsson (SWE/IIHF) in the Builder’s Category.

TSN Broadcaster and Play-By-Play personality Gord Miller was the recipient of the Paul Loicq Award, while the 1954 Soviet Union World Champion team was awarded the Milestone Trophy. The Soviet star of the 70s and 80s, Boris Mikhailov, was received the Milestone Trophy on behalf of the 1954 pioneers.

For the first time specially selected VIP guests were invited to in a personal way introduce the inductees. The guests attending the ceremony were thus happy to see, among others, Swedish Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt introduce Mats Sundin, former heptathlon standout Carolina Klüft introduce Peter Forsberg, while goaltending icon Vladislav Tretiak presented his 1972 nemesis Paul Henderson.

The ceremony was produced for live broadcast by Swedish TV4 and for the first time it could be seen taped on IIHF.com.

The ad-hoc Historical Committee (“ad-hoc” as all 2008-2012 IIHF committees ended their mandates as of the General Congress in

Tokyo, September 24-30) decided at its November 11, 2012 annual meeting in Toronto to make a complete review of its bylaws. Committee member Andrew Podnieks was assigned the task to produce a draft.

Committee Secretary Szymon Szemberg informed that plans are in place for a new International Player Database to be produced, specifically created for the IIHF by the company behind the player database “Eliteprospects”. The database would include the complete careers and accomplishments of all male players with international merits. The objective is to have the first edition ready for the 2014 Olympics in Sochi.

René Fasel
Chairman

Legal Committee

While the Legal Committee just completed a Statute and Bylaw review in 2012, due to amendments to the 2012 Statutes and Bylaws, the IIHF Legal Committee is in the process of once again reviewing the Statutes and Bylaws for amendments at the 2014 Annual Congress. However, rather than conducting a detailed review of all Statutes and Bylaws as completed in 2012, the IIHF Legal Committee is focusing on good governance and a few relevant Statutes and Bylaws.

Additionally, the IIHF Legal Committee is in the process of drafting a code of conduct that will apply to the general ice hockey family. The code of conduct will guide all ice hockey stakeholders – coaches, referees, players, etc. – in their conduct and interactions at IIHF Events.

Further, the IIHF Legal Committee is initiating a project to deal with Sporting Fraud within Ice Hockey. After the 2012 Statute and Bylaw amendments which create a specific sporting fraud bylaw of which all ice hockey stakeholders must follow, the IIHF Legal Committee is in the process of not only determining the best procedures for enforcing the new Bylaw, but also looking at developing an education program regarding sporting fraud utilizing the IIHF already existing platforms.

Lastly, the Legal Committee is reviewing and analyzing potential policies and programs of which it can create to help all Member National Associations deal with the abuse in sport.

Tony Rossi
Chairman

Medical Committee

During the 2012-2013 season the IIHF Medical Committee assigned 19 IIHF Medical Supervisors to 22 events ranging from the 2014 Winter Olympic Game Qualification tournaments to Under 18 women’s and men’s Championships. All the Medical Supervisors arrived at least a day prior to the beginning of the tournament to check the medical set-up in each tournament and operate the Medical Personnel Meeting where they meet with all the medical representatives of all teams.

After the tournaments, all IIHF Medical Supervisors filed their tournament reports with the IIHF Medical Committee that analysed the received data and adjusted their procedures according to the suggestions and feedback received. In addition to ensuring the required level of medical care, the IIHF Medical Supervisors oversaw the doping control conducted in these events.

Members of the Committee the IIHF co-hosted the 4th International Concussion Symposium in Sport with IOC, FIFA, IRB and FEI at FIFA House in Zürich, Switzerland, in October 2012. The Confe-

rence gathered all experts for an intensive two-day meeting that resulted in adjustments mainly to the return-to-play guidelines and the SCAT card.

IIHF Medical Committee continued the Green Puck anti-doping awareness program. This included the on-site presence at World Men's, Women's, U20 and U18 Championships. In addition, to provide anti-doping education to players, the Committee continued to have the E-Learning module available on the IIHF website.

In August 2012 the IIHF hosted a Chief Medical Officer Workshop in Toronto, Canada. Altogether thirty-two Chief Medical Officers from 21 National Associations were in attendance and took part in both practical and theory sessions and received the latest information about the concussion consensus, spinal injuries, injury reporting, anti-doping education and player removal from ice.

Following the election of the new IIHF Council, also new IIHF Committees was formed. The IIHF Medical Committee, in its new composition, met late February 2013 in the joint Committee Meetings in Zürich, Switzerland. The purpose of the Meeting was to produce a four-year plan, outlining approximately five main areas to be addressed. The Committee agreed to focus and invest in the following matters:

- Player Safety
- Concussions – prevention, evaluation, management
- Anti-Doping – testing, education and awareness
- IIHF Medical Supervisors – education and recruitment
- Chief Medical Officers – MNA encouragement and professional education
- Research

The Committee also agreed to more specifically establish five to six concussion prevention recommendations after the second meeting to be held in October 2013.

Henrik Bach Nielsen
Chairman

Officiating Committee

IIHF in co-operation with seven top European National Association and national Pro Leagues continue to operate IIHF/ National Association Referee Exchange Program (IIHF/NA REP). Started from 2004/2005 season this program is continually operated already 9th season in a row.

In a period September 2012 - February 2013, 84 games in seven top national pro leagues of national associations committed to participate in IIHF/NA REP, have been officiated in the frame of this program.

All 84 games in 2012/2013 season belonging to the IIHF/NA Referee Exchange Program were officiated using 4 Man Officiating System.

This season each national association committed to participate in this program managed to submit equal amount of games (12) to the program which fruitfully reflects on the operation of the program.

As it was agreed during Working Group Meeting # 9 on June 9, 2012 in Zurich, each NA was allowed to nominate 3 IIHF Referees belonging to the top national pool for IIHF/NA REP in 2012/2013 season in order to have additional flexibility in assignments. It was suggested where it will be possible to assign foreign IIHF referees in a couple with local referee in a way as to give opportunities for both referees to challenge each other in the game and work as a team.

The criteria of selection of IIHF referees for this program were the same as in previous years.

The format of the assignments following the worked out proposal was one foreign IIHF Referee coming from abroad from the pool of the IIHF Referees belonging to IIHF/NA REP – one local national association Referee assigned by National association or National Pro League.

Evaluation of IIHF Referees assigned for the games belonging to IIHF/NA REP were done by NA RS utilizing IIHF software for evaluation IIHF GO distributed by IIHF.

In 2012/2013 season 40 referees have been assigned for 84 games belonging to IIHF/NA Referee Exchange Program. Out of this amount 11 IIHF Referees has been assigned to WM, 7 – WM20 and 4 of them were assigned to 2012 WM18.

Working Group members were among the participants of 2012 IIHF Officiating/Training Seminar in Magglingen, Switzerland.

IIHF/NA REP Working Group together with IIHF Office is continuously working on operational development of this program for the benefit of the international officiating.

In co-operation with the NHL 3 top IIHF Referees (Jerabek A, Bruggemann L. and Olenin K) together with IIHF Officiating manager took part in 2012 NHL Pre Season camp in Canada.

The results of operation of IIHF/NA Referee Exchange Program in 2012/2013 season will be reviewed by the seven top NA committed to participate in this program during the annual meeting in June 2013 in order to work out recommendations of operation of this program for the next season.

Christer Englund
Chairman

Player Safety Consulting Group

The IIHF Player Safety Group was created this year with the mandate to find a common path on how to make the game safer -- through changes to equipment, rules, education or the playing field.

Chaired by Swedish IIHF Council Member Christer Englund with IIHF Communications Manager Adam Steiss as Secretary, the Group has benefitted greatly from the inclusion of former players Mattias Norström and Mathieu Schneider, who both played in the NHL and represented Sweden and the USA respectively in international competition.

Jarmo Jalarvo is a former top referee and works in the Finnish Ice Hockey Association's officiating management and as an IIHF Referee Supervisor in international events, while Mikael Peterson is the Swedish Ice Hockey Association's General Secretary. Both serve as key members in gauging the climate of European hockey and determining viable safety measures.

In order to find its place amongst the various IIHF committees and groups, it is important for the Player Safety Group to promote knowledge sharing and openness in the issues it tackles, so as not to rehash or step into work that has already been done by other IIHF bodies. Proper communication lines must be maintained between all committees, as player safety is a broad issue that touches on many of their mandates as well.

With this in mind, it is the intent of the Group to routinely invite ad-hoc members from other committees related to player safety, such as the Athlete, Facility, and Medical Committees, and also to

discuss strategic points with the Officiating, Coaching, and Development Committees.

Some of the items that form the mandate of the IIHF Player Safety Consulting Group Committee are as follows:

- Review of the playing rules and development of rules change proposals in order to make the game safer for players in all genders and age groups
- Monitoring of the latest equipment developments and initializing a constant dialogue with manufactures for more player safety
- Development of an educational concept and program for better understanding of players, coaches and officials on safety issues
- Following of rink developments and the manufactures of rinks. Creation of proposals for reduction of risks by materials around the rinks.
- Cooperation with the Medical Committee on player safety and development of seminars together for Medical doctors in ice hockey
- Coordination of research projects to evaluate further risks on player safety
- Cooperation with the NHL on all issues regarding player safety

The next Group meeting is planned for the fall season. Arrangements are currently being made to meet with the Player Safety' Group's National Hockey League counterpart, to share ideas and come up with a consensus position on issues such as player equipment. The Group will also seek to formulate a four-year plan of action, in cooperation with the rest of the IIHF Committees, for the next season.

Christer Englund
Chairman

Social and Environment Committee

The newly established Social & Environment Committee met for the first time during the IIHF Kick-Off Meeting in Zurich, February 2013. The Committee is comprised of three Committee Members, the Chairman and the Secretary.

The IIHF Social & Environment Committee takes over part of the work from the former Facilities & Environment Committee which had been chaired by the current Chairwomen Beate Grupp and will furthermore add new projects to its mandate. The Committee in particular discussed developing a strategy for social and environmental projects and supports for the IIHF. Based on the Council's mandate for the Social & Environment Committee, the following key points have been set:

- Ice Hockey meets social development (Charity)
- Ice Hockey serves environmental development (Re-cycling etc.)
- Integration and support of Sledge Hockey
- Sustainability Projects
- Growing and exchanging the knowledge about natural and sport surroundings

To focus one of the aforementioned points, it should be noted that one of the of the most important challenges and projects for the Committee in the year 2013 / 2014 will be the implementation of the Paralympic movement (sledge Hockey) into the IIHF programs.

At a first meeting between the IIHF and Sledge Hockey representatives, the IIHF and Sledge Hockey discussed a potential cooperation and set targets concerning the cooperation.

Furthermore, the Committee will try to implement an IIHF charity project which is identifying the IIHF a federation with corporate social responsibility.

The Committee is very pleased to have received this mandate 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

After the elections in September 2012 in Tokyo, I feel very honoured to have the responsibility to lead the women's committee as the youngest Council member. Compared to the previous group, we have created a smaller committee with only 5 members and we decided to invite Harald Springfeld from the Asian Office as a delegate for this very important and fast developing group.

Over the past two and half years, there have been lots of important changes in women's hockey. The IIHF realized has played a major part in the hockey world, and within a relatively short term great progress can be achieved. We inherited a lot of ongoing programs from the previous committee. During the first meeting in February, our first task was to go through these programs and decide which we would like to keep going and what are our priorities for the next 4-year term.

After Vancouver, the top countries started their preparation for Sochi with the slogan "close the gap" between the North American and the other nations. Now, we already have the 8 participating nations but we can't say that everything has been done. To develop these nations, we would like to continue our High Performance Camps (this year in Sheffield), involve more coaches from the senior and U-18 top national teams, but also give the lower ranked nations the opportunity to take part. It was a plan already for Sochi to centralize the participating national teams, but we have to do that at least 6 months in prior to the Korean Olympic Games in 2018.

It's still very important to increase the number of female hockey players, but not only the players. We need more leaders and officials as well.

We would like to start communication with those persons who are really responsible for women's hockey in the national federations. If the federations have their own full-time women's program managers, the next step will be that they can go to their clubs and convince them that they should have a girls' hockey program or if they already have, what they can do to improve it.

Instead of our coaching seminar program, from 2014 we would like to organize a Women's Hockey Summit every year where we can invite the people in charge of the female side.

Our World Girls Ice Hockey Weekend is an outstanding event. In the first year in 2011, over 4,000 girls from 21 nations were participating. One year later, in 2012, IIHF ran that program with more than 17,000 participants from 30 countries. This event was conducted worldwide and received excellent media coverage – all very positive. Many of the smaller nations were so happy to be part of a bigger event, and it gave them the ability to receive sponsorship and other support they never would have if they had just done it on their own. But we should not only give these girls the opportunity to try out our game, but also try to really involve them. We are looking for having at least the same numbers in 2013 as we had in 2012.

Development always takes time. Women's hockey started an individual path within the IIHF and I think this path goes in a good direction, although we will still have a lot of things to do.

Zsuzsanna Kolbenheyer
Chairwoman



Pushing the Message: A Swiss U18 player unloads the IIHF's anti-doping Green Pucks ahead of a pregame warmup. The pucks were first introduced at the 2010 Worlds in Germany. Photo: Matthew Murnaghan / HHOF-IIHF Images



Olympic Dreams: Russia hosted two top division IIHF tournaments in 2013: the U20 World Championship in Ufa and the U18 Worlds in Sochi (pictured-Bolshoy Arena), site of next year's Olympic Winter Games. Photo: Francois Laplante / HHOF-IIHF Images



Referees and Linesmen

Assignments for 2012/2013 season

World Championship

Sweden, Stockholm, Helsinki, Finland 3.5.2013 - 19.5.2013

Referees	Linesmen
Baluska, Vladimir SVK	Arm, Roger SUI
Brüggemann, Lars GER	Blumel, Petr CZE
Bulanov, Vyacheslav RUS	Carlson, Chris CAN
Croft, Ian USA	Dahmen, Jimmy SWE
Frano, Martin CZE	Dedioulia, Ivan BLR
Jerabek, Antonin CZE	Dehaen, Pierre FRA
Johansson, Morgan SWE	Hunnius, Sirko GER
Kaval, Keith USA	Kack, Johannes SWE
Kirk, Matt CAN	Kilian, Jon NOR
Olenin, Konstantin RUS	Morrison, Johnathan USA
Piechaczek, Daniel GER	Schrader, Andre GER
Rantala, Aleksii FIN	Shelyanin, Sergei RUS
Reiber, Brent SUI	Suominen, Sakari FIN
Ronn, Jyri FIN	Valach, Miroslav SVK
Vinnerborg, Marcus SWE	Wilmoth, Jesse CAN
Zalaski, Derek CAN	Woodworth, Christopher USA

World Championship Division I Group A

Hungary, Budapest 14.4.2013 - 20.4.2013

Referees	Linesmen
Bergamelli, Jimmy FRA	Brown, David USA
Berneker, Thomas AUT	Gebauer, Jiri CZE
Konc, Daniel SVK	Hull, Justin CAN
Meszynski, Pawel POL	Muller, Joris SUI
Sergeyev, Alexander RUS	Nagy, Attila HUN
Sidorenko, Maxim BLR	Németh, Márton HUN
St-Jacques, Pascal CAN	Waldejer, Alexander NOR

World Championship Division I Group B

Ukraine, Donetsk 14.4.2013 - 20.4.2013

Referees	Linesmen
Ansons, Andris LAT	Gladchenko, Anton UKR
Hicks, Michael GBR	Jensen, Rene DEN
Loksik, Peter SVK	Korba, Martin SVK
Urda, Maxym UKR	Korepanov, Artem UKR
	Monnaie, Frederic BEL
	Pardatscher, Ulrich ITA
	Rakovic, Damir SLO

World Championship Division II Group A

Croatia, Zagreb 14.4.2013 - 20.4.2013

Referees	Linesmen
Bourreau, Alexandre FRA	Haurlyenka, Andrei BLR
Gamper, Daniel ITA	Hofer, Florian AUT
Kincses, Gergely HUN	Jian, Cao CHN
Wiegand, Marc SUI	Kavanagh, James GBR
	Piragic, Tzipim CRO
	Sakovic, Marko CRO
	Trandafir, Mihai - Ariel ROU

World Championship Division II Group B

Turkey, Izmit 21.4.2013 - 27.4.2013

Referees	Linesmen
Nalivaiko, Vladimir BLR	Biec Cebrian, Sergio ESP
Trilar, Viki SLO	Bulut, Erhan TUR
Tsernyshov, Igor EST	Eerme, Mart EST
Tzirtziganis, Tim BEL	Fazekas, Tibor SRB
	Kaya, Cemal Ersin TUR
	Kaydarov, Mergen KAZ
	Loos, Mathieu FRA

World Championship Division III

South Africa, Cape Town 15.4.2013 - 21.4.2013

Referees	Linesmen
Halm, Stian NOR	Burger, Jonathan Mark RSA
Iliescu, Marius ROU	Gunnarsson, Sindri ISL
Kaukokari, Mikko FIN	Lauksedis, Tomas LTU
Krcelic, Vedran CRO	Marsh, Ryan RSA
	Sterkens, Ramon NED
	Trankalis, Elvijs LAT
	Van den Acker, Maarten BEL

U20 World Championship

Russia, Ufa 26.12.2012 - 5.1.2013

Referees	Linesmen
Dumas, Harry USA	Dussureault, Francois CAN
Gofman, Roman RUS	George, Tommy USA
Hodek, Pavel CZE	Haster, Tobias SWE
Jablukov, Georg GER	Jucers, Raivis LAT
Kulakov, Sergei RUS	Kaderli, Roman SUI
Levonen, Jari FIN	Puolakka, Masi FIN
Massy, Didier SUI	Raming, Stanislav RUS
Nord, Mikael SWE	Semjonov, Anton EST
Patafie, Steve USA	Sivov, Dmitry RUS
Sjoqvist, Mikael SWE	Stano, Peter SVK
Smith, Pat CAN	
Stricker, Daniel SUI	

U20 World Championship Division I Group A

France, Amiens 9.12.2012 - 15.12.2012

Referees	Linesmen
Chmielewski, Thomas USA	Barbez, Matthieu FRA
Darnell, Tom GBR	Caillot, Thomas FRA
Konc, Juraj SVK	Dalgleish, Scott GBR
Salonen, Anssi FIN	Kowert, Andreas GER
	Riisom-Birker, Jacques DEN
	Tschirner, David ITA
	Yamaguchi, Sotaro JPN

U20 World Championship Division I Group B

Ukraine, Donetsk 10.12.2012 - 16.12.2012

Referees	Linesmen
Fabre, Savice FRA	Ahlen, Orjan SWE
Ohlund, Linus SWE	Bakumenko, Andriy UKR
Proskurov, Vladimir BLR	Govorun, Oleksander UKR
Wehrli, Tobias SUI	Kovács, Balazs HUN
	Sefcik, Peter SVK
	Widmann, Florian AUT
	Zrnic, Milan SLO

U20 World Championship Division II Group A

Romania, Brasov 9.12.2012 - 15.12.2012

Referees	Linesmen
Belov, Alexei RUS	Briedis, Edvards LAT
Deweerd, Chris BEL	Butucel, Mihai ROU
Solem, Per Gustav NOR	Cerne, Jan SLO
Steinecke, Jens GER	Golyak, Dmitri BLR
	Grozaj, Tomislav CRO
	Moszczyński, Wojciech POL
	Toparceanu, Adrian Cosmin ROU

U20 World Championship Division II Group B

Serbia, Belgrade 12.1.2013 - 18.1.2013

Referees	Linesmen
Borisovs, Aleksandrs LAT	Aleksic, Uros SRB
De Brabander, Jean Paul NED	Hagerstrom, Markus FIN
Gastaldelli, Michele ITA	Hoppe, Benjamin GER
Urda, Maksym UKR	Lhotsky, Miroslav CZE
	Meyer Dainow, Rudy ESP
	Parduv, David SRB
	Van den Berg, Jeroen NED

U20 World Championship Division III

Bulgaria, Sofia 14.1.2013 - 20.1.2013

Referees	Linesmen
Kamsek, Luka SLO	Chae, Youngjin KOR
Liptrott, Jonathan GBR	Levalds, Viesturs LAT
Potocan, Christian AUT	Nikolic, Manuel AUT
Roshchyn Nikitin, Alexey ESP	Sigmarsson, Orri ISL
	Stoyanov, Luchezar BUL
	Tanev, Tzvetko BUL
	Van Grinsven, Chris BEL

U18 World Championship

Russia, Sochi 18.4.2013 - 28.4.2013

Referees		Linesmen	
Bjork, Tobias	SWE	Kaliada, Vasili	BLR
Brill, Marcus	GER	Kosaka, Kenji	JPN
Dremelj, Igor	SLO	Leermakers, Joep	NED
Gebei, Péter	HUN	McIntyre, Fraser	USA
Grumsen, Jacob	DEN	Metalnikov, Eduard	RUS
Hradil, Rene	CZE	Nieminen, Pasi	FIN
Koch, Andreas	SUI	Pihlblad, Henrik	SWE
Leppaalho, Jari	FIN	Smura, Mariusz	POL
Mayer, Timothy	USA	Tosenovjan, Rudolf	CZE
Mullner, Robert	SVK	Traub, Matt	CAN
Papp, Steve	CAN		
Romasko, Yevgeni	RUS		

U18 World Championship Division I Group A

Italy, Asiago 7.4.2013 - 13.4.2013

Referees		Linesmen	
Marczuk, Włodzimierz	POL	Cristeli, Christian	ITA
Piccott, Devin	CAN	Ichikawa, Shunsuke	JPN
Smith, Dean	GBR	Iwert, Marc	GER
Wirth, Daniel	SUI	Korte, Jos	NED
		Mischiatti, Simone	ITA
		Smeibidlo, Martin	AUT
		Tvrdoň, Jozef	SVK

U18 World Championship Division I Group B

Poland, Tychy 14.4.2013 - 20.1.2013

Referees		Linesmen	
Andersen, Jan	DEN	Agertoft, Morten	DEN
Hegle, Petter	NOR	Furet, Yann	FRA
Linde, Marcus	SWE	Hylinski, Artur	POL
Pesina, Vladimir	CZE	O'Halloran, Keiron	GBR
		Redai, Botond	ROU
		Rojko, Gregor	SLO
		Szachniewicz, Sławomir	POL

U18 World Championship Division II Group A

Estonia, Tallinn 31.3.2013 - 6.4.2013

Referees		Linesmen	
Benvegna, Andrea	ITA	Bergström, Jonny	NOR
De Wilde, Martin	NED	Haurum, Henrik	DEN
Fonselius, Stefan	FIN	Parvei, Kristian-Viktor	EST
Takizawa, Shinichi	JPN	Pavlov, Stanislav	RUS
		Svoboda, Jiri	CZE
		Tilku, Toivo	EST
		Wernström, Emil	SWE

U18 World Championship Division II Group B

Serbia, Belgrade 9.3.2013 - 15.3.2013

Referees		Linesmen	
Babic, Vladimir	HUN	Bogdan, Davor	SRB
Haxell, Peter	NZL	Cristeli, Matthias	ITA
Wang, Zhanyong	CHN	Hurtik, Christoffer	GER
Zviedritis, Gints	LAT	Nedeljkovic, Ivan	SRB
		Ramirez, Sem	MEX
		Rudzinskas, Vladislavas	LTU
		Sewell, Liam	GBR

U18 World Championship Division III Group B

Chinese Taipei, Taipei City 11.3.2013 - 17.3.2013

Referees		Linesmen	
Miller, Jamie	AUS	Hong, Hyun Kook	KOR
Mun, Jae Hyung	KOR	Martineau, Benoit	CAN
Yamauchi, Hideki	JPN	O'Loughlin, Braden	NZL
		Ritter, Judson	USA
		Waters, Mitchell	AUS

U18 World Championship Division III Group B

Turkey, Izmit 7.2.2013 - 10.2.2013

Referees		Linesmen	
Ibatulin, Eduard	KAZ	Butucel, Alexandru	ROU
Osvaldsson, Olafur	ISL	Ozturk, Onur	TUR
Valentin, Lascar	ROU	Ture, Argun	TUR
		Yazerski, Vadzim	BLR

Women's World Championship

Canada, Ottawa 2.4.2013 - 9.4.2013

Referees		Linesmen	
Bordeleau, Melanie	CAN	Bjorkman, Therese	SWE
Hertrich, Nicole	GER	Caughy, Denise	CAN
Hove, Aina	NOR	Connolly, Kate	USA
Langley, Kristine	USA	Gagnon, Stephanie	CAN
Picavet, Marie	FRA	Johnson, Laura	USA
Tottman, Joy	GBR	Kudelova, Michaela	SVK
		Novotna, Ilona	CZE
		Svobodova (Arazimova), Zuzana	CZE
		Tauriainen, Johanna	FIN

Women's World Championship Division I Group A

Norway, Stavanger 7.4.2013 - 13.4.2013

Referees		Linesmen	
Eskola, Anna	SUI	Ivanova, Elena	RUS
Guay, Katie	USA	Leet, Kaire	EST
Laurila, Paivi	FIN	Nygard, Anna	NOR
Nelibova, Ludmila	CZE	Schipper - Poeteray, Bianca	NED
		Stefkova, Michaela	CZE
		Strohmeier, Svenja	GER
		Vedvik Hansen, Marlen	NOR

Women's World Championship Division I Group B

France, Strasbourg 7.4.2013 - 13.4.2013

Referees		Linesmen	
Ariano-Lortie, Gabrielle	CAN	Angerer, Bettina	AUT
Bandlofsky, Katja	GER	Boniface, Anne Sophie	FRA
Fialova, Drahomira	SUI	Cerhitova, Magdalena	SVK
Ustinova, Arina	RUS	Fuchsel, Maria Raabye	DEN
		Narusawa, Tomomi	JPN
		Torribio / Rousselin, Sueva	FRA
		Viskum, Trine	DEN

Women's World Championship Division II Group A

New Zealand, Auckland 8.4.2013 - 14.4.2013

Referees		Linesmen	
Chunhua, Liu	CHN	Boyle, Meagan	CAN
Ruzickova, Radka	CZE	Fu, Zhennan	CHN
Szkola, Melissa	USA	Habanova, Jana	SVK
Utsumi, Mamiko	JPN	Igarashi, Hitomi	JPN
		Lee, Kyung Sun	KOR
		Spresser, Jacqueline	USA
		Thomasen, Alicia	NZL

Women's World Championship Division II Group B

Spain, Puigcerda 1.4.2013 - 7.4.2013

Referees		Linesmen	
Celarova, Nikoleta	SVK	Gruber, Mirjam	ITA
Gran, Gabriella	SWE	Jaatinen, Jenni	FIN
Mallette, Meghan	CAN	Mauelshagen, Natalie	GER
Zueva, Yana	RUS	Mollen, Senovwa	NED
		Pagon, Natasa	SLO
		Skovbakke, Malene	DEN
		Stastna, Gabriela	CZE

U18 Women's World Championship

Finland, Vierumäki 29.12.2012 - 5.1.2013

Referees		Linesmen	
Ariano-Lortie, Gabrielle	CAN	Girard, Charlotte	FRA
Eskola, Anna Maria	SUI	Hueffner, Lisa	GER
Glenn, Jerilyn	USA	Loretan, Evelyne	SUI
Hengst, Debby	NED	Partanen, Jonna	FIN
Ketonen, Kaisa	FIN	Silhavikova, Viera	SVK
Nakayama, Miyuki	JPN	Steinberg, Olga	RUS
		Stratton, Vanessa	CAN
		Visala, Jenni	FIN
		Weissman, Andrea	USA

U18 Women's World Championship Division I

Switzerland, Romanshorn 2.1.2013 - 8.1.2013

Referees		Linesmen	
Hanley, Kendall	USA	Anex, Magali	SUI
Kontturi, Maija	FIN	Brekelmans, Vivienne	NED
Weiss, Ramona	GER	Brusentseva, Darja	RUS
Zemiakova, Maria	SVK	Heikkinen, Jenni	FIN
		Kiefer, Daniela	GER
		Kuonen, Anne-Ruth	SUI
		Zvadova, Jana	SVK



Frozen in Time: Pula Arena in Croatia, a 2,000-year-old Roman amphitheatre, was the site of two special league games between host Medvescak Zagreb and its Austrian league rivals Olimpija Ljubljana (Slovenia) and Vienna Capitals in September 2012.
Photo: Martin Merk







































2013 IIHF World Ranking

Men

Rank	Country	Points	2012	Change
1	 Sweden	3105	4	+3
2	 Finland	3065	2	0
3	 Russia	3040	1	-2
4	 Czech Republic	2975	3	-1
5	 Canada	2940	5	0
6	 USA	2895	7	+1
7	 Switzerland	2845	9	+2
8	 Slovakia	2840	6	-2
9	 Norway	2685	8	-1
10	 Germany	2650	10	0
11	 Latvia	2520	11	0
12	 Denmark	2480	12	0
13	 France	2450	14	+1
14	 Belarus	2410	13	-1
15	 Austria	2265	15	0
16	 Kazakhstan	2225	17	+1
17	 Slovenia	2215	18	+1
18	 Italy	2210	16	-2
19	 Hungary	2075	19	0
20	 Ukraine	1970	20	0
21	 Japan	1960	22	+1
22	 Great Britain	1940	21	-1
23	 Poland	1835	23	0
24	 Netherlands	1765	24	0
25	 Korea	1740	28	+3
26	 Lithuania	1700	25	-1
27	 Romania	1635	27	0
28	 Estonia	1610	26	-2
29	 Croatia	1510	30	+1
30	 Spain	1445	29	-1
31	 Serbia	1375	31	0
32	 Australia	1330	32	0
33	 Iceland	1240	35	+2
34	 Belgium	1210	36	+2
35	 New Zealand	1120	37	+2
36	 Mexico	1110	34	-2
37	 Bulgaria	1070	33	-4
38	 China	1000	38	0
39	 Israel	960	40	+1
40	 Turkey	945	39	-1
41	 South Africa	790	41	0
42	 Ireland	705	42	0
43	 Luxembourg	680	43	0
44	 Greece	610	44	0
45	 DPR Korea	600	45	0
46	 Mongolia	415	46	0
47	 UAE	275	47	0
48	 Georgia	180		(new)

Women

Rank	Country	Points	2012	Change
1	 United States	2960	2	+1
2	 Canada	2940	1	-1
3	 Finland	2765	3	0
4	 Russia	2710	6	+2
5	 Switzerland	2665	4	-1
6	 Sweden	2620	5	-1
7	 Germany	2535	8	+1
8	 Slovakia	2430	7	-1
9	 Czech Republic	2360	12	+3
10	 Japan	2315	11	+1
11	 Norway	2280	10	-1
12	 Austria	2220	15	+3
13	 Latvia	2190	14	+1
14	 Kazakhstan	2145	9	-5
15	 China	2090	13	-2
16	 France	2065	16	0
17	 Denmark	1970	19	+2
18	 Great Britain	1910	17	-1
19	 Italy	1845	18	-1
20	 Netherlands	1750	21	+1
21	 Slovenia	1615	20	-1
22	 Hungary	1585	23	+1
23	 Australia	1540	24	+1
24	 Croatia	1535	22	-2
25	 New Zealand	1455	25	0
26	 DPR Korea	1340	31	+5
27	 Poland	1340	28	+1
28	 Korea	1310	26	-2
29	 Spain	1255	30	+1
30	 Iceland	1225	29	-1
31	 Belgium	1220	27	-4
32	 South Africa	1135	32	0
33	 Bulgaria	870	33	0
34	 Turkey	700	35	+1
35	 Ireland	650	36	+1
36	 Romania	270	34	-2

Sweden and Russia top ranking movers

■ Russia's first World Women's bronze medal since 2001 had them move two positions in the IIHF Women's World ranking, from sixth to fourth, which is the best ranking spot Russia has had on the female side since the ranking system was introduced in 2004. Before, Russia has never been better than fifth. Conversely, Sweden's sixth spot is lowest for the "Damkronor" since the introduction of the system. Sweden's women were ranked third in the world in 2007.

■ Sweden took a giant leap in the men's World Ranking, earning three positions and taking over the No. 1 spot for the first time since 2007. Russia, a nation that seemed to have a comfortable lead after the gold in 2012, slipped to sixth place in the 2013 Worlds, dropping down by two positions from first to third.

■ Finland's men seem to be the bastion of stability, in second ranking position for the third consecutive year. Thanks to the silver medal, Switzerland moved from ninth in the World to seventh.

Got your back: Swedish goaltender Jacob Markström and a sea of yellow behind him at the 2013 Worlds.

Photo: Richard Wolowicz / HHOF-IIHF Images





Desperate Dive: German goaltender Dennis Endras lunges across the crease but fails to stop U.S. captain Paul Stastny from scoring at the 2013 Worlds.
Photo: Richard Wolowicz / HHOF-IIHF Images





In the Net: Canada's Jonathan Huberdeau scores a first period goal during bronze medal action at the 2013 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship.
Photo: Matt Zambonin / HHOF-IIHF Images



The Perfect Score: World Champions Sweden lining up for the national anthem beneath the vast dome of the Globen Arena in Stockholm.
Photo: Richard Wolowicz / HHOF-IIHF Images





IIHF Hockey Hall of Fame

2013 Induction



STOCKHOLM – Peter Forsberg, Mats Sundin, Paul Henderson, Teppo Numminen, and Danielle Goyette became the latest five legendary players inducted into the IIHF Hall of Fame at an unforgettable gala ceremony in Stockholm.

Jan-Åke Edvinsson, the General Secretary of the IIHF from 1986 to 2006, was inducted in the builders' category. There are now 189 inductees from 22 countries in the IIHF Hall of Fame.

In addition, TSN broadcaster Gord Miller received the Paul Loicq Award for outstanding contributions to international hockey. The Soviet Union team that won the 1954 IIHF World Championship was given the Milestone Award, acknowledging its ground-breaking role at the dawn of the modern era of international hockey.

IIHF President René Fasel, who doubles as the Chairman of the IIHF Historical Committee, described it as "a truly amazing class of inductees".

Forsberg is one of only three players – along with Russia's Vyacheslav Fetisov and Igor Larionov – to have captured "double Triple Gold Club" honours (winning the Olympics, World Championship and Stanley Cup twice).

Best-known in his NHL days as a member of the Colorado Avalanche, this fixture in the Swedish roster holds the single-tournament World Junior scoring record with a whopping 31 points (1993). Named Best Forward at the 1998 World Championship, the powerful playmaking forward scored the winning shootout goal at the 1994 Olympics and assisted on Nicklas Lidström's winner at the 2006 Olympics.

Forsberg was inducted by Swedish heptathlon star Carolina Klüft, who said she was inspired by watching his end-to-end goal in Sweden's 6-5 comeback win against Finland in the 2003 quarter-finals.

"I loved playing in the big tournaments," said Forsberg, who recalled the leadership Sundin showed in Turin and especially on the '06 winner. He quipped: "Thank God I didn't go in front of the net or Lidström would have killed me with that shot!"

Sundin enjoyed a great career as the longtime captain of the Toronto Maple Leafs, but his accomplishments on the international stage were even greater. This classy Swedish center won three World Championships and one Olympic gold (2006), cracking international all-star teams on five different occasions. Last year, he was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame, the second Swede so honoured after Borje Salming. Swedish prime minister Fredrik Reinfeldt inducted him here.

Retired since 2009, Sundin reminisced fondly about his parents driving him and his two brothers around to Stockholm rinks. He described how Sweden's 1987 World Championship victory, with Tomas Sandström's famous goal against the Soviets, provided him with inspiration. "To play hockey, you need passion, determination, strong will, and maybe a little bit of madness," he said.

"Henderson has scored for Canada!" Those words by legendary broadcaster Foster Hewitt heralded Paul Henderson's signature accomplishment in international hockey – scoring the winning goal for Canada in Game Eight of the epoch-making 1972 Summit Series against the Soviet Union. Incredibly, this savvy Ontario-born forward

tallied the winners in Games Six and Seven as well. He played close to 1,100 games in a 19-year pro career, and also returned internationally in the WHA's 1974 Summit Series with the Soviets.

Henderson was introduced by Russian Ice Hockey Federation president Vladislav Tretiak, the most decorated player in international hockey history and Henderson's foe in '72. "Thank you for letting me score that last goal," Henderson joked with Tretiak. "I've been riding that goal for 40 years, and it's been a nice ride."



From left: President Fasel, 2013 Builder Inductee Jan-Åke Edvinsson, and Murray Costello at the induction ceremony.



From left: Jan-Åke Edvinsson, Gord Miller, Mats Sundin, Danielle Goyette, Paul Henderson, Peter Forsberg, Teppo Numminen, and Boris Mikhailov. Photos: Andre Ringuette and Richard Wolowicz / HHOF-IIHF Images



René Fasel (left) and Swedish Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt (right) inducted Mats Sundin into the IIHF Hall of Fame.

"The Russians were a lot better than we ever thought they were," Henderson told IIHF.com afterwards. "I think that really started international hockey on a major league scale. We knew there were other nations out there. But [at this World Championship], look, Canada's not even in the top four. It's sad, but that's just how good hockey is getting around the world today."



Forsberg with René Fasel and Swedish heptathlete Carolina Klüft. His and the rest of the players' jerseys were auctioned off for charity.

The international hockey family was happy to hear that Henderson's health is improving after he received a cancer diagnosis back in 2009. He thanked his wife of 50 years, Eleanor, for making their home an "oasis away from hockey".

Numminen ranks among Finland's all-time greatest defencemen. Four was a magic number for the Tampere native, as he played in four Olympics, four Worlds, and four Canada Cups. His highlights included capturing Olympic silver in 1988 and 2006. At the time of his retirement, he had played more NHL games than any other European (1,372) with four different clubs.

He was praised by former Tappara Tampere and Suomi teammate Timo Jutila, who called Numminen "a smart player, the best defenceman ever created in Finland".

With consummate skill and perseverance, Goyette forged her reputation as a longtime scoring star on Canada's national women's team. A three-time Olympian and nine-time World Championship participant, she won gold in every case except for the 1998 Olympics and 2005 Worlds. The native of St. Nazaire, Quebec.

"She was a better player at 41 than at 26," noted former Swedish women's national team coach Peter Elander. "Fortunately for me, she stopped playing in 2007, and my therapist was very happy."

As well as lauding her past teammates and coaches, Goyette spoke highly of her fellow IIHF Hall of Fame inductees. "When I was growing up, I didn't have any female hockey players as role models," she said. "You guys were my heroes. Peter Forsberg, I played with your

curve for many years – I guess it worked. I will cherish this moment for a lifetime."

Miller, the Paul Loicq Award winner, has traveled to broadcast the World Juniors for TSN each year since 1995. He's now considered the "top broadcaster in the National Hockey League", according to Hockey Canada President & CEO and IIHF Vice President Bob Nicholson.

Miller fondly pointed out how the milestones in his life with his wife, Sarah, have centered on the World Juniors, from their early dating to the birth of their daughter. "Hockey enlightens, teaches, entertains, and exhilarates us," said Miller.



Teppo Numminen joined his father Kalevi (left-inducted in 2010) as the first father-son duo to be part of the IIHF Hall of Fame.

Legendary Russian forward Boris Mikhailov gave a speech on behalf of the 1954 Soviet World Championship-winning team, which inspired him to play hockey as a 10-year-old boy growing up in Moscow. Two members of that team, Viktor Shuvalov and Alexander Komarov are still alive, but they're in their 90s and no longer able to travel long distances.

With tongue-in-cheek humour, Mikhailov addressed a few special words to Paul Henderson: "I remember our battles in 1972 as if it was yesterday. It's almost incredible that 40 years have passed – and we still look so good!"



TSN's Gord Miller was awarded the 2013 Paul Loicq Award. "Hockey enlightens, teaches, entertains, and exhilarates us," he said.

Jan-Åke Edvinsson, a native of Trolle Ljungby, Sweden, was hailed for his objectivity - during 21 years of dedicated service to the IIHF - by former IIHF Vice President Murray Costello. "There never was a time, not even once, that Jan-Åke made a decision that [showed favoritism] toward Sweden," said Costello. "The finances of the IIHF have remained healthy and strong, and we can thank Jan-Åke for this."

The IIHF had grown to 64 member nations participating in 29 international tournaments by the time Edvinsson retired. He is already a member of the German and Slovenian Hockey Halls of Fame.





Two Legends: Vladislav Tretiak (right) hugs IIHF Hall of Fame inductee Paul Henderson after presenting him at the ceremony. Henderson scored his famous goal against Tretiak in Game Eight of the 1972 Summit Series.
Photo: Richard Wolowicz / HHOF-IIHF Images

IIHF Hall of Fame Award
for outstanding contribution



IIHF Hall of Fame Inductee List

AUSTRIA	Born	Inducted	Category
Hans Dobida	1929	2007	Builder
Josef Puschig	1947	1999	Player
Walter Wasservogel	1919	1997	Builder

BELGIUM

Paul Loicq	1888	1997	Builder
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CANADA

Father David Bauer	1924	1997	Builder
Roger Bourbonnais	1942	1999	Player
Mike Buckna	1913	2004	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 Jukes	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
Terry O'Malley	1946	1998	Player
Gordon Renwick	1935	2002	Builder
Harry Sinden	1932	1997	Player
Harry Watson	1898	1998	Player

CZECH REPUBLIC

Quido Adamec	1924	2005	Referee
Vladimir Bouzek	1920	2007	Player
Vlastimil Bubnik	1931	1997	Player
Ludek Bukac	1935	2007	Builder
Josef Cerny	1939	2007	Player
Jaroslav Drobny	1921	1997	Player
Karel Gut	1927	1998	Player
Ivan Hlinka	1950	2002	Player
Jiri Holecck	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 Novy	1951	2012	Player
Frantisek Pospisil	1944	1999	Player
Miroslav Subrt	1926	2004	Builder
Jan Suchy	1944	2009	Player
Frantisek Tikal	1933	2004	Player
Vladimir Zabrodsky	1923	1997	Player

DENMARK

Jorgen Hviiid	1916	2005	Builder
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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 Marjamaki	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 Peltonen	1947	2007	Player
Goran Stubb	1935	2000	Builder
Jorma Valtonen	1946	1999	Player
Juhani Wahlsten	1938	2006	Player
Unto Wiitala	1925	2003	Referee
Urpo Ylonen	1943	1997	Player

FRANCE

Philippe Bozon	1966	2008	Player
Jacques Lacarriere	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 Kuhnackl	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
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JAPAN

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

LATVIA

Helmuts Balderis	1952	1998	Player
Arturs Irbe	1967	2010	Player

NORWAY

Tore Johannessen	1922	1999	Builder
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POLAND

Henryk Gruth	1957	2006	Player
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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
Arkady Chernyshev	1914	1999	Builder
Vitaly Davydov	1939	2004	Player
Igor Dimitriev	1941	2007	Builder
Vyacheslav Fetisov	1958	2005	Player
Anatoli Firsov	1941	1998	Player
Yuri Karandin	1937	2004	Referee
Alexei Kasatonov	1959	2009	Player
Valeri Kharlamov	1948	1998	Player
Viktor 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 Tretyak	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
Hakan Loob	1960	1998	Player
Tord Lundstrom	1945	2011	Player
Mats Naslund	1959	2005	Player
Kent Nilsson	1956	2006	Player
Nisse Nilsson	1936	2002	Player
Ronald Pettersson	1935	2004	Player
Thomas Rundqvist	1960	2007	Player
Borje Salming	1951	1998	Player
Ulf Sterner	1941	2001	Player
Roland Stoltz	1931	1999	Player
Arne Stromberg	1920	1998	Builder
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
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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 WINNERS

Wolf-Dieter Montag	GER	1998
Roman Neumayer	GER	1999
Vsevolod Kuchshin	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



Remembering: Captain of Russia's bronze medal-winning U20 team Nail Yakupov brought out the flag of Lokomotiv Yaroslavl at the postgame ceremony, honouring the KHL team that lost all its players and most of its staff in a plane crash on 7 September 2011.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images

2013 IIHF World Championship

Stockholm, Sweden & Helsinki, Finland



Preliminary Round

Stockholm Group - Stockholm, Sweden

Date	Game	Score
03.05.13	Czech Republic - Belarus	2 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 1-0)
03.05.13	Sweden - Switzerland	2 - 3 (0-0, 1-2, 1-1)
04.05.13	Norway - Slovenia	3 - 1 (2-1, 0-0, 1-0)
04.05.13	Canada - Denmark	3 - 1 (0-1, 2-0, 1-0)
04.05.13	Czech Republic - Sweden	1 - 2 (0-1, 1-1, 0-0)
05.05.13	Belarus - Slovenia	4 - 3 (1-1, 1-0, 2-2)
05.05.13	Switzerland - Canada	3 - 2 SO (1-0, 0-1, 1-1)
05.05.13	Norway - Denmark	3 - 2 (1-0, 1-0, 1-2)
06.05.13	Switzerland - Czech Republic	5 - 2 (1-0, 1-2, 3-0)
06.05.13	Sweden - Belarus	2 - 1 (0-1, 1-0, 1-0)
07.05.13	Slovenia - Denmark	2 - 3 OT (1-0, 1-1, 0-1)
07.05.13	Canada - Norway	7 - 1 (4-0, 1-1, 2-0)
08.05.13	Slovenia - Switzerland	1 - 7 (1-3, 0-3, 0-1)
08.05.13	Norway - Sweden	1 - 5 (0-2, 1-0, 0-3)
09.05.13	Czech Republic - Denmark	2 - 1 SO (0-0, 0-0, 1-1)
09.05.13	Sweden - Canada	0 - 3 (0-1, 0-2, 0-0)
10.05.13	Slovenia - Czech Republic	2 - 4 (2-2, 0-0, 0-2)
10.05.13	Belarus - Canada	1 - 4 (0-2, 0-1, 1-1)
11.05.13	Switzerland - Denmark	4 - 1 (1-0, 1-1, 2-0)
11.05.13	Sweden - Slovenia	2 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 1-0)
11.05.13	Norway - Belarus	3 - 1 (1-0, 1-0, 1-1)
12.05.13	Canada - Czech Republic	2 - 1 (1-1, 0-0, 1-0)
12.05.13	Norway - Switzerland	1 - 3 (0-2, 0-1, 1-0)
13.05.13	Denmark - Belarus	3 - 2 (2-0, 1-2, 0-0)
13.05.13	Canada - Slovenia	4 - 3 OT (0-2, 2-1, 1-0)
14.05.13	Belarus - Switzerland	1 - 4 (0-1, 0-0, 1-3)
14.05.13	Czech Republic - Norway	7 - 0 (3-0, 2-0, 2-0)
14.05.13	Denmark - Sweden	2 - 4 (1-0, 1-1, 0-3)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Switzerland	7	6	1	0	0	29 : 10	20
2	Canada	7	5	1	1	0	25 : 10	18
3	Sweden	7	5	0	0	2	17 : 11	15
4	Czech Republic	7	3	1	0	3	19 : 12	11
5	Norway	7	3	0	0	4	12 : 26	9
6	Denmark	7	1	1	1	4	13 : 20	6
7	Belarus	7	1	0	0	6	10 : 21	3
8	Slovenia	7	0	0	2	5	12 : 27	2

Playoff Round

Quarter-Final

Date	Game	Score
16.05.13	Russia - USA	3 - 8 (1-2, 0-2, 2-4)
16.05.13	Switzerland - Czech Republic	2 - 1 (1-0, 1-0, 0-1)
16.05.13	Finland - Slovakia	4 - 3 (3-0, 0-2, 1-1)
16.05.13	Canada - Sweden	2 - 3 SO (0-0, 1-0, 1-2)

Semi-Final

Date	Game	Score
18.05.13	Finland - Sweden	0 - 3 (0-1, 0-1, 0-1)
18.05.13	Switzerland - USA	3 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 2-0)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
19.05.13	Finland - USA	2 - 3 SO (0-2, 0-0, 2-0)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
19.05.13	Switzerland - Sweden	1 - 5 (1-2, 0-0, 0-3)

Helsinki Group - Helsinki, Finland

Date	Game	Score
03.05.13	France - Slovakia	2 - 6 (0-1, 0-2, 2-3)
03.05.13	Finland - Germany	4 - 3 OT (1-0, 1-1, 1-2)
04.05.13	USA - Austria	5 - 3 (1-2, 4-1, 0-0)
04.05.13	Russia - Latvia	6 - 0 (1-0, 3-0, 2-0)
04.05.13	Finland - Slovakia	2 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 1-0)
05.05.13	France - Austria	3 - 1 (2-0, 1-0, 0-1)
05.05.13	Germany - Russia	1 - 4 (0-0, 0-2, 1-2)
05.05.13	Latvia - USA	1 - 4 (0-0, 1-2, 0-2)
06.05.13	Germany - Slovakia	2 - 3 (1-0, 0-1, 1-2)
06.05.13	Finland - France	3 - 1 (0-0, 2-0, 1-1)
07.05.13	Austria - Latvia	6 - 3 (2-1, 2-1, 2-1)
07.05.13	Russia - USA	5 - 3 (2-2, 1-1, 2-0)
08.05.13	Austria - Germany	0 - 2 (0-0, 0-1, 0-1)
08.05.13	USA - Finland	4 - 1 (1-1, 0-0, 3-0)
09.05.13	Russia - France	1 - 2 (0-0, 1-2, 0-0)
09.05.13	Slovakia - Latvia	3 - 5 (1-3, 1-1, 1-1)
10.05.13	Slovakia - Austria	1 - 2 SO (1-0, 0-1, 0-0)
10.05.13	Russia - Finland	2 - 3 (0-1, 1-2, 1-0)
11.05.13	USA - France	4 - 2 (2-0, 0-1, 2-1)
11.05.13	Finland - Austria	7 - 2 (2-0, 1-0, 4-2)
11.05.13	Germany - Latvia	2 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 1-0)
12.05.13	USA - Germany	3 - 0 (2-0, 0-0, 1-0)
12.05.13	Slovakia - Russia	1 - 3 (0-0, 1-2, 0-1)
13.05.13	Latvia - France	3 - 1 (1-0, 1-0, 1-1)
13.05.13	Austria - Russia	4 - 8 (3-3, 1-3, 0-2)
14.05.13	Slovakia - USA	4 - 1 (2-0, 1-1, 1-0)
14.05.13	France - Germany	2 - 3 OT (1-1, 1-0, 0-1)
14.05.13	Latvia - Finland	2 - 3 OT (1-1, 0-1, 1-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Finland	7	4	2	0	1	23 : 14	16
2	Russia	7	5	0	0	2	29 : 14	15
3	USA	7	5	0	0	2	24 : 16	15
4	Slovakia	7	3	0	1	3	18 : 17	10
5	Germany	7	2	1	1	3	13 : 16	9
6	Latvia	7	2	0	1	4	14 : 25	7
7	France	7	2	0	1	4	13 : 21	7
8	Austria	7	1	1	0	5	18 : 29	5

Final Placing

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

Austria and Slovenia are relegated to the 2014 IIHF World Championship Division I Group A.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Jhonas Enroth	SWE
Best Defenceman:	Roman Josi	SUI
Best Forward:	Petri Kontiola	FIN
MVP:	Roman Josi	SUI

All-Star Team

Goalkeeper:	Jhonas Enroth	SWE
Defenceman:	Roman Josi	SUI
Defenceman:	Julien Vauclair	SUI
Forward:	Petri Kontiola	FIN
Forward:	Paul Stastny	USA
Forward:	Henrik Sedin	SWE

Swedes beat the jinx

After 27 years – the home-ice curse is over

From the beginning of the 77th IIHF World Championship, it certainly didn't look like it would happen, but at the end Sweden was the best team. After 27 years of men's World Championships without the home team winning, Sweden finally broke the curse on May 19, 2013 by defeating a pesky Swiss team 5-1 at Stockholm's Globe Arena.

The dynamic of the Swedish team changed completely after the Sedin brothers, Henrik and Daniel, joined Tre Kronor. The hosts were not the best team from the beginning, but they were it when it counts – at the end.

Despite this, the story of the 2013 tournament was still Switzerland, who finished 11th in 2012. The Swiss not only won their first medal since 1953 and their first silver since 1935, they did it by playing creative and attractive hockey while, among others, defeating Sweden (in the opener), Canada, the Czech Republic (twice) and USA in the semi-final.

Defenceman Roman Josi was named MVP, the first Swiss player ever to have been bestowed that honour. USA grabbed the bronze, their first medal at this event since 2004.



Switzerland's defence was piloted by Roman Josi, who registered four goals and five assists for nine points in ten games, putting him among the top-ten scoring leaders.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images



Fredrik Pettersson's slapshot shootout goal against Canada in the quarter-final propelled Sweden into the semis and later a gold medal.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images

2013 IIHF World Championship Division I Group A

Budapest, Hungary



**2013
ICE HOCKEY
WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
HUNGARY
Budapest
Division I - Group A**

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
14.04.13	Japan - Kazakhstan	2 - 5 (1-1, 1-2, 0-2)
14.04.13	Korea - Italy	0 - 4 (0-1, 0-2, 0-1)
14.04.13	Great Britain - Hungary	2 - 4 (1-0, 1-3, 0-1)
15.04.13	Italy - Japan	4 - 1 (1-0, 2-0, 1-1)
15.04.13	Kazakhstan - Great Britain	5 - 0 (2-0, 1-0, 2-0)
15.04.13	Hungary - Korea	4 - 5 SO (1-0, 2-0, 1-1)
17.04.13	Korea - Japan	5 - 6 (0-1, 3-3, 2-2)
17.04.13	Italy - Great Britain	5 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 3-0)
17.04.13	Kazakhstan - Hungary	1 - 2 (0-0, 1-1, 0-1)
19.04.13	Kazakhstan - Korea	4 - 2 (3-0, 1-0, 0-2)
19.04.13	Japan - Great Britain	4 - 1 (1-0, 1-0, 2-1)
19.04.13	Hungary - Italy	1 - 2 (1-1, 0-0, 0-1)
20.04.13	Great Britain - Korea	1 - 4 (1-0, 0-3, 0-1)
20.04.13	Italy - Kazakhstan	0 - 3 (0-1, 0-1, 0-1)
20.04.13	Hungary - Japan	1 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 0-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Kazakhstan	5	4	0	0	1	18 : 6	12
2	Italy	5	4	0	0	1	15 : 6	12
3	Hungary	5	3	0	1	1	12 : 10	10
4	Japan	5	2	0	0	3	13 : 16	6
5	Korea	5	1	1	0	3	16 : 19	5
6	Great Britain	5	0	0	0	5	5 : 22	0

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Adam Dennis	ITA
Best Defenceman:	Aaron Keller	JPN
Best Forward:	Patrick Iannone	ITA

Final Placing

1	Kazakhstan	4	Japan
2	Italy	5	Korea
3	Hungary	6	Great Britain

Kazakhstan and Italy promoted to 2014 IIHF World Championship.
Great Britain relegated to 2014 IIHF World Championship Division I Group B.

Kazakhstan, Italy in "elevator mode"

Going up, going down, and going up again. That's the story for Kazakhstan and Italy, who seem to be too good for the men's second-highest level of the World Championship, but at the same time not strong enough to remain among the Top-16.

Both countries have earned the opportunity to break this pattern after Kazakhstan and Italy finished 1st and 2nd at the 2013 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I Group A in Budapest. Both will try to avoid relegation at the 2014 event in Minsk, Belarus.

The Kazakhs made up for a historic loss to Hungary by blanking Italy in the final game 3-0.

Host Hungary had an eventful championship where they beat the Kazakhs for the first time, but were also handed a first-ever loss to Korea, who by the way sent Great Britain to relegation to Division IB. By staying in the second-highest division, Korea achieved its best overall placing ever, 21st among all countries in the World.

As a "thank you", Korea will organize next season's Division IA.

Kazakhstan made short work of its Division IA opponents and shut out runners-up Italy 3-0 on the last day of the championship to finish atop the final ranking. Both teams return to the top division after having been relegated one year ago. Photo: Lazslo Mudra



2013 IIHF World Championship Division I Group B

Donetsk, Ukraine



**2013
ICE HOCKEY
WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
UKRAINE**
Donetsk
Division I - Group B

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
14.04.13	Netherlands - Estonia	5 - 4 (2-0, 2-3, 1-1)
14.04.13	Poland - Lithuania	5 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 2-0)
14.04.13	Ukraine - Romania	8 - 1 (1-0, 5-0, 2-1)
15.04.13	Lithuania - Netherlands	3 - 5 (1-2, 1-2, 1-1)
15.04.13	Romania - Poland	1 - 6 (1-0, 0-3, 0-3)
15.04.13	Estonia - Ukraine	1 - 8 (1-2, 0-2, 0-4)
17.04.13	Estonia - Romania	3 - 6 (1-2, 2-2, 0-2)
17.04.13	Poland - Netherlands	3 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 1-0)
17.04.13	Ukraine - Lithuania	7 - 0 (2-0, 2-0, 3-0)
18.04.13	Poland - Estonia	5 - 3 (1-0, 2-2, 2-1)
18.04.13	Romania - Lithuania	2 - 1 (1-0, 0-1, 1-0)
18.04.13	Netherlands - Ukraine	2 - 3 OT (2-0, 0-2, 0-0)
20.04.13	Netherlands - Romania	6 - 2 (3-0, 1-1, 2-1)
20.04.13	Lithuania - Estonia	12 - 3 (1-1, 3-2, 8-0)
20.04.13	Ukraine - Poland	4 - 3 (0-2, 3-0, 1-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Ukraine	5	4	1	0	0	30 : 7	14
2	Poland	5	4	0	0	1	22 : 9	12
3	Netherlands	5	3	0	1	1	19 : 15	10
4	Romania	5	2	0	0	3	12 : 24	6
5	Lithuania	5	1	0	0	4	16 : 22	3
6	Estonia	5	0	0	0	5	14 : 36	0

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Martijn Oosterwijk	NED
Best Defenceman:	Pawel Dronia	POL
Best Forward:	Oleg Tymchenko	UKR

Final Placing

1	Ukraine	4	Romania
2	Poland	5	Lithuania
3	Netherlands	6	Estonia

Ukraine is promoted to 2014 IIHF World Championship Division I Group A.
Estonia is relegated to 2014 IIHF World Championship Division II Group A.



Oleg Tymchenko (left) led Ukraine with ten points in five games.
Photo: Valeri Dudush

In front of 4,037 fans at the Ice Palace Druzhba, hosts Ukraine edged Poland despite trailing 2-0 after the first period. Oleg Shafarenko's goal early in the third period was the difference as the hosts held on to win the Division IB championship. Photo: Valeri Dudush



2013 IIHF World Championship Division II Group A

Zagreb, Croatia



2013
ICE HOCKEY
WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
CROATIA
Division II - Group A

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
14.04.13	Belgium - Iceland	4 - 1 (2-0, 1-1, 1-0)
14.04.13	Croatia - Australia	3 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 1-0)
14.04.13	Spain - Serbia	3 - 4 (1-1, 1-1, 1-2)
15.04.13	Australia - Iceland	2 - 3 so (1-2, 0-0, 1-0)
15.04.13	Serbia - Belgium	0 - 4 (0-1, 0-0, 0-3)
15.04.13	Spain - Croatia	2 - 6 (0-4, 1-1, 1-1)
17.04.13	Australia - Serbia	3 - 5 (1-2, 0-3, 2-0)
17.04.13	Spain - Belgium	3 - 6 (0-3, 0-1, 3-2)
17.04.13	Croatia - Iceland	6 - 1 (1-0, 0-0, 5-1)
19.04.13	Iceland - Spain	6 - 3 (1-1, 1-1, 4-1)
19.04.13	Belgium - Australia	1 - 3 (0-1, 1-0, 0-2)
19.04.13	Serbia - Croatia	4 - 6 (0-2, 3-3, 1-1)
20.04.13	Australia - Spain	4 - 1 (2-0, 1-0, 1-1)
20.04.13	Iceland - Serbia	5 - 1 (1-0, 2-1, 2-0)
20.04.13	Croatia - Belgium	6 - 0 (2-0, 0-0, 4-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Croatia	5	5	0	0	0	27 : 8	15
2	Belgium	5	3	0	0	2	15 : 13	9
3	Iceland	5	2	1	0	2	16 : 16	8
4	Australia	5	2	0	1	2	13 : 13	7
5	Serbia	5	2	0	0	3	14 : 21	6
6	Spain	5	0	0	0	5	12 : 26	0

Croatia stormed through Division IIA, outscoring the opposition nearly 3:1 to win the championship.

Photo: Davor Sajko / hrsport.net

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Bjorn Steijlen	BEL
Best Defenceman:	Andy Sertich	CRO
Best Forward:	Joel Prpic	CRO

Final Placing

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

Croatia is promoted to 2014 IIHF World Championship Division I Group B.
Spain is relegated to 2014 IIHF World Championship Division II Group B.



2013 IIHF World Championship Division II Group B

Izmit, Turkey



2013
ICE HOCKEY
WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
TURKEY
Division II - Group B

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
21.04.13	Bulgaria - New Zealand	5 - 10 (1-3, 2-3, 2-4)
21.04.13	China - Israel	3 - 6 (0-3, 2-2, 1-1)
21.04.13	Turkey - Mexico	4 - 6 (1-3, 0-1, 3-2)
22.04.13	New Zealand - Mexico	4 - 2 (2-1, 1-0, 1-1)
22.04.13	China - Bulgaria	9 - 6 (3-1, 4-1, 2-4)
22.04.13	Israel - Turkey	5 - 3 (0-1, 2-2, 3-0)
24.04.13	New Zealand - Israel	2 - 3 (0-2, 1-1, 1-0)
24.04.13	Bulgaria - Mexico	7 - 8 so (2-3, 2-2, 3-2)
24.04.13	China - Turkey	3 - 2 (1-0, 1-0, 1-2)
25.04.13	Israel - Bulgaria	13 - 2 (5-1, 3-1, 5-0)
25.04.13	Mexico - China	5 - 0 (2-0, 2-0, 1-0)
25.04.13	Turkey - New Zealand	1 - 2 (0-0, 1-2, 0-0)
27.04.13	Mexico - Israel	4 - 3 (0-0, 1-2, 3-1)
27.04.13	Bulgaria - Turkey	3 - 6 (3-1, 0-2, 0-3)
27.04.13	New Zealand - China	6 - 5 (2-1, 0-3, 4-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Israel	5	4	0	0	1	30 : 14	12
2	New Zealand	5	4	0	0	1	24 : 16	12
3	Mexico	5	3	1	0	1	25 : 18	11
4	China	5	2	0	0	3	20 : 25	6
5	Turkey	5	0	0	1	4	16 : 19	3
6	Bulgaria	5	0	0	1	4	23 : 46	1

Israel entered the tournament in Izmit as an unknown entity and the second-lowest ranked team, but rang off four wins in four games to clinch promotion. Photo: Irfan Kurudirek

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Avihu Sorotzky	ISR
Best Defenceman:	Berton Haines	NZL
Best Forward:	Brian Arroyo	MEX

Final Placing

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

Israel is promoted to 2014 IIHF World Championship Division II Group A.
Bulgaria is relegated to 2014 IIHF World Championship Division III.



2013 IIHF World Championship Division III

Cape Town, South Africa



2013
ICE HOCKEY
WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
SOUTH AFRICA
Division III

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
15.04.13	DPR Korea - UAE	5 - 3 (3-1, 1-1, 1-1)
15.04.13	Greece - Ireland	3 - 6 (1-1, 1-1, 1-4)
15.04.13	Luxembourg - South Africa	2 - 5 (0-0, 2-3, 0-2)
16.04.13	UAE - Greece	3 - 4 (2-1, 0-3, 1-0)
16.04.13	DPR Korea - Luxembourg	5 - 2 (2-0, 3-0, 0-2)
16.04.13	South Africa - Ireland	7 - 4 (1-0, 3-2, 3-2)
18.04.13	Luxembourg - Ireland	5 - 0 (0-0, 2-0, 3-0)
18.04.13	DPR Korea - Greece	7 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 5-0)
18.04.13	South Africa - UAE	15 - 0 (7-0, 4-0, 4-0)
19.04.13	Ireland - DPR Korea	1 - 2 (0-0, 0-1, 1-1)
19.04.13	UAE - Luxembourg	1 - 8 (0-4, 0-3, 1-1)
19.04.13	Greece - South Africa	1 - 8 (0-2, 0-5, 1-1)
21.04.13	Luxembourg - Greece	3 - 2 (2-0, 0-1, 1-1)
21.04.13	Ireland - UAE	7 - 3 (3-1, 2-0, 2-2)
21.04.13	South Africa - DPR Korea	4 - 1 (1-0, 1-0, 2-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	South Africa	5	5	0	0	0	39 : 8	15
2	DPR Korea	5	4	0	0	1	20 : 11	12
3	Luxembourg	5	3	0	0	2	20 : 13	9
4	Ireland	5	2	0	0	3	18 : 20	6
5	Greece	5	1	0	0	4	11 : 27	3
6	UAE	5	0	0	0	5	10 : 39	0

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Michel Welter	LUX
Best Defenceman:	Pong Il Ri	PRK
Best Forward:	Joshua Reinecke	RSA

Final Placing

1	South Africa	4	Ireland
2	DPR Korea	5	Greece
3	Luxembourg	6	United Arab Emirates

South Africa is promoted to 2014 IIHF World Championship Division II Group B.

The 2013 IIHF World Championship gold medal game set a TV attendance record in Switzerland for this year. The World Championship gold medal game also had high ratings in Sweden where reportedly three million people, 31 per cent of the population, watched the game. Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images





Hitting the Ice: Team Canada captain Ryan Nugent-Hopkins led the U20 tournament with 15 point in six games.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship

Ufa, Russia



**2013
ICE HOCKEY
U20 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
RUSSIA
Ufa**

Preliminary Round

Group A

Date	Game	Score
26.12.12	Latvia - Finland	1 - 5 (1-3, 0-2, 0-0)
26.12.12	Czech Republic - Sweden	1 - 4 (0-2, 0-1, 1-1)
27.12.12	Switzerland - Latvia	7 - 2 (2-1, 3-1, 2-0)
28.12.12	Finland - Czech Republic	1 - 3 (0-2, 1-0, 0-1)
28.12.12	Sweden - Switzerland	3 - 2 SO (0-1, 1-1, 1-0)
29.12.12	Latvia - Sweden	1 - 5 (0-1, 1-1, 0-3)
30.12.12	Finland - Switzerland	5 - 4 SO (0-2, 2-0, 2-2)
30.12.12	Czech Republic - Latvia	4 - 2 (1-1, 1-0, 2-1)
31.12.12	Switzerland - Czech Republic	3 - 4 OT (1-1, 0-2, 2-0)
31.12.12	Sweden - Finland	7 - 4 (3-1, 2-2, 2-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Sweden	4	3	1	0	0	19 : 8	11
2	Czech Republic	4	2	1	0	1	12 : 10	8
3	Switzerland	4	1	0	3	0	16 : 14	6
4	Finland	4	1	1	0	2	15 : 15	5
5	Latvia	4	0	0	0	4	6 : 21	0

Group B

Date	Game	Score
26.12.12	Germany - Canada	3 - 9 (1-2, 2-5, 0-2)
26.12.12	Slovakia - Russia	2 - 3 OT (0-1, 1-1, 1-0)
27.12.12	USA - Germany	8 - 0 (3-0, 3-0, 2-0)
28.12.12	Canada - Slovakia	6 - 3 (0-2, 4-1, 2-0)
28.12.12	Russia - USA	2 - 1 (1-0, 0-1, 1-0)
29.12.12	Germany - Russia	0 - 7 (0-3, 0-1, 0-3)
30.12.12	Canada - USA	2 - 1 (2-0, 0-0, 0-1)
30.12.12	Slovakia - Germany	2 - 1 OT (0-0, 0-1, 1-0)
31.12.12	USA - Slovakia	9 - 3 (5-2, 3-0, 1-1)
31.12.12	Russia - Canada	1 - 4 (1-2, 0-1, 0-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Canada	4	4	0	0	0	21 : 8	12
2	Russia	4	2	1	0	1	13 : 7	8
3	USA	4	2	0	0	2	19 : 7	6
4	Slovakia	4	0	1	1	2	10 : 19	3
5	Germany	4	0	0	1	3	4 : 26	1

Relegation Round

Date	Game	Score
26.12.12	Latvia - Finland	1 - 5 (1-3, 0-2, 0-0)
30.12.12	Slovakia - Germany	2 - 1 OT (0-0, 0-1, 1-0)
02.01.13	Finland - Germany	8 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 5-0)
03.01.13	Slovakia - Latvia	5 - 3 (1-1, 2-0, 2-2)
04.01.13	Germany - Latvia	5 - 2 (0-1, 3-0, 2-1)
04.01.13	Finland - Slovakia	11 - 4 (3-0, 4-3, 4-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Finland	3	3	0	0	0	24 : 5	9
2	Slovakia	3	1	1	0	1	11 : 15	5
3	Germany	3	1	0	1	1	6 : 12	4
4	Latvia	3	0	0	0	3	6 : 15	0

Latvia is relegated to 2014 U20 World Championship Division I Group A.

Playoff Round

Quarter-Final

Date	Game	Score
02.01.13	Czech Republic - USA	0 - 7 (0-1, 0-5, 0-1)
02.01.13	Russia - Switzerland	4 - 3 SO (1-1, 1-1, 1-1)

Semi-Final

Date	Game	Score
03.01.13	Canada - USA	1 - 5 (0-2, 0-2, 1-1)
03.01.13	Sweden - Russia	3 - 2 SO (2-0, 0-1, 0-1)

5th Place Game

Date	Game	Score
04.01.13	Czech Republic - Switzerland	4 - 3 (0-1, 3-1, 1-1)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
05.01.13	Canada - Russia	5 - 6 OT (2-3, 2-1, 1-1)

Gold Medal Game

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

Final Placing

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

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	John Gibson	USA
Best Defenceman:	Jacob Trouba	USA
Best Forward	Ryan Nugent-Hopkins	CAN

All-Star Team

Goalkeeper:	John Gibson	USA
Defenceman:	Jacob Trouba	USA
Defenceman:	Jake McCabe	USA
Forward:	Ryan Nugent-Hopkins	CAN
Forward:	John Gaudreau	USA
Forward:	Filip Forsberg	SWE
MVP:	John Gibson	USA



U.S. forward Rocco Grimaldi went scoreless at the U20 until the final game, where he broke out with two key goals in the second period against Sweden to help claim the gold for his country. Photo: Richard Wolowicz / HHOF-IIHF Images

Housley sticks with system, wins gold

What a contrast from 2012 for the American juniors. One year before the World Juniors in Ufa, Team USA played in the relegation round. Twelve months later they defeated Sweden 3-1 in the gold medal game to win USA's third U20 gold, their first since 2010.

It was a very strong showing despite losing two games in the preliminary round, both by a 2-1 score to Russia and Canada. But rookie coach Phil Housley stuck with his system and at the end there was no doubt who was the best team. Not only did the U.S. win, but they also placed four players on the All-Star Team, including the championship MVP: goaltender John Gibson.

After winning its first World Junior Championship in 31 years the year before in Calgary, Sweden confirmed its status as a U20 power with the silver in Ufa. Russia, who hasn't won a World Junior event on home ice since 1983 (then Soviet Union), failed again but grabbed bronze after a thrilling 3rd place game against Canada.

And the happiest team? Maybe Germany, who avoided relegation from the top division for the first time since 1997.

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I Group A

Amiens, France



2013
ICE HOCKEY
U20 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
FRANCE
Division I - Group A

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
09.12.12	Slovenia - Belarus	0 - 2 (0-1, 0-1, 0-0)
09.12.12	Austria - Norway	1 - 4 (0-1, 1-1, 0-2)
09.12.12	France - Denmark	2 - 5 (1-1, 1-2, 0-2)
10.12.12	Belarus - Austria	2 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 1-0)
10.12.12	Denmark - Slovenia	4 - 3 (1-1, 2-1, 1-1)
10.12.12	Norway - France	3 - 1 (1-1, 0-0, 2-0)
12.12.12	Denmark - Austria	8 - 3 (3-1, 4-1, 1-1)
12.12.12	Belarus - Norway	2 - 4 (1-2, 0-1, 1-1)
12.12.12	France - Slovenia	0 - 5 (0-1, 0-1, 0-3)
13.12.12	Norway - Denmark	3 - 2 OT (1-2, 0-0, 1-0)
13.12.12	Slovenia - Austria	4 - 3 SO (1-0, 0-3, 2-0)
13.12.12	Belarus - France	9 - 3 (3-2, 4-1, 2-0)
15.12.12	Norway - Slovenia	5 - 1 (1-0, 1-1, 2-0)
15.12.12	Denmark - Belarus	1 - 4 (0-0, 0-3, 1-1)
15.12.12	Austria - France	6 - 3 (3-2, 0-1, 3-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Norway	5	4	1	0	0	19:7	14
2	Belarus	5	4	0	0	1	19:8	12
3	Denmark	5	3	0	1	1	20:15	10
4	Slovenia	5	1	1	0	3	13:14	5
5	Austria	5	1	0	1	3	13:21	4
6	France	5	0	0	0	5	9:28	0

Final Placing

1	Norway	4	Slovenia
2	Belarus	5	Austria
3	Denmark	6	France

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Luka Gracnar	SLO
Best Defenceman:	Bjorn Uldall	DEN
Best Forward:	Artur Gavrus	BLR

Norway is promoted to 2014 World Junior Championship.

France is relegated to 2014 U20 World Championship Division IB.



Norway's U20 national team returns to the top division next year after going undefeated in five games at the Division IA tourney. Photo: Pascal Enault

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I Group B

Donetsk, Ukraine



2013
ICE HOCKEY
U20 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
UKRAINE
Division I - Group B

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
10.12.12	Poland - Kazakhstan	6 - 3 (2-1, 3-1, 1-1)
10.12.12	Croatia - Italy	0 - 3 (0-0, 0-3, 0-0)
10.12.12	Ukraine - Great Britain	2 - 1 SO (0-0, 1-1, 0-0)
12.12.12	Kazakhstan - Croatia	5 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 4-0)
12.12.12	Great Britain - Poland	2 - 6 (2-1, 0-2, 0-3)
12.12.12	Italy - Ukraine	3 - 1 (0-1, 1-0, 2-0)
13.12.12	Great Britain - Croatia	4 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 3-0)
13.12.12	Kazakhstan - Italy	2 - 1 (1-0, 0-0, 1-1)
13.12.12	Ukraine - Poland	2 - 0 (0-0, 2-0, 0-0)
15.12.12	Italy - Great Britain	6 - 0 (0-0, 4-0, 2-0)
15.12.12	Poland - Croatia	5 - 0 (2-0, 2-0, 1-0)
15.12.12	Kazakhstan - Ukraine	2 - 1 SO (0-0, 1-0, 0-1)
16.12.12	Italy - Poland	2 - 3 (1-0, 1-1, 0-2)
16.12.12	Great Britain - Kazakhstan	1 - 4 (1-2, 0-0, 0-2)
16.12.12	Croatia - Ukraine	1 - 2 (0-1, 0-0, 1-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Poland	5	4	0	0	1	20:9	12
2	Kazakhstan	5	3	1	0	1	16:9	11
3	Italy	5	3	0	0	2	15:6	9
4	Ukraine	5	2	1	1	1	8:7	9
5	Great Britain	5	1	0	1	3	8:18	4
6	Croatia	5	0	0	0	5	1:19	0

Final Placing

1	Poland	4	Ukraine
2	Kazakhstan	5	Great Britain
3	Italy	6	Croatia

Poland is promoted to 2014 U20 World Championship Division IA.
Croatia is relegated to 2014 U20 World Championship Division IIA.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Mykhailo Shevchuk	UKR
Best Defenceman:	Alex Trivellato	ITA
Best Forward:	Kacper Guzik	POL



Kacper Guzik scored a hat-trick in Poland's come-from-behind 3-2 victory against Italy to win promotion, and led the championship in scoring with 11 points in five games. Photo: Valeri Dudush

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II Group A

Brasov, Romania



2013
ICE HOCKEY
U20 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
ROMANIA
Division II - Group A

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
09.12.12	Lithuania - Netherlands	1 - 2 (0-1, 0-0, 1-1)
09.12.12	Hungary - Japan	2 - 7 (1-1, 1-0, 0-6)
09.12.12	Romania - Spain	6 - 3 (1-1, 1-1, 4-1)
10.12.12	Lithuania - Hungary	1 - 3 (0-2, 1-1, 0-0)
10.12.12	Japan - Spain	6 - 1 (2-1, 4-0, 0-0)
10.12.12	Netherlands - Romania	4 - 5 (1-4, 0-1, 3-0)
12.12.12	Hungary - Spain	6 - 2 (1-1, 3-0, 1-2)
12.12.12	Japan - Netherlands	8 - 1 (0-1, 4-0, 4-0)
12.12.12	Lithuania - Romania	3 - 5 (1-1, 2-1, 0-3)
13.12.12	Netherlands - Hungary	5 - 6 OT (2-1, 1-2, 2-2)
13.12.12	Spain - Lithuania	3 - 6 (1-3, 0-2, 2-1)
13.12.12	Romania - Japan	1 - 4 (0-1, 1-0, 0-3)
15.12.12	Japan - Lithuania	6 - 3 (1-1, 2-1, 3-1)
15.12.12	Spain - Netherlands	3 - 5 (0-3, 2-1, 1-1)
15.12.12	Hungary - Romania	5 - 1 (3-0, 1-1, 1-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Japan	5	5	0	0	0	31 : 8	15
2	Hungary	5	3	1	0	1	22 : 16	11
3	Romania	5	3	0	0	2	18 : 19	9
4	Netherlands	5	2	0	1	2	17 : 23	7
5	Lithuania	5	1	0	0	4	14 : 19	3
6	Spain	5	0	0	0	5	12 : 29	0

Final Placing

1	Japan	4	Netherlands
2	Hungary	5	Lithuania
3	Romania	6	Spain

Japan is promoted to 2014 U20 World Championship Division IB.
Spain is relegated to 2014 U20 World Championship Division IIB.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Zoltan Toke	ROU
Best Defenceman:	Hiroto Sato	JPN
Best Forward:	Roberto Gliga	ROU

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2013 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II Group B

Belgrade, Serbia



2013
ICE HOCKEY
U20 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
SERBIA
Belgrade
Division II - Group B

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
12.01.13	Iceland - Belgium	4 - 2 (1-0, 1-1, 2-1)
12.01.13	Estonia - Australia	8 - 0 (3-0, 4-0, 1-0)
12.01.13	Serbia - Korea	2 - 4 (1-1, 1-2, 0-1)
13.01.13	Australia - Iceland	3 - 5 (0-2, 1-3, 2-0)
13.01.13	Korea - Belgium	6 - 2 (1-1, 1-0, 4-1)
13.01.13	Estonia - Serbia	9 - 0 (3-0, 2-0, 4-0)
15.01.13	Korea - Australia	5 - 1 (2-0, 0-1, 3-0)
15.01.13	Estonia - Iceland	12 - 1 (3-1, 2-0, 7-0)
15.01.13	Serbia - Belgium	7 - 4 (1-1, 4-1, 2-2)
17.01.13	Belgium - Estonia	2 - 25 (0-4, 1-10, 1-11)
17.01.13	Iceland - Korea	1 - 5 (1-2, 0-2, 0-1)
17.01.13	Australia - Serbia	3 - 1 (0-0, 2-0, 1-1)
18.01.13	Korea - Estonia	3 - 8 (0-4, 2-2, 1-2)
18.01.13	Belgium - Australia	3 - 5 (1-1, 0-2, 2-2)
18.01.13	Serbia - Iceland	7 - 1 (1-0, 4-1, 2-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Estonia	5	5	0	0	0	62 : 6	15
2	Korea	5	4	0	0	1	23 : 14	12
3	Serbia	5	2	0	0	3	17 : 21	6
4	Australia	5	2	0	0	3	12 : 22	6
5	Iceland	5	2	0	0	3	12 : 29	6
6	Belgium	5	0	0	0	5	13 : 47	0

Final Placing

1	Estonia	4	Australia
2	Korea	5	Iceland
3	Serbia	6	Belgium

Estonia is promoted to 2014 U20 World Championship Division IIA.
Belgium is relegated to 2014 U20 World Championship Division III.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Petar Stepanovic	SRB
Best Defenceman:	Mark Taru	EST
Best Forward:	Robert Rooba	EST

2013 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division III

Sofia, Bulgaria



2013
ICE HOCKEY
U20 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
BULGARIA
Division III

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
14.01.13	China - Turkey	7 - 3 (3-2, 4-0, 0-1)
14.01.13	New Zealand - Mexico	1 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 0-0)
14.01.13	UAE - Bulgaria	0 - 5 (forfeit)
15.01.13	China - New Zealand	4 - 1 (3-0, 0-1, 1-0)
15.01.13	Turkey - UAE	5 - 0 (forfeit)
15.01.13	Mexico - Bulgaria	1 - 3 (0-0, 1-1, 0-2)
17.01.13	Mexico - Turkey	11 - 2 (3-1, 2-1, 6-0)
17.01.13	China - UAE	5 - 0 (forfeit)
17.01.13	New Zealand - Bulgaria	0 - 6 (0-0, 0-3, 0-3)
18.01.13	UAE - Mexico	0 - 5 (forfeit)
18.01.13	Turkey - New Zealand	2 - 6 (1-2, 1-2, 0-2)
18.01.13	Bulgaria - China	1 - 10 (0-6, 1-2, 0-2)
20.01.13	New Zealand - UAE	5 - 0 (forfeit)
20.01.13	Bulgaria - Turkey	4 - 3 (2-1, 1-1, 1-1)
20.01.13	Mexico - China	1 - 6 (0-3, 1-2, 0-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	China	5	5	0	0	0	32 : 6	15
2	Bulgaria	5	4	0	0	1	19 : 14	12
3	New Zealand	5	3	0	0	2	13 : 12	9
4	Mexico	5	2	0	0	3	18 : 12	6
5	Turkey	5	1	0	0	4	15 : 28	3
DQ	UAE							

Final Placing

1	China	4	Mexico
2	Bulgaria	5	Turkey
3	New Zealand	6	United Arab Emirates

China is promoted to 2014 U20 World Championship Division IIB.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Aston Brookes	NZL
Best Defenceman:	Kristian Radovanov	BUL
Best Forward:	Jiachang Bao	CHN



A Unique Triple: USA goaltender John Gibson won gold at the U18 in 2011, then added another this year at the World Juniors and a bronze with the senior team. Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images



2013 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship

Sochi, Russia



2013

ICE HOCKEY
U18 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
RUSSIA
Sochi

Preliminary Round

Group A

Date	Game	Score
18.04.13	Latvia - Finland	0 - 7 (0-4, 0-1, 0-2)
18.04.13	Russia - USA	4 - 3 (1-2, 1-0, 2-1)
19.04.13	Czech Republic - Latvia	7 - 0 (3-0, 2-0, 2-0)
20.04.13	USA - Czech Republic	4 - 3 (1-2, 3-1, 0-0)
20.04.13	Finland - Russia	1 - 3 (0-0, 0-2, 1-1)
21.04.13	Latvia - USA	1 - 7 (0-4, 1-0, 0-3)
22.04.13	Finland - Czech Republic	4 - 3 (1-0, 3-0, 0-3)
22.04.13	Russia - Latvia	10 - 2 (3-1, 3-1, 4-0)
23.04.13	USA - Finland	1 - 2 (1-0, 0-1, 0-1)
23.04.13	Czech Republic - Russia	2 - 5 (0-0, 1-3, 1-2)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Russia	4	4	0	0	0	22 : 8	12
2	Finland	4	3	0	0	1	14 : 7	9
3	USA	4	2	0	0	2	15 : 10	6
4	Czech Republic	4	1	0	0	3	15 : 13	3
5	Latvia	4	0	0	0	4	3 : 31	0

Group B

Date	Game	Score
18.04.13	Germany - Sweden	1 - 9 (1-3, 0-4, 0-2)
18.04.13	Slovakia - Canada	1 - 4 (1-2, 0-0, 0-2)
19.04.13	Switzerland - Slovakia	4 - 1 (2-0, 1-0, 1-1)
20.04.13	Canada - Germany	3 - 1 (2-0, 1-1, 0-0)
20.04.13	Sweden - Switzerland	6 - 0 (3-0, 1-0, 2-0)
21.04.13	Slovakia - Sweden	2 - 5 (0-1, 1-3, 1-1)
22.04.13	Canada - Switzerland	10 - 1 (2-0, 6-1, 2-0)
22.04.13	Germany - Slovakia	6 - 3 (2-2, 2-1, 2-0)
23.04.13	Sweden - Canada	0 - 6 (0-1, 0-3, 0-2)
23.04.13	Switzerland - Germany	3 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 1-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Canada	4	4	0	0	0	23 : 3	12
2	Sweden	4	3	0	0	1	20 : 9	9
3	Switzerland	4	2	0	0	2	8 : 17	6
4	Germany	4	1	0	0	3	8 : 18	3
5	Slovakia	4	0	0	0	4	7 : 19	0

Relegation Round

Date	Game	Score
25.04.13	Slovakia - Latvia	5 - 2 (2-0, 1-2, 2-0)
26.04.13	Latvia - Slovakia	2 - 3 (2-2, 0-0, 0-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Slovakia	2	2	0	0	0	8 : 4	6
2	Latvia	2	0	0	0	2	4 : 8	0

Latvia is relegated to the 2014 IIHF U18 World Championship Division IA.

Playoff Round

Quarter-Final

Date	Game	Score
25.04.13	Finland - Switzerland	7 - 4 (1-0, 2-3, 4-1)
25.04.13	Sweden - USA	0 - 4 (0-2, 0-0, 0-2)
25.04.13	Russia - Germany	8 - 4 (2-1, 4-0, 2-3)
25.04.13	Canada - Czech Republic	6 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 3-0)

Semi-Final

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

Bronze Medal Game

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

Gold Medal Game

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

Final Placing

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

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Juuse Saros	FIN
Best Defenceman:	Steven Santini	USA
Best Forward:	Connor McDavid	CAN



Canada wins its third U18 gold medal, in the process stopping the USA's four-year trophy run. Photo: Matthew Murnaghan / HHOF-IIHF Images

Canada steals the show in Sochi

2013 was not your run-of-the-mill U18 World Championship. As the tournament served as the final pre-Olympic test event for Sochi 2014, teams got to compete this year at the Bolshoy and Shayba Olympic arenas. And it was Canada who made the most out of playing on Olympic ice some ten months before the big boys will take over.

Averaging five goals per game and led by 16-year-old whiz-kid Connor McDavid's 14 points in seven games, Canada defeated USA 3-2 in the final to end the Americans' four-year U18 gold medal streak. It was Canada's third U18 gold.

Tournaments host Russia was denied a medal by Finland, who edged the home team 2-1 in the bronze medal game at the Bolshoy. Latvia was relegated to Division I after losing a two-game series to Slovakia.

The tournament had excellent attendance numbers in the Olympic venues. The home team averaged over 6,000 spectators, with the semi-final vs. USA drawing almost 7,000. Despite the fact that the home favourites didn't play in the gold medal game, it was still attended by 6,200 fans.

2013 IIHF U18 World Championship Division I Group A

Asiago, Italy



2013
ICE HOCKEY
U18 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
ITALY
Division I - Group A

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
07.04.13	France - Norway	2 - 3 (2-0, 0-0, 0-3)
07.04.13	Belarus - Denmark	2 - 3 SO (0-1, 1-0, 1-1)
07.04.13	Slovenia - Italy	2 - 3 (1-0, 1-1, 0-2)
08.04.13	Denmark - France	5 - 1 (1-0, 0-0, 4-1)
08.04.13	Norway - Slovenia	7 - 3 (1-1, 2-1, 4-1)
08.04.13	Italy - Belarus	4 - 1 (2-0, 1-0, 1-1)
10.04.13	Denmark - Slovenia	3 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 0-0)
10.04.13	Belarus - France	6 - 1 (3-0, 2-1, 1-0)
10.04.13	Norway - Italy	12 - 1 (4-0, 4-1, 4-0)
11.04.13	Norway - Belarus	6 - 3 (2-2, 3-0, 1-1)
11.04.13	France - Slovenia	6 - 2 (2-0, 2-2, 2-0)
11.04.13	Italy - Denmark	0 - 5 (0-0, 0-4, 0-1)
13.04.13	Slovenia - Belarus	1 - 5 (0-0, 0-2, 1-3)
13.04.13	Denmark - Norway	6 - 3 (2-1, 0-2, 4-0)
13.04.13	Italy - France	3 - 4 SO (0-2, 1-1, 2-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Denmark	5	4	1	0	0	22 : 6	14
2	Norway	5	4	0	0	1	31 : 15	12
3	Italy	5	2	0	1	2	11 : 24	7
4	Belarus	5	2	0	1	2	17 : 15	7
5	France	5	1	1	0	3	14 : 19	5
6	Slovenia	5	0	0	0	5	8 : 24	0

Final Placing

1	Denmark	4	Belarus
2	Norway	5	France
3	Italy	6	Slovenia

Denmark is promoted to the 2014 IIHF U18 World Championship.
Slovenia is relegated to the 2014 IIHF U18 World Championship Division IB.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Georg Sorensen	DEN
Best Defenceman:	Andreas Klavestad	NOR
Best Forward:	Markus Soberg	NOR



Nikolaj Ehlers collected four points and Georg Sørensen made 29 saves as Denmark defeated rivals Norway in the final game to win promotion. Photo: Paolo Basso

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2013 IIHF U18 World Championship Division I Group B

Tychy, Poland



2013
ICE HOCKEY
U18 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
POLAND
Division I - Group B

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
14.04.13	Ukraine - Kazakhstan	0 - 8 (0-2, 0-1, 0-5)
14.04.13	Korea - Austria	1 - 4 (0-1, 0-1, 1-2)
14.04.13	Poland - Japan	5 - 3 (2-1, 2-2, 1-0)
15.04.13	Kazakhstan - Korea	10 - 1 (5-0, 2-1, 3-0)
15.04.13	Japan - Ukraine	5 - 4 (1-2, 3-1, 1-1)
15.04.13	Austria - Poland	8 - 1 (3-0, 0-1, 5-0)
17.04.13	Japan - Korea	4 - 2 (0-1, 1-0, 3-1)
17.04.13	Kazakhstan - Austria	5 - 1 (1-0, 1-1, 3-0)
17.04.13	Poland - Ukraine	3 - 2 (1-0, 2-1, 0-1)
18.04.13	Austria - Japan	1 - 6 (1-1, 0-1, 0-4)
18.04.13	Ukraine - Korea	6 - 1 (3-0, 2-0, 1-1)
18.04.13	Kazakhstan - Poland	5 - 4 (1-1, 1-1, 3-2)
20.04.13	Austria - Ukraine	7 - 5 (0-2, 3-1, 4-2)
20.04.13	Japan - Kazakhstan	5 - 6 (1-4, 2-1, 2-1)
20.04.13	Korea - Poland	3 - 5 (0-1, 2-2, 1-2)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Kazakhstan	5	5	0	0	0	34 : 11	15
2	Japan	5	3	0	0	2	23 : 18	9
3	Austria	5	3	0	0	2	21 : 18	9
4	Poland	5	3	0	0	2	18 : 21	9
5	Ukraine	5	1	0	0	4	17 : 24	3
6	Korea	5	0	0	0	5	8 : 29	0

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Sergi Pysarenko	UKR
Best Defenceman:	Yuri Sergienko	KAZ
Best Forward:	Yuri Terao	JPN

Final Placing

1	Kazakhstan	4	Poland
2	Japan	5	Ukraine
3	Austria	6	Korea

Kazakhstan is promoted to the 2014 IIHF U18 World Championship Division IA.
Korea is relegated to the 2014 IIHF U18 World Championship Division IIA.



In the final game against Poland, Kazakhstan's Sergei Stukalov tied the game 4-4 and with four minutes left the Kazakhs capitalized on a power play goal to claim a big win over the hosts. Photo: Polish Ice Hockey Federation

2013 IIHF U18 World Championship Division II Group A

Tallinn, Estonia

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
31.03.13	Romania - Croatia	3 - 4 so (0-0, 2-2, 1-1)
31.03.13	Lithuania - Hungary	2 - 4 (0-2, 0-2, 2-0)
31.03.13	Estonia - Great Britain	3 - 7 (0-2, 2-4, 1-1)
01.04.13	Romania - Lithuania	4 - 3 (1-0, 3-2, 0-1)
01.04.13	Hungary - Great Britain	6 - 2 (1-1, 4-1, 1-0)
01.04.13	Croatia - Estonia	5 - 0 (2-0, 1-0, 2-0)
03.04.13	Lithuania - Great Britain	2 - 3 (1-1, 1-1, 0-1)
03.04.13	Hungary - Croatia	2 - 1 (1-0, 0-0, 1-1)
03.04.13	Romania - Estonia	4 - 2 (1-1, 2-1, 1-0)
04.04.13	Croatia - Lithuania	3 - 4 so (0-3, 2-0, 1-0)
04.04.13	Great Britain - Romania	2 - 1 so (0-0, 0-1, 1-0)
04.04.13	Estonia - Hungary	3 - 9 (2-3, 0-5, 1-1)
06.04.13	Hungary - Romania	2 - 1 so (0-0, 0-1, 1-0)
06.04.13	Great Britain - Croatia	3 - 5 (1-1, 1-2, 1-2)
06.04.13	Lithuania - Estonia	6 - 5 so (0-0, 2-2, 3-3)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Hungary	5	4	1	0	0	23 : 9	14
2	Croatia	5	2	1	1	1	18 : 12	9
3	Romania	5	2	0	3	0	13 : 13	9
4	Great Britain	5	2	1	0	2	17 : 17	8
5	Lithuania	5	0	2	0	3	17 : 19	4
6	Estonia	5	0	0	1	4	13 : 31	1

Final Placing

1	Hungary	4	Great Britain
2	Croatia	5	Lithuania
3	Romania	6	Estonia

Hungary is promoted to the 2014 IIHF U18 World Championship Division IB.
Estonia is relegated to the 2014 IIHF U18 World Championship Division IIB.



2013 ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ESTONIA Division II - Group A

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards		
Best Goalkeeper:	Attila Adorjan	ROU
Best Defenceman:	Mark Szaller	HUN
Best Forward:	Ferenc Kocsis	HUN



Hungary returns to Division I after a one-year hiatus. Forwards Ferenc Kocsis and Csana Erdelyi combined for 21 points in five games, leading the tournament in scoring. Photo: Galina Novikova

2013 IIHF U18 World Championship Division II Group B

Belgrade, Serbia

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
09.03.13	Belgium - Iceland	3 - 1 (1-0, 1-0, 1-1)
09.03.13	Spain - Netherlands	2 - 6 (1-2, 1-3, 0-1)
09.03.13	Serbia - Australia	8 - 0 (1-0, 3-0, 4-0)
10.03.13	Netherlands - Iceland	4 - 2 (1-1, 0-0, 3-1)
10.03.13	Australia - Belgium	0 - 7 (0-3, 0-2, 0-2)
10.03.13	Serbia - Spain	2 - 3 (0-0, 1-2, 1-1)
12.03.13	Netherlands - Australia	7 - 1 (2-0, 3-1, 2-0)
12.03.13	Spain - Iceland	7 - 0 (3-0, 2-0, 2-0)
12.03.13	Serbia - Belgium	2 - 1 (1-0, 1-0, 0-1)
13.03.13	Australia - Spain	0 - 4 (0-2, 0-0, 0-2)
13.03.13	Belgium - Netherlands	2 - 5 (0-2, 2-1, 0-2)
13.03.13	Iceland - Serbia	0 - 4 (0-0, 0-1, 0-3)
15.03.13	Spain - Belgium	6 - 2 (0-0, 4-0, 2-2)
15.03.13	Iceland - Australia	5 - 2 (0-1, 0-0, 5-1)
15.03.13	Netherlands - Serbia	4 - 2 (2-1, 2-1, 0-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Netherlands	5	5	0	0	0	26 : 9	15
2	Spain	5	4	0	0	1	22 : 10	12
3	Serbia	5	3	0	0	2	18 : 8	9
4	Belgium	5	2	0	0	3	15 : 14	6
5	Iceland	5	1	0	0	4	8 : 20	3
6	Australia	5	0	0	0	5	3 : 31	0



2013 ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SERBIA Belgrade Division II - Group B

Final Placing

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

Netherlands is promoted to the 2014 IIHF U18 World Championship Division IIA.
Australia is relegated to the 2014 IIHF U18 World Championship Division IIIA.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards		
Best Goalkeeper:	Keanu Evers	BEL
Best Defenceman:	Thijs Voorn	NED
Best Forward:	Bryan Henry	BEL



The Dutch U18s swept the tournament with a 5-0 record, outshooting Serbia 44-14 in the final game. Photo: Milos Rafailovic

2013 IIHF U18 World Championship Division III Group A

Taipei City, Chinese Taipei



**2013
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CHAMPIONSHIP
CHINESE TAIPEI**
Division III - Group A

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
11.03.13	Chinese Taipei - New Zealand	4 - 9 (1-3, 1-2, 2-4)
11.03.13	Mexico - China	0 - 6 (0-2, 0-1, 0-3)
12.03.13	Bulgaria - Chinese Taipei	2 - 9 (0-3, 0-4, 2-2)
13.03.13	China - Bulgaria	14 - 0 (6-0, 2-0, 6-0)
13.03.13	New Zealand - Mexico	2 - 0 (0-0, 2-0, 0-0)
14.03.13	Chinese Taipei - China	0 - 8 (0-2, 0-2, 0-4)
15.03.13	Mexico - Chinese Taipei	0 - 3 (0-1, 0-2, 0-0)
15.03.13	New Zealand - Bulgaria	6 - 2 (0-0, 1-1, 5-1)
16.03.13	Bulgaria - Mexico	4 - 3 (2-1, 1-2, 1-0)
16.03.13	China - New Zealand	6 - 3 (0-1, 5-2, 1-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	China	4	4	0	0	0	34 : 3	12
2	New Zealand	4	3	0	0	1	20 : 12	9
3	Chinese Taipei	4	2	0	0	2	16 : 19	6
4	Bulgaria	4	1	0	0	3	8 : 32	3
5	Mexico	4	0	0	0	4	3 : 15	0

China blanked Mexico, Bulgaria, and Chinese Taipei before facing New Zealand in the deciding game for promotion, winning 6-3.

Photo: Kuan-Wen Wang

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards		
Best Goalkeeper:	Zehao Sun	CHN
Best Defenceman:	Ching Kuan	TPE
Best Forward:	Peng Ji	CHN

Final Placing

1	China	4	Bulgaria
2	New Zealand	5	Mexico
3	Chinese Taipei		

China is promoted to the 2014 IIHF U18 World Championship Division IIB.



2013 IIHF U18 World Championship Division III Group B

Izmit, Turkey



**2013
ICE HOCKEY
U18 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
TURKEY**
Division III - Group B

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
07.02.2013	Israel - Ireland	16 - 2 (6-1, 4-0, 6-1)
07.02.2013	Turkey - South Africa	2 - 5 (0-3, 0-1, 2-1)
09.02.2013	South Africa - Ireland	8 - 2 (4-0, 2-2, 2-0)
09.02.2013	Israel - Turkey	6 - 1 (0-0, 2-1, 4-0)
10.02.2013	South Africa - Israel	1 - 3 (0-1, 0-1, 1-1)
10.02.2013	Turkey - Ireland	10 - 2 (3-1, 2-0, 5-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Israel	3	3	0	0	0	25 : 4	9
2	South Africa	3	2	0	0	1	14 : 7	6
3	Turkey	3	1	0	0	2	13 : 13	3
4	Ireland	3	0	0	0	3	6 : 34	0

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards		
Best Goalkeeper:	Akin Berk	TUR
Best Defenceman:	Luke Stringer	RSA
Best Forward:	Bar Zimmerman	ISR

Final Placing

1	Israel
2	South Africa
3	Turkey
4	Ireland

Israel is promoted to the 2014 IIHF U18 World Championship Division IIIA.



Israel poses for a team shot with Turkey after their game at the U18 Division IIIB Worlds.
Photo: TBHF



Kid Canada: Connor McDavid came up big at the U18 Worlds in Sochi, averaging two points per game on his way to earning a gold medal and Best Forward honours.
Photo: Matthew Murnaghan / HHOF-IIHF Images



All Smiles: Defeating Canada on its home ice, U.S. captain Julie Chu claimed her fourth World Championship.
Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images



2013 IIHF Women's World Championship

Ottawa, Canada



2013
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CHAMPIONSHIP
CANADA
Ottawa

Preliminary Round

Group A

Date	Game	Score
02.04.13	Finland - Switzerland	2 - 1 (0-1, 2-0, 0-0)
02.04.13	Canada - USA	3 - 2 SO (0-2, 0-0, 2-0)
03.04.13	USA - Finland	4 - 2 (4-1, 0-1, 0-0)
03.04.13	Switzerland - Canada	0 - 13 (0-2, 0-6, 0-5)
05.04.13	USA - Switzerland	5 - 0 (2-0, 1-0, 2-0)
05.04.13	Canada - Finland	8 - 0 (3-0, 1-0, 4-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Canada	3	2	1	0	0	24 : 2	8
2	USA	3	2	0	1	0	11 : 5	7
3	Finland	3	1	0	0	2	4 : 13	3
4	Switzerland	3	0	0	0	3	1 : 20	0

Group B

Date	Game	Score
02.04.13	Russia - Germany	4 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 3-0)
02.04.13	Sweden - Czech Republic	2 - 3 (0-2, 2-1, 0-0)
03.04.13	Russia - Czech Republic	3 - 1 (1-0, 1-1, 1-0)
03.04.13	Germany - Sweden	2 - 3 OT (2-1, 0-0, 0-1)
05.04.13	Czech Republic - Germany	3 - 6 (1-1, 0-3, 2-2)
05.04.13	Sweden - Russia	0 - 4 (0-1, 0-2, 0-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Russia	3	3	0	0	0	11 : 1	9
2	Germany	3	1	0	1	1	8 : 10	4
3	Czech Republic	3	1	0	0	2	7 : 11	3
4	Sweden	3	0	1	0	2	5 : 9	2

Relegation Round

Date	Game	Score
06.04.13	Czech Republic - Sweden	1 - 2 SO (0-1, 0-0, 1-0)
08.04.12	Sweden - Czech Republic	4 - 0 (0-0, 2-0, 2-0)

Playoff Round

Quarter-Final

Date	Game	Score
06.04.13	Finland - Germany	1 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 0-0)
06.04.13	Switzerland - Russia	1 - 2 (0-1, 1-0, 0-1)

Semi-Final

Date	Game	Score
08.04.13	USA - Finland	3 - 0 (0-0, 0-0, 3-0)
08.04.13	Canada - Russia	8 - 1 (1-0, 5-1, 2-0)

5th Place Game

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

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
09.04.13	Russia - Finland	2 - 0 (0-0, 0-0, 2-0)

Gold Medal Game

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

Final Placing

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

Czech Republic is relegated to 2015 Women's World Championship Division IA.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Nadezhda Alexandrova	RUS
Best Defenceman:	Jenni Hiirikoski	FIN
Best Forward:	Marie-Philip Poulin	CAN

USA at home in Canada's capital

The trend is clear; the U.S. women have become dominant at the IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship, while Canada has maintained the Olympic gold monopoly since Salt Lake City 2002. Since the Americans broke Canada's streak of eight straight Worlds' titles in 2005, they have won five out of seven IIHF Women's World Championships.

In the gold medal game in the nation's capital Ottawa, Canada had a 1-0 lead and a 2-2 tie early in the third, but it was USA's Amanda Kessel who broke the tie between the two perennial powers of the women's game and claim the trophy.

The biggest surprise was Russia claiming bronze after a 2-0 win in the 3rd place game against Finland. It was a big success for the new Russian GM Alexei Yashin as it was Russia's only second bronze and the first since 2001.

All this sets up a very interesting race for the medals in the Sochi Olympics.

2013 IIHF Women's World Championship Division I Group A

Stavanger, Norway

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
07.04.13	Latvia - Japan	0 - 5 (0-3, 0-0, 0-2)
07.04.13	Denmark - Slovakia	2 - 1 (2-0, 0-1, 0-0)
07.04.13	Austria - Norway	3 - 4 OT (1-1, 2-1, 0-1)
09.04.13	Japan - Denmark	1 - 2 SO (0-1, 1-0, 0-0)
09.04.13	Slovakia - Austria	3 - 1 (1-1, 1-0, 1-0)
09.04.13	Norway - Latvia	7 - 4 (2-1, 3-2, 2-1)
10.04.13	Denmark - Austria	2 - 4 (0-2, 1-1, 1-1)
10.04.13	Slovakia - Latvia	4 - 2 (1-0, 1-0, 2-2)
10.04.13	Norway - Japan	0 - 1 (0-1, 0-0, 0-0)
12.04.13	Austria - Latvia	5 - 2 (3-0, 0-2, 2-0)
12.04.13	Japan - Slovakia	5 - 3 (2-0, 0-3, 3-0)
12.04.13	Norway - Denmark	2 - 3 (0-2, 2-1, 0-0)
13.04.13	Latvia - Denmark	1 - 6 (1-1, 0-3, 0-2)
13.04.13	Japan - Austria	5 - 2 (3-1, 0-1, 2-0)
13.04.13	Slovakia - Norway	4 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 2-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	Japan	5	4	0	1	0	17:7	13
2	Denmark	5	3	1	0	1	15:9	11
3	Slovakia	5	3	0	0	2	15:10	9
4	Austria	5	2	0	1	2	15:16	7
5	Norway	5	1	1	0	3	13:15	5
6	Latvia	5	0	0	0	5	9:27	0



2013 ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP NORWAY Division I - Group A

Final Placing

1	Japan	4	Austria
2	Denmark	5	Norway
3	Slovakia	6	Latvia

Latvia is relegated to the 2014 IIHF Women's World Championship Division IB.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Kamilla Lund Nielsen	DEN
Best Defenceman:	Ayaka Toko	JPN
Best Forward:	Line Bialik	NOR



The Japanese players celebrate their tournament victory at the 2013 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division IA.
Photo: Brian McHattie

2013 IIHF Women's World Championship Division I Group B

Strasbourg, France

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
07.04.13	Great Britain - China	1 - 6 (1-2, 0-2, 0-2)
07.04.13	DPR Korea - Kazakhstan	2 - 6 (0-1, 2-2, 0-3)
07.04.13	Netherlands - France	2 - 4 (0-0, 0-1, 2-3)
08.04.13	Kazakhstan - Great Britain	4 - 3 SO (1-0, 2-1, 0-2)
08.04.13	China - Netherlands	3 - 4 (0-0, 2-1, 1-3)
08.04.13	France - DPR Korea	5 - 0 (2-0, 2-0, 1-0)
10.04.13	Kazakhstan - Netherlands	2 - 4 (0-2, 1-0, 1-2)
10.04.13	DPR Korea - Great Britain	3 - 2 OT (0-1, 1-1, 1-0)
10.04.13	China - France	1 - 5 (0-2, 0-1, 1-2)
12.04.13	China - DPR Korea	1 - 5 (0-2, 1-2, 0-1)
12.04.13	Great Britain - Netherlands	1 - 3 (1-1, 0-1, 0-1)
12.04.13	France - Kazakhstan	3 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 2-0)
13.04.13	Netherlands - DPR Korea	3 - 2 SO (0-1, 2-0, 0-1)
13.04.13	Kazakhstan - China	0 - 4 (0-1, 0-2, 0-1)
13.04.13	France - Great Britain	6 - 1 (2-1, 2-0, 2-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF:GA	TP
1	France	5	5	0	0	0	23:4	15
2	Netherlands	5	3	1	0	1	16:12	11
3	DPR Korea	5	1	1	1	2	12:17	6
4	China	5	2	0	0	3	15:15	6
5	Kazakhstan	5	1	1	0	3	12:16	5
6	Great Britain	5	0	0	2	3	8:22	2

Coming in as the third seed, France dominated the opposition on home ice, winning promotion to Division IA.

Photo: Christophe Moreau



2013 ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FRANCE Strasbourg Division I - Group B

Final Placing

1	France	4	China
2	Netherlands	5	Kazakhstan
3	DPR Korea	6	Great Britain

France is promoted to the 2014 IIHF Women's World Championship Div. IA.
Great Britain is relegated to the 2014 IIHF Women's World Championship Division IIA.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Claudia van Leeuwen	NED
Best Defenceman:	Athena Locatelli	FRA
Best Forward:	Marion Allemoz	FRA



2013 IIHF Women's World Championship Division II Group A

Auckland, New Zealand

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
08.04.13	Hungary - Slovenia	9 - 1 (5-0, 3-0, 1-1)
08.04.13	Australia - Italy	2 - 5 (1-3, 0-1, 1-1)
08.04.13	Poland - New Zealand	2 - 1 OT (0-1, 0-0, 1-0)
09.04.13	Hungary - Australia	3 - 5 (0-2, 3-1, 0-2)
09.04.13	Slovenia - Poland	2 - 3 (0-0, 0-0, 2-3)
09.04.13	Italy - New Zealand	6 - 2 (1-0, 3-1, 2-1)
11.04.13	Italy - Slovenia	3 - 1 (0-0, 1-0, 2-1)
11.04.13	Hungary - Poland	6 - 3 (2-0, 1-1, 3-2)
11.04.13	Australia - New Zealand	3 - 4 (1-1, 2-2, 0-1)
12.04.13	Poland - Italy	0 - 3 (0-1, 0-0, 0-2)
12.04.13	Slovenia - Australia	3 - 7 (0-3, 1-0, 2-4)
12.04.13	New Zealand - Hungary	2 - 6 (0-1, 1-3, 1-2)
14.04.13	Australia - Poland	4 - 2 (0-0, 2-1, 2-1)
14.04.13	New Zealand - Slovenia	5 - 3 (1-1, 1-1, 3-1)
14.04.13	Italy - Hungary	1 - 3 (0-1, 0-1, 1-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Hungary	5	4	0	0	1	27 : 12	12
2	Italy	5	4	0	0	1	18 : 8	12
3	Australia	5	3	0	0	2	21 : 17	9
4	New Zealand	5	2	0	1	2	14 : 20	7
5	Poland	5	1	1	0	3	10 : 16	5
6	Slovenia	5	0	0	0	5	10 : 27	0

One of the world's fastest-rising women's hockey programs, Hungary beat Italy 3-1 in the deciding game to claim the tournament win and get promoted to Division I Group B next year.

Photo: Chris Morgan



2013 ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP NEW ZEALAND

Division II - Group A

Final Placing

1	Hungary	4	New Zealand
2	Italy	5	Poland
3	Australia	6	Slovenia

Hungary is promoted to the 2014 IIHF Women's World Championship Div. IB. Slovenia is relegated to the 2014 IIHF Women's World Championship Division IIB.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Giulia Mazzocchi	ITA
Best Defenceman:	Franciska Kiss-Simon	HUN
Best Forward:	Alexandra Huszak	HUN



2013 IIHF Women's World Championship Division II Group B

Puigcerdà, Spain

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
01.04.13	South Africa - Iceland	1 - 5 (1-4, 0-0, 0-1)
01.04.13	Korea - Croatia	4 - 1 (0-1, 0-0, 4-0)
01.04.13	Spain - Belgium	3 - 1 (0-1, 1-0, 2-0)
03.04.13	Croatia - Iceland	5 - 4 (2-0, 3-2, 0-2)
03.04.13	Belgium - South Africa	9 - 1 (1-0, 5-1, 3-0)
03.04.13	Spain - Korea	0 - 3 (0-0, 0-0, 0-3)
04.04.13	Croatia - Belgium	2 - 1 OT (1-0, 0-0, 0-1)
04.04.13	Korea - Iceland	4 - 1 (1-1, 2-0, 1-0)
04.04.13	Spain - South Africa	12 - 1 (3-0, 4-0, 5-1)
06.04.13	Belgium - Korea	0 - 2 (0-1, 0-0, 0-1)
06.04.13	South Africa - Croatia	2 - 17 (0-8, 2-3, 0-6)
06.04.13	Iceland - Spain	1 - 4 (0-1, 0-0, 1-3)
07.04.13	Korea - South Africa	7 - 1 (1-1, 4-0, 2-0)
07.04.13	Iceland - Belgium	2 - 1 OT (1-0, 0-0, 0-1)
07.04.13	Croatia - Spain	1 - 4 (0-0, 1-3, 0-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Korea	5	5	0	0	0	20 : 3	15
2	Spain	5	4	0	0	1	23 : 7	12
3	Croatia	5	2	1	0	2	26 : 15	8
4	Iceland	5	1	1	0	3	13 : 15	5
5	Belgium	5	1	0	2	2	12 : 10	5
6	South Africa	5	0	0	0	5	6 : 50	0



2013 ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SPAIN

Division II - Group B

Final Placing

1	Korea	4	Iceland
2	Spain	5	Belgium
3	Croatia	6	South Africa

Korea is promoted to the 2014 IIHF Women's World Championship Div. IIA. South Africa is relegated to the 2014 IIHF Women's World Championship Division IIB Qualification.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	So Jung Shin	KOR
Best Defenceman:	Ela Filipec	CRO
Best Forward:	Ana Ucedo	ESP



Korea won the Division IIB tournament handily and moved up to 27th in the World Ranking, its highest rank since 2008.

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Stepping up: A Canadian player prepares to take a penalty shot against Germany at the 2013 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship. The gold medal game was watched by an average audience of 795,000 viewers on TSN, making it the most-watched Women's Worlds final ever. Photo: Andre Ringuette / HHOF-IIHF Images

2013 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship

Heinola & Vierumäki, Finland

Preliminary Round

Group A

Date	Game	Score
29.12.12	Germany - Finland	2 - 3 (0-0, 1-1, 1-2)
29.12.12	Canada - Hungary	4 - 1 (1-0, 1-1, 2-0)
30.12.12	Germany - Hungary	1 - 2 OT (1-0, 0-1, 0-0)
30.12.12	Finland - Canada	0 - 4 (0-2, 0-2, 0-0)
01.01.13	Canada - Germany	7 - 0 (3-0, 2-0, 2-0)
01.01.13	Hungary - Finland	0 - 4 (0-3, 0-1, 0-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Canada	3	3	0	0	0	15 : 1	9
2	Finland	3	2	0	0	1	7 : 6	6
3	Hungary	3	0	1	0	2	3 : 9	2
4	Germany	3	0	0	1	2	3 : 12	1

Group B

Date	Game	Score
29.12.12	Sweden - Czech Republic	3 - 2 (1-1, 1-0, 1-1)
29.12.12	USA - Russia	7 - 0 (3-0, 1-0, 3-0)
30.12.12	Czech Republic - USA	0 - 10 (0-5, 0-2, 0-3)
30.12.12	Sweden - Russia	4 - 5 OT (2-1, 1-1, 1-2)
01.01.13	USA - Sweden	8 - 0 (4-0, 2-0, 2-0)
01.01.13	Russia - Czech Republic	4 - 5 (2-3, 1-1, 1-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	USA	3	3	0	0	0	25 : 0	9
2	Sweden	3	1	0	1	1	7 : 15	4
3	Czech Republic	3	1	0	0	2	7 : 17	3
4	Russia	3	0	1	0	2	9 : 16	2

Relegation Round

Date	Game	Score
02.01.13	Russia - Germany	5 - 3 (3-0, 1-2, 1-1)
04.01.13	Germany - Russia	3 - 4 OT (1-1, 1-2, 1-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Russia	2	1	1	0	0	9 : 6	5
2	Germany	2	0	0	1	1	6 : 9	1

Canada evens up Women's U18 score

The IIHF U18 Women's World Championship has a six-year history and the score between the major powers is: Canada 3, USA 3. The Canadian U18 women tied the all-time score with a thrilling 2-1 overtime comeback victory against the U.S. in Heinola, Finland.

The gold medal game couldn't have ended in a more dramatic fashion. The Americans held to a 1-0 lead almost till the end, but with 12 seconds left Catherine Dubois tied it up and sent the game into OT. With the momentum on their side, Karly Heffernan scored the championship winner 58 seconds into the extra stanza.

A consolation was that USA's Katherine Schipper was named best forward and MVP. Sweden grabbed bronze after a 4-0 win vs. Czech Republic in the "little final". Hungary surprised many observers by finishing sixth and earning a place in next year's top U18 women's division.



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CHAMPIONSHIP
FINLAND

Heinola - Vierumäki

Playoff Round

Quarter-Final

Date	Game	Score
02.01.13	Sweden - Hungary	4 - 0 (3-0, 0-0, 1-0)
02.01.13	Finland - Czech Republic	3 - 5 (2-2, 0-0, 1-3)

Semi-Final

Date	Game	Score
04.01.13	Canada - Sweden	7 - 2 (2-0, 2-1, 3-1)
04.01.13	USA - Czech Republic	10 - 0 (4-0, 3-0, 3-0)

5th Place Game

Date	Game	Score
04.01.13	Finland - Hungary	3 - 1 (0-0, 2-1, 1-0)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
05.01.13	Sweden - Czech Republic	4 - 0 (3-0, 1-0, 0-0)

Gold Medal Game

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

Final Placing

1	Canada	5	Finland
2	USA	6	Hungary
3	Sweden	7	Russia
4	Czech Republic	8	Germany

Germany is relegated to the 2014 U18 Women's World Championship Division I.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Minatsu Murase	SWE
Best Defenceman:	Halli Krzyzaniak	CAN
Best Forward:	Katherine Schipper	USA



Canada won in a thriller over USA at the 2013 U18 Women's World Championship. Photo: Jana Chytilova / HHOF-IIHF Images

2013 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I

Romanshorn, Switzerland



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Division I

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
02.01.13	France - Japan	0 - 4 (0-1, 0-1, 0-2)
02.01.13	Norway - Austria	4 - 2 (0-1, 2-1, 2-0)
02.01.13	Slovakia - Switzerland	1 - 2 (0-2, 1-0, 0-0)
03.01.13	Japan - Slovakia	2 - 1 (2-0, 0-0, 0-1)
03.01.13	Switzerland - Norway	1 - 2 (0-0, 1-1, 0-1)
04.01.13	Austria - France	2 - 3 (1-0, 0-1, 1-2)
05.01.13	Slovakia - Norway	1 - 2 (1-2, 0-0, 0-0)
05.01.13	Austria - Japan	2 - 6 (0-3, 2-1, 0-2)
05.01.13	Switzerland - France	3 - 0 (0-0, 0-0, 3-0)
06.01.13	Japan - Switzerland	3 - 2 so (1-0, 1-2, 0-0)
07.01.13	Norway - France	0 - 3 (0-0, 0-2, 0-1)
07.01.13	Austria - Slovakia	1 - 3 (0-2, 0-0, 1-1)
08.01.13	France - Slovakia	5 - 2 (3-0, 0-0, 2-2)
08.01.13	Japan - Norway	3 - 2 (0-1, 1-0, 2-1)
08.01.13	Switzerland - Austria	9 - 0 (2-0, 4-0, 3-0)

Final Placing

1	Japan	4	Norway
2	Switzerland	5	Slovakia
3	France	6	Austria

Japan is promoted to the 2014 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Toini Veronica Nilsen	NOR
Best Defenceman:	Rui Ukita	JPN
Best Forward:	Alina Muller	SUI

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Japan	5	4	1	0	0	18 : 7	14
2	Switzerland	5	3	0	1	1	17 : 6	10
3	France	5	3	0	0	2	11 : 11	9
4	Norway	5	3	0	0	2	10 : 10	9
5	Slovakia	5	1	0	0	4	8 : 12	3
6	Austria	5	0	0	0	5	7 : 25	0



Japan's U18 women's team didn't clinch the Division I championship until the final day. Chisato Miyasaki scored the game winner in a 3-2 win over Norway, preserving her country's undefeated record in the 2013 tournament.

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2013 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I Qualification

Dumfries, Great Britain



2013
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CHAMPIONSHIP
GREAT BRITAIN
Division I - Qualification

Round Robin

Date	Game	Score
27.10.12	Slovakia - France	2 - 3 (0-2, 2-0, 0-1)
27.10.12	Kazakhstan - Italy	0 - 5 (forfeit)
27.10.12	China - Great Britain	1 - 7 (0-3, 0-2, 1-2)
28.10.12	France - Kazakhstan	5 - 0 (2-0, 2-0, 1-0)
28.10.12	Slovakia - China	6 - 3 (3-1, 2-1, 1-1)
28.10.12	Great Britain - Italy	3 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 1-0)
29.10.12	China - Italy	1 - 2 so (0-0, 1-1, 0-0)
29.10.12	Slovakia - Kazakhstan	10 - 0 (2-0, 6-0, 2-0)
29.10.12	Great Britain - France	2 - 3 (0-1, 1-1, 1-1)
31.10.12	Italy - Slovakia	2 - 5 (1-2, 1-1, 0-2)
31.10.12	France - China	3 - 0 (2-0, 0-0, 1-0)
31.10.12	Kazakhstan - Great Britain	1 - 6 (0-2, 1-2, 0-2)
01.11.12	China - Kazakhstan	8 - 2 (1-1, 4-0, 3-1)
01.11.12	Italy - France	1 - 0 (0-0, 0-0, 1-0)
01.11.12	Great Britain - Slovakia	3 - 4 (1-1, 0-3, 2-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	France	5	4	0	0	1	14 : 5	12
2	Slovakia	5	4	0	0	1	27 : 11	12
3	Great Britain	5	3	0	0	2	21 : 9	9
4	Italy	5	2	1	0	2	10 : 9	8
5	China	5	1	0	1	3	13 : 20	4
6	Kazakhstan	5	0	0	0	5	3 : 34	0

Final Placing

1	France	4	Italy
2	Slovakia	5	China
3	Great Britain	6	Kazakhstan

France & Slovakia qualified for the 2013 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I



France's U18s had a very successful year, rebounding from a 5th-place finish in 2012 to win the qualification tournament and then bronze at the Division I championship.

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Out of Reach: Czech and Swedish players watch as the puck is deflected into the net at the 2013 U18 Women's Worlds.
Photo: Phillip MacCallum / HHOF-IIHF Images

2013 IIHF Inline Hockey World Championship

Dresden, Germany



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CHAMPIONSHIP
GERMANY

Top Division Preliminary Round

Group A

Date	Game	Score
02.06.13	Slovenia - USA	3 - 13 (1-4, 0-2, 1-4, 1-3)
02.06.13	Slovakia - Canada	1 - 6 (0-1, 0-3, 1-0, 0-2)
03.06.13	Slovenia - Slovakia	4 - 3 OT (0-1, 2-1, 1-0, 0-1)
03.06.13	Canada - USA	3 - 5 (0-1, 1-1, 1-1, 1-2)
04.06.13	USA - Slovakia	4 - 1 (1-0, 2-0, 0-1, 1-0)
04.06.13	Canada - Slovenia	10 - 3 (3-2, 3-0, 1-1, 3-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	USA	3	3	0	0	0	22 : 7	9
2	Canada	3	2	0	0	1	19 : 9	6
3	Slovenia	3	0	1	0	2	10 : 26	2
4	Slovakia	3	0	0	1	2	5 : 14	1

Group B

Date	Game	Score
02.06.13	Finland - Czech Republic	5 - 4 OT (0-0, 0-3, 3-0, 1-1)
02.06.13	Sweden - Germany	7 - 1 (0-0, 4-0, 1-0, 2-1)
03.06.13	Finland - Sweden	7 - 4 (2-1, 3-1, 1-2, 1-0)
03.06.13	Germany - Czech Republic	1 - 5 (0-2, 0-1, 1-2, 0-0)
04.06.13	Czech Republic - Sweden	3 - 11 (2-6, 1-1, 0-2, 0-2)
04.06.13	Germany - Finland	4 - 8 (0-3, 1-2, 1-0, 2-3)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Finland	3	2	1	0	0	20 : 12	8
2	Sweden	3	2	0	0	1	22 : 11	6
3	Czech Republic	3	1	0	1	1	12 : 17	4
4	Germany	3	0	0	0	3	6 : 20	0

Playoff Round

Quarter-Final

Date	Game	Score
06.06.13	Canada - Czech Republic	8 - 5 (2-5, 3-0, 2-0, 1-0)
06.06.13	Sweden - Slovenia	12 - 3 (3-1, 4-1, 4-1, 1-0)
06.06.13	Finland - Slovakia	3 - 4 (1-0, 0-1, 1-1, 1-2)
06.06.13	USA - Germany	7 - 4 (3-1, 0-2, 2-0, 2-1)

Placement Games

Date	Game	Score
07.06.13	Czech Republic - Slovenia	7 - 2 (1-0, 2-0, 1-1, 3-1)
07.06.13	Finland - Germany	5 - 7 (0-1, 1-2, 1-3, 3-1)
08.06.13	Finland - Slovenia	8 - 3 (0-0, 2-2, 3-0, 3-1)

Semi-Final

Date	Game	Score
07.06.13	Sweden - Canada	10 - 5 (2-0, 2-2, 0-3, 6-0)
07.06.13	USA - Slovakia	11 - 4 (4-0, 4-1, 0-3, 3-0)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
08.06.13	Canada - Slovakia	5 - 1 (0-0, 2-0, 2-0, 1-1)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
08.06.13	USA - Sweden	6 - 3 (1-1, 0-1, 2-0, 3-1)

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Brett Leggat	CAN
Best Defenceman:	Daniel Brolin	SWE
Best Forward:	Travis Noe	USA

Division I Preliminary Round

Group C

Date	Game	Score
02.06.13	Croatia - Australia	6 - 9 (1-5, 1-0, 2-3, 2-1)
02.06.13	Bulgaria - Great Britain	0 - 13 (0-3, 0-3, 0-4, 0-3)
03.06.13	Croatia - Bulgaria	14 - 0 (3-0, 3-0, 4-0, 4-0)
03.06.13	Great Britain - Australia	5 - 4 OT (0-1, 1-0, 1-2, 2-1)
04.06.13	Australia - Bulgaria	14 - 0 (2-0, 2-0, 3-0, 7-0)
04.06.13	Great Britain - Croatia	5 - 6 OT (0-2, 2-1, 2-1, 1-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Australia	3	2	0	1	0	27 : 11	7
2	Great Britain	3	1	1	1	0	23 : 10	6
3	Croatia	3	1	1	0	1	26 : 14	5
4	Bulgaria	3	0	0	0	3	0 : 41	0

Group D

Date	Game	Score
02.06.13	Austria - Japan	5 - 1 (1-0, 3-0, 0-1, 1-0)
02.06.13	Argentina - Hungary	2 - 3 so (1-1, 0-1, 1-0, 0-0)
03.06.13	Austria - Argentina	6 - 1 (1-0, 4-1, 0-0, 1-0)
03.06.13	Hungary - Japan	4 - 1 (2-0, 0-0, 1-1, 1-0)
04.06.13	Japan - Argentina	5 - 3 (1-1, 2-0, 2-1, 0-1)
04.06.13	Hungary - Austria	3 - 4 (1-2, 0-0, 1-2, 1-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Austria	3	3	0	0	0	15 : 5	9
2	Hungary	3	1	1	0	1	10 : 7	5
3	Japan	3	1	0	0	2	7 : 12	3
4	Argentina	3	0	0	1	2	6 : 14	1

Playoff Round

Quarter-Final

Date	Game	Score
06.06.13	Great Britain - Japan	4 - 2 (2-0, 0-1, 2-1, 0-0)
06.06.13	Hungary - Croatia	9 - 1 (2-0, 1-0, 2-1, 4-0)
06.06.13	Australia - Argentina	5 - 4 so (2-1, 2-1, 0-1, 0-1)
06.06.13	Austria - Bulgaria	21 - 2 (6-0, 5-1, 2-0, 8-1)

Placement Games

Date	Game	Score
07.06.13	Japan - Argentina	5 - 2 (2-1, 0-0, 1-0, 2-1)
07.06.13	Croatia - Bulgaria	14 - 2 (6-1, 2-1, 2-0, 4-0)

Semi-Final

Date	Game	Score
07.06.13	Australia - Great Britain	1 - 6 (0-1, 0-1, 0-3, 1-1)
07.06.13	Austria - Hungary	3 - 2 (2-0, 0-1, 1-0, 0-1)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
08.06.13	Australia - Hungary	5 - 7 (1-3, 1-1, 2-1, 1-2)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
08.06.13	Austria - Great Britain	1 - 5 (0-0, 1-1, 0-1, 0-3)

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Lorenz Hirn	AUT
Best Defenceman:	Antony Collins	AUS
Best Forward:	Philip Hamer	GBR

Top Division Champions
USA (left), and Division
I winners Great Britain
(right) claimed the gold
medals in Inline in 2013.
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CONTINENTAL
CUP

First Round

Group A - Miercurea Ciuc, Romania

Date	Game	Score
28.09.12	Maccabi - Vitez	0 - 15 (0-6, 0-7, 0-2)
28.09.12	Baskent Y. - Csikszereda	0 - 15 (0-8, 0-2, 0-5)
29.09.12	Vitez - Baskent Y.	1 - 6 (0-4, 0-1, 1-1)
29.09.12	Csikszereda - Maccabi	15 - 0 (6-0, 6-0, 3-0)
30.09.12	Baskent Y. - Maccabi	13 - 1 (4-0, 8-0, 1-1)
30.09.12	Csikszereda - Vitez	6 - 0 (1-0, 4-0, 1-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	HSC Csikszereda (ROU)	2	2	0	0	0	21 : 0	6
2	Vitez Belgrade (SRB)	2	1	0	0	1	15 : 6	3
3	Maccabi Metulla (ISR)	2	0	0	0	2	0 : 30	0
4	Baskent Yildizlari Ankara (TUR)						DISQUALIFIED	

HSC Csikszereda advance to Second Round Group B.

Second Round

Group B - Landshut, Germany

Date	Game	Score
19.10.12	Belfast - Geleen	11 - 1 (5-0, 3-0, 3-1)
19.10.12	Landshut - Csikszereda	2 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 1-0)
20.10.12	Geleen - Csikszereda	3 - 2 (0-0, 1-1, 2-1)
20.10.12	Landshut - Belfast	7 - 1 (3-0, 2-1, 2-0)
21.10.12	Csikszereda - Belfast	0 - 4 (0-1, 0-2, 0-1)
21.10.12	Geleen - Landshut	2 - 4 (1-0, 0-3, 1-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Landshut Cannibals (GER)	3	3	0	0	0	13 : 3	9
2	Belfast Giants (GBR)	3	2	0	0	1	16 : 8	6
3	Eaters Geleen (NED)	3	1	0	0	2	6 : 17	3
4	HSC Csikszereda (ROU)	3	0	0	0	3	2 : 9	0

Landshut Cannibals advance to Third Round Group D.

Group C - Vaasa, Finland

Date	Game	Score
19.10.12	Beibarys - Liepaja	5 - 3 (1-2, 1-1, 3-0)
19.10.12	Miskolc - Vaasa	1 - 11 (0-3, 0-3, 1-5)
20.10.12	Liepaja - Miskolc	7 - 4 (3-3, 0-1, 4-0)
20.10.12	Vaasa - Beibarys	4 - 5 (3-0, 1-2, 0-3)
21.10.12	Miskolc - Beibarys	0 - 4 (0-1, 0-3, 0-0)
21.10.12	Vaasa - Liepaja	4 - 3 OT (0-1, 1-1, 2-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Beibarys Atyrau (KAZ)	3	3	0	0	0	14 : 7	9
2	Vaasan Sport (FIN)	3	1	1	0	1	19 : 9	5
3	Liepajas Metalurgs (LAT)	3	1	0	1	1	13 : 13	4
4	Miskolc Polar Bears (HUN)	3	0	0	0	3	5 : 22	0

Beibarys Atyrau advance to Third Round Group E.

Third Round

Group D - Bolzano, Italy

Date	Game	Score
23.11.12	Toros - Landshut	2 - 1 (1-0, 0-0, 1-1)
23.11.12	Bolzano - Herning	3 - 2 (0-1, 1-0, 2-1)
24.11.12	Herning - Toros	1 - 3 (0-1, 1-0, 0-2)
24.11.12	Landshut - Bolzano	0 - 2 (0-0, 0-0, 0-2)
25.11.12	Herning - Landshut	4 - 0 (2-0, 2-0, 0-0)
25.11.12	Bolzano - Toros	3 - 2 OT (1-0, 0-1, 1-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Bolzano Foxes (ITA)	3	2	1	0	0	8 : 4	8
2	Herning Blue Fox (DEN)	3	2	0	1	0	7 : 5	7
3	Toros Neftekamsk (RUS)	3	1	0	0	2	7 : 6	3
4	Landshut Cannibals (GER)	3	0	0	0	3	1 : 8	0

Bolzano Foxes advance to Super Final.

Group E - Stavanger, Norway

Date	Game	Score
23.11.12	Zhlobin - Beibarys	3 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 0-0)
23.11.12	Sanok - Stavanger	4 - 7 (0-2, 3-4, 1-1)
24.11.12	Sanok - Zhlobin	3 - 5 (2-0, 1-3, 0-2)
24.11.12	Stavanger - Beibarys	3 - 2 OT (2-1, 0-0, 0-1)
25.11.12	Beibarys - Sanok	5 - 1 (3-1, 2-0, 0-0)
25.11.12	Stavanger - Zhlobin	3 - 4 SO (1-2, 1-0, 1-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Metallurg Zhlobin (BLR)	3	2	1	0	0	12 : 6	8
2	Stavanger Oilers (NOR)	3	1	1	1	0	13 : 10	6
3	Beibarys Atyrau (KAZ)	3	1	0	1	1	7 : 7	4
4	KH Sanok (POL)	3	0	0	0	3	8 : 17	0

Metallurg Zhlobin advance to Super Final.

Super Final

Group F - Rouen, France

Date	Game	Score
11.01.13	Rouen - Bolzano	6 - 1 (2-0, 3-0, 1-1)
11.01.13	Donetsk - Zhlobin	1 - 0 (1-1, 1-0, 0-0)
12.01.13	Rouen - Zhlobin	1 - 3 (0-0, 0-3, 1-0)
12.01.13	Bolzano - Donetsk	0 - 3 (1-0, 0-1, 0-1)
13.01.13	Zhlobin - Bolzano	1 - 0 SO (0-0, 0-0, 0-0)
13.01.13	Donetsk - Rouen	7 - 1 (2-1, 3-0, 2-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Donbass Donetsk	3	3	0	0	0	11 : 1	9
2	Metallurg Zhlobin	3	1	1	0	1	4 : 2	5
3	Rouen Dragons	3	1	0	0	2	8 : 11	3
4	Bolzano Foxes	3	0	0	1	2	1 : 10	1

Donbass Donetsk win 2013 Continental Cup.



Donbass Donetsk, who lost to the Rouen Dragons in the 2012 final, earned both a championship and a healthy measure of revenge, defeating the French champions by a score of 7-1 to claim the 2013 Continental Cup in front of a big crowd on home ice. Photo: Valeri Dudush

2012/2013 European Women's Champions Cup



EUROPEAN WOMEN CHAMPIONS CUP

First Round

Group A - Bolzano, Italy

Date	Game	Score
05.10.12	Neuilly sur Marne - Gric	12 - 5 (3-0, 4-2, 5-3)
05.10.12	Valladolid - Bolzano	1 - 9 (1-4, 0-4, 0-1)
06.10.12	Neuilly sur Marne - Valladolid	10 - 1 (1-0, 5-1, 4-0)
06.10.12	Bolzano - Gric	9 - 1 (2-0, 3-1, 4-0)
07.10.12	Gric - Valladolid	4 - 3 SO (1-1, 2-2, 0-0)
07.10.12	Bozano - Neuilly sur Marne	4 - 2 (1-0, 2-1, 1-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Bolzano Eagles (ITA)	3	3	0	0	0	22 : 4	9
2	HC Neuilly sur Marne (FRA)	3	2	0	0	1	24 : 10	6
3	KHL Gric (CRO)	3	0	1	0	2	10 : 24	2
4	Valladolid Panteras (ESP)	3	0	0	1	2	5 : 23	1

Bolzano Eagles advance to Second Round Group E.

Group B - Molodechno, Belarus

Date	Game	Score
19.10.12	Aisulu - Miercurea Ciuc	12 - 0 (7-0, 4-0, 1-0)
19.10.12	Milenyum - Pantera	0 - 25 (0-13, 0-3, 0-9)
20.10.12	Aisulu - Milenyum	7 - 0 (4-0, 1-0, 2-0)
20.10.12	Pantera - Miercurea Ciuc	22 - 0 (8-0, 10-0, 4-0)
21.10.12	Miercurea Ciuc - Milenyum	9 - 2 (2-0, 2-2, 5-0)
21.10.12	Pantera - Aisulu	1 - 6 (0-3, 1-2, 0-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Aisulu Almaty (KAZ)	3	3	0	0	0	25 : 1	9
2	Pantera Minsk (BLR)	3	2	0	0	1	48 : 6	6
3	SC Miercurea Ciuc (ROU)	3	1	0	0	2	9 : 36	3
4	Milenyum Ankara (TUR)	3	0	0	0	3	2 : 41	0

Aisulu Almaty advance to Second Round Group F.

Group D - Örnköldsvik, Sweden

Date	Game	Score
20.10.13	Hvidovre - MODO	0 - 6 (0-1, 0-3, 0-2)
20.10.13	Välerenga - Laima	4 - 2 (0-2, 1-0, 3-0)
21.10.13	Laima - Hvidovre	1 - 3 (1-0, 0-0, 0-3)
21.10.13	MODO - Välerenga	6 - 0 (2-0, 3-0, 1-0)
22.10.13	Välerenga - Hvidovre	2 - 3 (1-0, 1-2, 0-1)
22.10.13	MODO - Laima	8 - 0 (2-0, 3-0, 3-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	MODO Örnköldsvik (SWE)	3	3	0	0	0	20 : 9	9
2	Hvidovre (DEN)	3	2	0	0	1	6 : 9	6
3	Välerenga Oslo (NOR)	3	1	0	0	2	6 : 11	3
4	Laima Riga (LAT)	3	0	0	0	3	3 : 15	0

MODO Örnköldsvik advance to Second Round Group E.

Group D - Vienna, Austria

Date	Game	Score
19.10.13	Slavia Prague - Bytom	11 - 4 (1-0, 5-1, 5-3)
19.10.13	Sabres Vienna - Poprad	16 - 1 (6-0, 6-1, 4-0)
20.10.13	Poprad - Bytom	4 - 1 (6-0, 6-1, 4-0)
20.10.13	Sabres Vienna - Slavia Prague	0 - 2 (0-1, 0-0, 0-1)
21.10.13	Slavia Prague - Poprad	4 - 0 (2-0, 0-0, 2-0)
21.10.13	Bytom - Sabres Vienna	0 - 15 (0-6, 0-3, 0-6)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Slavia Prague (CZE)	3	3	0	0	0	17 : 4	9
2	Sabres Vienna (AUT)	3	2	0	0	1	31 : 3	6
3	HK Poprad (SVK)	3	1	0	0	2	5 : 21	3
4	Polonia Bytom (POL)	3	0	0	0	3	5 : 30	0

Slavia Prague advance to Second Round Group F.

Second Round

Group E - Dornbirn, Austria

Date	Game	Score
07.12.12	Bolzano - MODO	0 - 10 (0-3, 0-3, 0-4)
07.12.12	ZSC Lions - Planegg	4 - 1 (0-0, 3-1, 1-0)
08.12.12	Planegg - Bolzano	12 - 1 (6-1, 5-0, 1-0)
08.12.12	MODO - ZSC Lions	3 - 2 (1-1, 0-1, 2-0)
09.12.12	Planegg - MODO	3 - 8 (1-2, 0-4, 2-2)
09.12.12	ZSC Lions - Bolzano	8 - 0 (5-0, 3-0, 0-0)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	MODO Örnköldsvik (SWE)	3	3	0	0	0	21 : 5	9
2	ZSC Lions Zurich (SUI)	3	2	0	0	1	14 : 4	6
3	ESC Planegg (GER)	3	1	0	0	2	16 : 13	3
4	Bolzano Eagles (ITA)	3	0	0	0	3	1 : 30	0

MODO Örnköldsvik and the ZSC Lions Zurich advance to Final Round.

Group F - Oulu, Finland

Date	Game	Score
07.12.12	Tornado - Aisulu	6 - 1 (2-0, 2-0, 2-1)
07.12.12	Kärpät - Slavia	3 - 0 (3-0, 0-0, 0-0)
08.12.12	Aisulu - Slavia	2 - 0 (0-0, 1-0, 1-0)
08.12.12	Kärpät - Tornado	1 - 4 (0-1, 0-1, 1-2)
09.12.12	Tornado - Slavia	7 - 2 (1-0, 3-1, 3-1)
09.12.12	Aisulu - Kärpät	3 - 4 (1-1, 1-1, 1-2)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Tornado Moscow Region (RUS)	3	3	0	0	0	17 : 4	9
2	Kärpät Oulu (FIN)	3	2	0	0	1	8 : 7	6
3	Aisulu Almaty (KAZ)	3	1	0	0	2	6 : 10	3
4	Slavia Prague (CZE)	3	0	0	0	3	2 : 12	0

Tornado Moscow Region and Kärpät Oulu advance to Final Round.

Final Round - Hämeenlinna, Finland

Date	Game	Score
22.02.13	Tornado Moscow - ZSC Lions	3 - 2 OT (1-0, 1-0, 0-2)
22.02.13	Kärpät - MODO	2 - 5 (0-2, 0-2, 0-1)
23.02.13	Tornado Moscow - MODO	5 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 2-0)
23.02.13	ZSC Lions - Kärpät	2 - 3 (0-0, 1-1, 1-2)
24.02.13	MODO - ZSC Lions	3 - 1 (1-0, 1-0, 1-1)
24.02.13	Kärpät - Tornado Moscow	2 - 5 (0-1, 1-3, 1-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Tornado Moscow Region (RUS)	3	2	1	0	0	13 : 4	8
2	MODO Örnköldsvik (SWE)	3	2	0	0	1	8 : 8	6
3	Kärpät Oulu (FIN)	3	1	0	0	2	7 : 12	3
4	ZSC Lions Zurich (SUI)	3	0	0	1	2	5 : 9	1

Tornado Moscow Region win the 2013 European Women's Champions Cup.

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Zuzana Tomcikova	Tornado
Best Defenceman:	Malin Sjogren	MODO
Best Forward:	Anne Helin	Kärpät



Tornado Moscow Region picked up its second straight European Women's Champions Cup trophy. Photo: Veli-Matti A. Pitkänen

2013 IIHF Challenge Cup of Asia

Bangkok, Thailand

Group A

Date	Game	Score
16.03.13	Malaysia - UAE	1 - 7 (0-1, 1-3, 0-3)
16.03.13	Kuwait - Thailand	0 - 10 (0-1, 0-4, 0-5)
17.03.13	Chinese Taipei - Kuwait	13 - 1 (4-1, 6-0, 3-0)
18.03.13	Thailand - Malaysia	16 - 3 (6-2, 3-1, 7-0)
18.03.13	UAE - Chinese Taipei	1 - 2 OT (1-0, 0-0, 0-1)
19.03.13	Kuwait - UAE	1 - 6 (0-2, 0-2, 1-2)
20.03.13	Thailand - Chinese Taipei	2 - 7 (1-3, 1-2, 0-2)
20.03.13	Malaysia - Kuwait	2 - 6 (1-1, 0-1, 1-3)
21.03.13	UAE - Thailand	2 - 3 (0-2, 2-1, 0-0)
21.03.13	Chinese Taipei - Malaysia	9 - 1 (2-0, 3-0, 4-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Chinese Taipei	4	3	1	0	0	31 : 5	11
2	Thailand	4	3	0	0	1	31 : 12	9
3	United Arab Emirates	4	2	0	1	1	16 : 7	7
4	Kuwait	4	1	0	0	3	8 : 31	3
5	Malaysia	4	0	0	0	4	7 : 38	0

Group B

Date	Game	Score
16.03.13	Mongolia - India	20 - 0 (5-0, 6-0, 9-0)
16.03.13	Singapore - Macau	4 - 6 (1-1, 2-2, 1-3)
17.03.13	Hong Kong - Singapore	10 - 0 (4-0, 4-0, 2-0)
18.03.13	Macau - Mongolia	1 - 6 (0-2, 1-3, 0-1)
18.03.13	India - Hong Kong	0 - 21 (0-6, 0-7, 0-8)
19.03.13	Singapore - India	13 - 4 (4-1, 3-1, 6-2)
20.03.13	Macau - Hong Kong	0 - 9 (0-2, 0-3, 0-4)
20.03.13	Mongolia - Singapore	3 - 2 (0-1, 2-1, 1-0)
21.03.13	India - Macau	1 - 9 (0-2, 1-4, 0-3)
21.03.13	Hong Kong - Mongolia	7 - 3 (2-0, 4-2, 1-1)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Hong Kong	4	4	0	0	0	47 : 3	12
2	Mongolia	4	3	0	0	1	32 : 10	9
3	Macau	4	2	0	0	2	16 : 20	6
4	Singapore	4	1	0	0	3	19 : 23	3
5	India	4	0	0	0	4	5 : 63	0

Chinese Taipei won the 2013 IIHF Challenge Cup of Asia in Bangkok, the first IIHF tournament ever to be held in Thailand.

Photo: Nagayama Reiji



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THAILAND
Bangkok

Quarter-Finals

Date	Game	Score
22.03.13	Chinese Taipei - Macau	11 - 0 (8-0, 0-0, 3-0)
22.03.13	UAE - Hong Kong	3 - 6 (1-2, 1-1, 1-3)
22.03.13	Thailand - Mongolia	4 - 5 (1-2, 2-1, 1-2)
22.03.13	Kuwait - Malaysia	4 - 3 (1-2, 3-0, 0-1)

Semi-Finals

Date	Game	Score
23.03.13	Mongolia - Hong Kong	3 - 4 (0-2, 0-1, 3-1)
23.03.13	Chinese Taipei - Kuwait	21 - 0 (4-0, 10-0, 7-0)

Bronze Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
24.03.13	Kuwait - Mongolia	0 - 11 (0-3, 0-2, 0-6)

Gold Medal Game

Date	Game	Score
24.03.13	Chinese Taipei - Hong Kong	4 - 2 (1-0, 2-1, 1-1)

Final Placing

1	Chinese Taipei	6	United Arab Emirates
2	Hong Kong	7	Malaysia
3	Mongolia	8	Macau
4	Kuwait	9	Singapore
5	Thailand	10	India

IIHF Directorate Best Player Awards

Best Goalkeeper:	Khaled Al Suwaidi	UAE
Best Defenceman:	Likit Neimwan	THA
Best Forward:	Ban Kin Loke	MAS



2013 U20 Challenge Cup of Asia

Khabarovsk, Russia

Preliminary Round

Date	Game	Score
07.06.13	MHL Red Stars - Korea	4 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 3-0)
08.06.13	Korea - Japan	2 - 9 (0-4, 2-3, 0-2)
09.06.13	MHL Red Stars - Japan	4 - 6 (1-0, 2-3, 1-3)

Rank	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Japan	2	2	0	0	0	15 : 6	6
2	MHL Red Stars	2	1	0	0	1	8 : 6	3
3	Korea	2	0	0	0	2	2 : 13	0

Final Placing

1	Japan
2	MHL Red Stars (RUS)
3	Korea

The Japanese juniors celebrate with the trophy after defeating the MHL Red Stars on the final day.

Photo: Nagayama Reiji



2014 Olympic Winter Games Men's Qualification

Preliminary Qualification

Group K - Zagreb, Croatia

Date	Game	Score
17.09.12	Serbia - Israel	7 - 1 (2-0, 2-0, 3-1)
17.09.12	Mexico - Croatia	2 - 9 (1-4, 0-1, 1-4)
18.09.12	Serbia - Mexico	3 - 5 (1-2, 1-2, 1-2)
18.09.12	Croatia - Israel	15 - 2 (5-0, 4-0, 6-2)
19.09.12	Israel - Mexico	2 - 7 (0-1, 0-5, 2-1)
19.09.12	Croatia - Serbia	6 - 2 (3-0, 2-2, 1-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Croatia	3	3	0	0	0	30 : 6	9
2	Mexico	3	2	0	0	1	14 : 14	6
3	Serbia	3	1	0	0	2	12 : 12	3
4	Israel	3	0	0	0	3	5 : 29	0

Croatia promoted to the Pre-Qualification stage Group G.

Pre-Qualification

Group G - Budapest, Hungary

Date	Game	Score
09.11.12	Netherlands - Croatia	8 - 2 (3-0, 3-0, 2-2)
09.11.12	Lithuania - Hungary	1 - 5 (0-2, 1-3, 0-0)
10.11.12	Netherlands - Lithuania	9 - 2 (1-1, 6-1, 2-0)
10.11.12	Hungary - Croatia	13 - 0 (6-0, 3-0, 4-0)
11.11.12	Croatia - Lithuania	1 - 3 (1-2, 0-0, 0-1)
11.11.12	Hungary - Netherlands	6 - 7 so (1-3, 3-1, 2-2)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Netherlands	3	2	1	0	0	24 : 10	8
2	Hungary	3	2	0	1	0	24 : 8	7
3	Lithuania	3	1	0	0	2	6 : 15	3
4	Croatia	3	0	0	0	3	3 : 24	0

Netherlands promoted to the Final Olympic Qualification Stage Group D.

Group H - Kyiv, Ukraine

Date	Game	Score
08.11.12	Poland - Estonia	8 - 0 (1-0, 3-0, 4-0)
08.11.12	Ukraine - Spain	7 - 0 (2-0, 5-0, 0-0)
09.11.12	Poland - Spain	5 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 4-0)
09.11.12	Estonia - Ukraine	0 - 10 (0-4, 0-4, 0-2)
10.11.12	Spain - Estonia	5 - 4 (2-0, 1-1, 2-3)
10.11.12	Ukraine - Poland	5 - 1 (1-1, 2-0, 2-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Ukraine	3	3	0	0	0	22 : 1	9
2	Poland	3	2	0	0	1	14 : 5	3
3	Spain	3	1	0	0	2	5 : 16	3
4	Estonia	3	0	0	0	3	4 : 23	0

Ukraine promoted to the Final Olympic Qualification stage Group F.

Group J - Nikko, Japan

Date	Game	Score
09.11.12	Great Britain - Korea	4 - 5 so (3-1, 1-2, 0-1)
09.11.12	Japan - Romania	2 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 1-0)
10.11.12	Romania - Great Britain	0 - 3 (0-2, 0-0, 0-1)
10.11.12	Japan - Korea	3 - 2 OT (1-0, 1-1, 0-1)
11.11.12	Korea - Romania	2 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 1-0)
11.11.12	Great Britain - Japan	2 - 1 (2-0, 0-0, 0-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Great Britain	3	2	0	1	0	9 : 6	7
2	Korea	3	1	1	1	0	9 : 7	6
3	Japan	3	1	1	0	1	6 : 4	5
4	Romania	3	0	0	0	3	0 : 7	0

Great Britain promoted to the Final Olympic Qualification Stage Group E.



Austria got the points it needed in a 3-2 OT loss to Germany to qualify. Photo: Marco Leipold / City-Press

Final Olympic Qualification

Group D - Bietigheim-Bissingen, Germany

Date	Game	Score
07.02.13	Austria - Italy	3 - 2 (2-0, 1-1, 0-1)
07.02.13	Germany - Netherlands	5 - 1 (2-0, 1-1, 2-0)
08.02.13	Austria - Netherlands	6 - 1 (5-0, 1-0, 0-1)
08.02.13	Italy - Germany	2 - 1 OT (1-1, 0-0, 0-0)
10.02.13	Netherlands - Italy	1 - 4 (0-1, 1-2, 0-1)
10.02.13	Germany - Austria	3 - 2 OT (1-0, 0-1, 1-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Austria	3	2	0	1	0	11 : 6	7
2	Germany	3	1	1	1	0	9 : 5	6
3	Italy	3	1	1	0	1	8 : 5	5
4	Netherlands	3	0	0	0	3	3 : 15	0

Austria qualifies for the 2014 Olympic Winter Games.



Slovenia qualified for the first time in its history. Photo: Jan Kanut

Group E - Riga, Latvia

Date	Game	Score
07.02.13	France - Kazakhstan	2 - 3 (0-2, 1-1, 1-0)
07.02.13	Latvia - Great Britain	6 - 2 (2-1, 1-0, 3-1)
08.02.13	France - Great Britain	4 - 2 (1-0, 2-0, 1-2)
08.02.13	Kazakhstan - Latvia	2 - 3 (1-2, 1-0, 0-1)
10.02.13	Great Britain - Kazakhstan	0 - 6 (0-2, 0-4, 0-0)
10.02.13	Latvia - France	2 - 3 OT (0-2, 1-0, 1-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Latvia	3	2	0	1	0	11 : 7	7
2	Kazakhstan	3	2	0	0	1	11 : 5	6
3	France	3	1	1	0	1	9 : 7	5
4	Great Britain	3	0	0	0	3	4 : 16	0

Latvia qualifies for the 2014 Olympic Winter Games.



Latvia will play its fourth straight Winter Olympics. Photo: Martins Aise

Group F - Vojens, Denmark

Date	Game	Score
07.02.13	Belarus - Slovenia	2 - 4 (0-1, 2-1, 0-2)
07.02.13	Denmark - Ukraine	2 - 0 (1-0, 1-0, 0-0)
08.02.13	Belarus - Ukraine	6 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 3-0)
08.02.13	Slovenia - Denmark	2 - 1 (0-0, 2-1, 0-0)
10.02.13	Ukraine - Slovenia	1 - 6 (0-4, 0-1, 1-1)
10.02.13	Denmark - Belarus	2 - 3 (0-0, 2-2, 0-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Slovenia	3	3	0	0	0	12 : 4	9
2	Belarus	3	2	0	0	1	11 : 6	6
3	Denmark	3	1	0	0	2	5 : 5	3
4	Ukraine	3	0	0	0	3	1 : 14	0

Slovenia qualifies for the 2014 Olympic Winter Games.

2014 Olympic Winter Games Women's Qualification

Preliminary Qualification

Group G - Barcelona, Spain

Date	Game	Score
12.10.12	Hungary - Denmark	3 - 4 (2-1, 0-3, 1-0)
12.10.12	Croatia - Spain	1 - 2 (1-2, 0-0, 0-0)
13.10.12	Croatia - Hungary	1 - 8 (0-0, 0-6, 1-2)
13.10.12	Denmark - Spain	6 - 0 (2-0, 3-0, 1-0)
14.10.12	Denmark - Croatia	20 - 1 (6-0, 5-0, 9-1)
14.10.12	Spain - Hungary	1 - 7 (0-2, 0-0, 1-5)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Denmark	3	3	0	0	0	30 : 4	9
2	Hungary	3	2	0	0	1	18 : 6	6
3	Spain	3	1	0	0	2	3 : 14	3
4	Croatia	3	0	0	0	3	3 : 30	0

Denmark promoted to the Pre-Qualification stage Group F.

Group H - Jastrzebie-Zdroj, Poland

Date	Game	Score
27.09.12	Netherlands - Korea	5 - 2 (1-0, 1-1, 3-1)
27.09.12	Poland - Slovenia	4 - 3 so (1-0, 0-1, 2-2)
28.09.12	Slovenia - Korea	2 - 0 (1-0, 0-0, 1-0)
28.09.12	Netherlands - Poland	5 - 4 OT (1-1, 0-1, 3-2)
30.09.12	Slovenia - Netherlands	0 - 4 (0-1, 0-1, 0-2)
30.09.12	Korea - Poland	2 - 3 (0-1, 0-0, 2-2)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Netherlands	3	2	1	0	0	14 : 6	8
2	Poland	3	1	1	1	0	11 : 10	6
3	Slovenia	3	1	0	1	1	5 : 8	4
4	Korea	3	0	0	0	3	4 : 10	0

Netherlands promoted to the Pre-Qualification stage Group E.

Pre-Qualification

Group E - Shanghai, China

Date	Game	Score
08.11.12	France - Great Britain	7 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 4-0)
08.11.12	China - Netherlands	5 - 2 (1-0, 1-1, 3-1)
09.11.12	France - Netherlands	3 - 4 so (1-0, 1-2, 1-1)
09.11.12	Great Britain - China	0 - 5 (0-2, 0-2, 0-1)
11.11.12	Netherlands - Great Britain	1 - 2 (0-0, 1-0, 0-2)
11.11.12	China - France	4 - 3 so (0-3, 2-0, 1-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	China	3	2	1	0	0	14 : 5	8
2	France	3	1	0	0	2	13 : 8	5
3	Great Britain	3	1	0	0	2	2 : 13	3
4	Netherlands	3	0	1	0	2	7 : 10	2

China promoted to the Final Olympic Qualification stage Group D.

Group F - Valmiera, Latvia

Date	Game	Score
08.11.12	Austria - Italy	7 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 4-0)
08.11.12	Latvia - Denmark	1 - 4 (0-1, 0-2, 1-1)
09.11.12	Austria - Denmark	0 - 1 (0-0, 0-1, 0-0)
09.11.12	Italy - Latvia	3 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 0-0)
11.11.12	Denmark - Italy	3 - 1 (0-1, 3-0, 0-0)
11.11.12	Latvia - Austria	2 - 3 (0-1, 1-2, 1-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Denmark	3	3	0	0	0	8 : 2	9
2	Austria	3	2	0	0	1	10 : 3	6
3	Italy	3	1	0	0	2	4 : 10	3
4	Latvia	3	0	0	0	3	3 : 10	0

Denmark promoted to the Final Olympic Qualification stage Group C.

Final Olympic Qualification

Group C- Poprad, Slovakia

Date	Game	Score
07.02.13	Norway - Japan	3 - 4 (1-0, 2-1, 0-3)
07.02.13	Slovakia - Denmark	1 - 2 (1-2, 0-0, 0-0)
08.02.13	Norway - Denmark	1 - 2 so (0-0, 1-0, 0-1)
08.02.13	Japan - Slovakia	0 - 1 so (0-0, 0-0, 0-0)
10.02.13	Denmark - Japan	0 - 5 (0-2, 0-2, 0-1)
10.02.13	Slovakia - Norway	3 - 5 (0-3, 3-1, 0-1)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Japan	3	2	0	1	0	9 : 4	7
2	Denmark	3	1	1	0	1	4 : 7	5
3	Norway	3	1	0	1	1	9 : 9	4
4	Slovakia	3	0	1	0	2	5 : 7	2

Japan qualifies for the 2014 Olympic Winter Games.



The Japanese held camps every month since May in an effort to qualify for the Olympics that paid off with a 5-0 win over Denmark to make the cut.
Photo: Jakub Sůkup

Group D - Weiden, Germany

Date	Game	Score
07.02.13	Kazakhstan - Germany	1 - 5 (0-3, 1-1, 0-1)
07.02.13	Germany - China	3 - 1 (1-0, 0-1, 2-0)
08.02.13	Kazakhstan - China	1 - 2 (0-0, 1-2, 0-0)
08.02.13	Czech Republic - Germany	1 - 3 (1-1, 0-2, 0-0)
10.02.13	China - Czech Republic	2 - 3 so (0-1, 0-0, 2-1)
10.02.13	Germany - Kazakhstan	5 - 0 (1-0, 2-0, 2-0)

Rk	Team	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF : GA	TP
1	Germany	3	3	0	0	0	11 : 2	9
2	Czech Republic	3	1	1	0	1	9 : 6	5
3	China	3	1	0	1	1	5 : 7	4
4	Kazakhstan	3	0	0	0	3	2 : 12	0

Germany qualifies for the 2014 Olympic Winter Games



After missing on Vancouver 2010, the German ladies will go to Sochi 2014 thanks to a clean record in the final qualification on home ice in Weiden.
Photo: Stefan Diepold / eishockey-online.com





Eastern Rivalry: Korea and Japan played one of the most entertaining games of the Olympic qualification, a 3-2 win for the Japanese in front of a packed house at the Ice Bucks Arena in Nikko.
Photo: Seinosuke Uchigasaki

Blue and White Forever: While the home team wasn't able to win another medal, Finland's hockey fans came out in droves to support the team at the 2013 Worlds. Photo: Richard Wolowicz / HHOF-IIHF Images



IIHF Calendar of Events

IIHF Tournaments

IIHF World Championship		
2014	BELARUS, Minsk	09 - 25.05.14
2015	CZECH REPUBLIC, Prague & Ostrava	01 - 17.05.15
2016	RUSSIA, Moscow & St. Petersburg	29.04 - 15.05.16
2017	GERMANY, Cologne & FRANCE, Paris	05 - 21.05.17

IIHF World Championship Division I Group A		
2014	KOREA, Seoul	20 - 26.04.14

IIHF World Championship Division I Group B		
2014	LITHUANIA, Vilnius	20 - 26.04.14

IIHF World Championship Division II Group A		
2014	SERBIA, Belgrade	09 - 15.04.14

IIHF World Championship Division II Group B		
2014	SPAIN, Jaca	05 - 11.04.14

IIHF World Championship Division III		
2014	LUXEMBOURG, Luxembourg	07 - 12.04.14

IIHF World Junior Championship		
2014	SWEDEN, Malmö	26.12.13 - 05.01.14
2015	CANADA, Toronto & Montreal	
2016	FINLAND, TBA	
2017	CANADA, Montreal & Toronto	

IIHF U20 World Championship Division I Group A		
2014	POLAND, Sanok	15 - 21.12.13

IIHF U20 World Championship Division I Group B		
2014	GREAT BRITAIN, Dumfries	09 - 15.12.13

IIHF U20 World Championship Division II Group A		
2014	HUNGARY, Miskolc	15 - 21.12.13

IIHF U20 World Championship Division II Group B		
2014	SPAIN, Jaca	11 - 17.01.14

IIHF U20 World Championship Division III		
2014	TURKEY, Izmir	12 - 18.01.14

IIHF U18 World Championship		
2014	FINLAND, Lappeenranta & Imatra	17 - 27.04.13
2015	SWITZERLAND, TBA	
2016	USA, TBA	
2017	SLOVAKIA, TBA	

IIHF U18 World Championship Division I Group A		
2014	FRANCE, Nice	13 - 19.04.14

IIHF U18 World Championship Division I Group B		
2014	HUNGARY, Szekesfehervar	13 - 19.04.14

IIHF U18 World Championship Division II Group A		
2014	GREAT BRITAIN, Dumfries	24 - 30.03.14

IIHF U18 World Championship Division II Group B		
2014	ESTONIA, Tallinn	14 - 20.03.14

IIHF U18 World Championship Division III Group A		
2014	BULGARIA, Sofia	24 - 30.03.14

IIHF U18 World Championship Division III Group B		
2014	TURKEY, Izmit	13 - 15.02.14

IIHF Women's World Championship		
2015	SWEDEN, Malmö	
2016	CANADA, TBA	
2017	USA, TBA	
2019	FINLAND, TBA	

IIHF Women's World Championship Division I Group A		
2014	CZECH REPUBLIC, Prerov	06 - 12.04.14

IIHF Women's World Championship Division I Group B		
2014	LATVIA, Ventspils	06 - 12.04.14

IIHF Women's World Championship Division II Group A		
2014	ITALY, Asiago	06 - 12.04.14

IIHF Women's World Championship Division II Group B		
2014	ICELAND, Reykjavik	24 - 30.03.14

IIHF Women's World Championship Division II Group B Qualification		
2014	MEXICO, Mexico City	08 - 11.04.14

IIHF U18 Women's World Championship		
2014	TBA	TBA

IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I		
2014	GERMANY, Füssen	29.03 - 04.04.14

IIHF U18 Women's World Championship Division I Qualification		
2014	POLAND, Krynica-Zdroj	18 - 23.03.14

Inline

IIHF Inline Hockey World Championship		
2014	CZECH REPUBLIC, Pardubice	15 - 21.06.14

Olympic Winter Games

Olympic Winter Games		
2014	RUSSIA, Sochi	07 - 23.02.14

IIHF Congresses

IIHF Semi-Annual Congress		
2013	PORTUGAL, Cascais	19 - 21.09.13

IIHF Annual Congress		
2014	BELARUS, Minsk	22 - 24.05.14

National Team Breaks

2013/2014 Season		
1st International Break		26.08 - 01.09.13
2nd International Break		04 - 10.11.13
3rd International Break		16 - 22.12.13
4th International Break		03 - 09.02.14





Hungary's Hockey Scene: Registering excellent attendance numbers in Budapest, Hungary rewarded fans with a historic 2-1 upset over Kazakhstan at the Division IA Worlds. Photo: Laszlo Mudra

2013/2014 IIHF Championship Program

Men's Senior Championships

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship

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

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I

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

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division II

Group A	Group B
Estonia	Spain
Belgium	New Zealand
Iceland	Mexico
Australia	China
Serbia	Turkey
Israel	South Africa

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division III

Bulgaria
DPR Korea
Luxembourg
United Arab Emirates
Hong Kong

U20 World Championships

2014 IIHF World Junior Championship

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

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division I

Group A	Group B
Latvia	France
Belarus	Kazakhstan
Denmark	Italy
Slovenia	Ukraine
Austria	Great Britain
Poland	Japan

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division II

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

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship Division III

Belgium
Bulgaria
New Zealand
Mexico
Turkey
South Africa

Down 4-1 going into the third period of a Division IA game against Hungary, Korea roared back with three goals and stole the game in the shootout, giving the team three key points and its first ever win against the Hungarians in 11 tries. Korea moved up three spots in the IIHF World Ranking and will compete in Division IA again next year.

Photo: Laszlo Mudra



U18 World Championships

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship

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

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division I

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

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division II

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

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship Division III

Group A	Group B
Australia	South Africa
New Zealand	Turkey
Chinese Taipei	Hong Kong
Bulgaria	
Israel	
Mexico	

Women's World Championships

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship

Note: There is no stand-alone 2014 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship in the top division in Olympic years.

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division I

Group A	Group B
Czech Republic	Latvia
Denmark	Netherlands
Slovakia	DPR Korea
Austria	China
Norway	Kazakhstan
France	Hungary

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II

Group A	Group B
Great Britain	Slovenia
Italy	Spain
Australia	Croatia
New Zealand	Iceland
Poland	Belgium
Korea	Turkey

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship Division II Group B

Qualification

South Africa
Bulgaria
Hong Kong
Mexico

U18 Women's World Championships

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship

Group A	Group B
Canada	USA
Czech Republic	Sweden
Finland	Hungary
Japan	Russia

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship Division I

Group	Qualification
Germany	Austria
Switzerland	Italy
France	China
Norway	Kazakhstan
Slovakia	Poland
Great Britain	



One of the big surprises of the 2013 championship season was the play of Hungary's U18 women's team. Moving into the top division for the first time ever, the girls played well against Canada and defeated Germany in overtime. The team finished sixth and will compete at the top level again in 2014.

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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, Rebellion, Reebok/CCM, Sherwood, Tackla, Torspo, and Warrior, have all made valuable contributions to qualifying National Associations. Gufex is the exclusive game puck supplier of the IIHF.

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SINCE 1970**WARRIOR**

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 Olympic Winter Games as well as for IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships, IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championships and IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championships.



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Icy gets an adjustment from Team Russia's equipment manager in front of the Tissot boards at the 2013 World Championship.
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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 Tissot presents a special edition T-Tracx 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

Strong year for website, social media

IIHF.com posted another strong year with high numbers. During the 2013 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Stockholm and Helsinki the official website averaged 327,457 visits per day and had more than 5.3 million visits throughout the tournament.

The numbers peaked on 16th May when the quarter-finals were played.

Since 2006 IIHF.com has had an annual growth averaging 22.2 per cent during the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.

Switzerland's surprising campaign was also visible in the web statistics. The country of roughly 8 million people moved up to second place in website visits, just behind co-host Finland and before Latvia, Canada and the United States.

IIHF.com is followed in more 200 countries each year during the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship.

The IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship page is run in partnership with Infront and since 2009 jointly with the organizing committees. Apart from the live ticker and the extensive photo gallery, IIHF.com published nine stories per day with information from the arenas, complemented with side stories and coverage of the Annual Congress and Hall of Fame Induction.

As well an app for iPhone, iPad, Android, Blackberry and Windows Phone was in operation for the whole World Championship program. It was downloaded 288,495 times – 45 per cent more than last year.

The video stream was offered free of charge for the second straight year. The dedicated YouTube channel also offered highlights, features, behind-the-scene videos and post-game comments.

Videos were also provided from other events such as the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Division I, the IIHF Ice Hockey U20 World Championship, the IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship and the Continental Cup.

The strong growth of the second-most followed event, the IIHF World Junior Championship, continued in 2013. A record average of 116,213 visits per day was registered during the event in Ufa, Russia – 36 per cent more than the year before in Calgary and Edmonton.

The website was run on a new system with a more user-friendly layout. It was the first time a website of an IIHF tournament was operated in two languages during the event with the addition of Russian writers. In addition to game recaps and features in two languages, statistics were also made available in Russia with hundreds of player and club names Cyrillicized.

The U20 page did not only offer game information, news, featured stories and photos, but also video highlights in partnership with TSN.

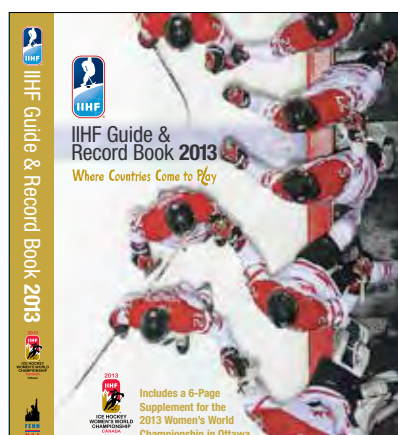
The new system was also used for the U18 World Championship in Sochi, also in English and Russian, and for the Women's World Championship in English and French.

The IIHF's popularity again grew immensely in the world of social media. By July the IIHF had over 110,000 fans (+40%) on Facebook where the IIHF provides updates, polls and multimedia features to hockey fans.

Behind-the-scenes photo posts on Facebook routinely drew over ten thousand views and promoted fan discussions on the world's largest social media network. Facebook also served as an ideal forum for posting photos and stories from IIHF hockey camps, giving young hockey players a chance to make connections with their coaches and camp staff members.

In its third year, the IIHF's Twitter news feed's number of followers almost doubled from 23,000 to over 45,000 and an additional feed provided its followers with live scores.

The IIHF and World Championship YouTube channels combine for almost 7.8 million video views – that's twice as much compared to last year.



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

Bigger and better than last year, the new 2013 IIHF Guide & Record Book is now available as a hardcopy and DVD and includes a 6-page supplement for the 2013 Women's World Championship in Ottawa.

A 2014 Media Guide and Record Book is in production and will be out in the fall of 2013.

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■ The new IIHF tournament channel pages for the U20 in Ufa (top), the Women's Worlds in Ottawa, and the U18s in Sochi were available for the first time in multiple languages, such as Russian (bottom).

Celebrating 20 years Hockey Hall of Fame

Back in 1986, the NHL Board of Governors convened and determined that the Hockey Hall of Fame needed to find a new home; one that would usher in a new chapter of exponential growth and grandeur.

So, after 32 years on the grounds of the Canadian National Exhibition, which included only 7, 000-square feet of display space, the Hockey Hall of Fame moved into a newly-renovated 51, 000-square foot facility, anchored

at street level by the historic bank building at Front and Yonge, the gateway intersection to Toronto's downtown core.

The opening ceremony took place on June 18, 1993. Since day one at this new location, the Hall of Fame was no longer simply a museum, but rather, an innovative sports experience that actively engages visitors.

So began two decades of unforgettable tributes, partnerships, and expansion projects. Apart from the replica Montreal Canadiens dressing room, every square inch of the Hall has experienced change, and in most cases, numerous changes. Exhibits have evolved significantly, repeatedly bringing forth the newest technologies and showcasing the changing landscape of the game.

Through a significant contribution and alliance agreement with the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF), the Hockey Hall of Fame



From left: Hall of Fame class of 2012 members Joe Sakic, Adam Oates, Pavel Bure, and Mats Sundin flash their induction rings. Photo: AJ Messier / HHOF-IIHF Images

completed its first major expansion in 1998 by opening the World of Hockey Zone, a 3,500-square foot area dedicated to the global game, including World and Olympic competition as well as profiles on all IIHF member countries and an honour roll. This project also supported the move and expansion of the HHOF resource centre and staff offices onto the second floor.

Two years later, the Hall of Fame initiated its New Millennium Revi-

talization Plan, a six-year endeavour which included major exhibit enhancements. During this period, the Hall of Fame expanded its interactive zone, renovated its two theatres, erected a "Team of the Century" monument honouring Team Canada '72, and introduced several new multimedia exhibits. The unveiling of the NHL Zone in 2006 was the final stage of this ambitious plan.

Further expansion of the original Hall of Fame footprint occurred both in 2009 and 2010. First, the HHOF Resource Centre moved from its downtown location to a new complex in west Toronto, featuring an 18,000-square foot facility to house its vast artifact and archival collections.

Just over a year later, the Hall's retail store moved into a 6,000-square foot space at street level, adjacent to the Hall's historic bank building at Yonge and Front. This move facilitated a second expansion of the World of Hockey Zone.

Top: Mats Sundin accepts his Hall of Fame plaque from HOF Chairman and CEO Bill Hay. Photo: Dave Sandford / HHOF-IIHF Images



Bottom: Pavel Bure signs his name in amongst hockey's elite during the 2012 Induction Ceremony at the Hall of Fame in Toronto. Photo: Matthew Manor / HHOF-IIHF Images



With the Stanley Cup as centerpiece, the Great Hall hold portraits and biographies. Photo: Jeff Vinnick / HHOF-IIHF Images

This past year, the Hall of Fame completed its "Great Hall Renewal Project" as well as redeveloped its largest theatre. With funding from Imperial Oil, the Great Hall, home to the Stanley Cup, the major NHL trophies, and all Honoured Member plaques, underwent re-design and re-configuration of the interior exhibition space with new custom-built trophy showcases and displays to accommodate future Inductees over the next 15 to 20 years.

Numerous temporary exhibits have been spotlighted since the Hall of Fame's 1993 opening, including the Wayne Gretzky Exhibit (1999), the HHOF 10th Anniversary Exhibit (2003), The Montreal Canadiens Centennial Tribute (2009), and the Olympic Medals Exhibit (2010). Several key artifacts have also placed the Hall of Fame in the headlines and have garnered permanent showcases, including the Lucky Loonie acquired at the 2002 Winter Olympics and the Golden Goal from the 2010 Winter Olympics.

As much as things have changed since 1993, key elements have remained the same. Every Induction has taken place at the Hockey Hall of Fame, the game's greatest treasures and trophies remain on display, and fans and players alike continue to discover the magic of the game during their visit to this hockey sanctuary.

And, as a forerunner in the Sports Hall of Fame industry, the Hockey Hall of Fame continues to succeed in diversifying its business to include thriving hospitality, retail, licensing, educational, outreach, and archival programs. Now that the Hockey Hall of Fame has recently renewed its principal lease at Yonge and Front through the year 2032, we look forward to another twenty years of celebrating the greatest game on earth.

Extended and expanded partnership with TSN/RDS

TSN /RDS, Canada's leading sports specialty TV channel and one of three long-standing HHOF founding sponsors, has renewed its partnership for an additional ten years through December 2022. TSN/RDS will continue to hold the broadcast rights to Hockey Hall of Fame events which include the "Hockey Hall of Fame Inductee Announcement", "Hockey Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony",

and the "Hockey Hall of Fame Legends Classic." In addition to retaining title branding to the TSN/RDS Broadcast Zone (an interactive exploration of the nuances and evolution of television hockey broadcasting), the Hall of Fame's state-of-the-art theatre showcasing hockey's first theatrical 3D film production, titled Stanley's Game Seven (3D), has been named the TSN Theatre.

Hockey Hall of Fame Succession

At the 2013 March Annual General Meeting, Bill Hay announced that he will be retiring on July 31, 2013 and that Selection Committee Co-Chairman, Pat Quinn, will assume the office of Chairman of the Board and Jeff Denomme will become chief executive officer in addition to his current role as President.

Hay was appointed as Chairman and CEO in July 1998 and his service to the Hockey Hall of Fame includes 18 years as a Director (1995-2013) and another 15 years as a member of the Selection Committee (1980-1995). Under Hay's leadership, the Hall has strengthened relations with key constituents such as the IIHF, NHL, NHLPA and Hockey Canada, and has invested over \$30-million in capital assets including two major expansion projects.

Quinn has been a member of the Hockey Hall of Fame Selection Committee since 1998. His hockey resume includes a nine-year NHL playing career, as well as executive, managerial and coaching positions with the Philadelphia Flyers, Los Angeles Kings, Vancouver Canucks, Toronto Maple Leafs, Edmonton Oilers and Hockey Canada. In November 2012, Quinn was inducted as a member of the Order of Canada.

Denomme began his career as an intern with the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1986 and, after playing an instrumental role in the relocation and expansion to Brookfield Place (1993) and in establishing sustainable operations, he was appointed President, Chief Operating Officer and Treasurer in January 1998. His strategic vision and hands-on approach have propelled the Hall's on-going growth and development.



al sketches of each of the 370 Honoured Members of the Hockey Hall of Fame.



Top: (from left) Stewart Johnston, President of TSN, Hall of Famer Bobby Orr, and Bill Hay.
Photo: Steve Poirier / Hockey Hall of Fame



Bottom: Newly appointed Chairman of the HHOF and Co-Chairman of the Selection Committee Pat Quinn answers questions from the media following the announcement of the 2013 Inductees on 9 July, 2013.
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IIHF Snapshots

A look back at 2012/2013





Parting Shot

Joined at the hip



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