Dear Master Athletes and Friends of Master Athletics,

EVAA Council is happy to look back on a very successful year 2013.

We had great Indoor Championships in San Sebastian (Spain) in March with marvelous results and a friendly sportsman spirit. The city was a perfect host because we were given sunshine the whole week and the citizen offered EVAA family great hospitality. There were some lessons to learn: the first day has to be best organized to avoid queues and long waiting hours. Results, starting lists have to be published clearer to avoid misunderstanding, and athletes have to get used to running in an indoor oval track to avoid disqualification. All in all San Sebastian was a highlight for the master athletes, the LOC together with the Spanish Athletic Federation did a great job.

The Non-Stadia Championships were hosted by the city of Úpice in the Czech Republic. As usual the month of May is always the period of the year when the master runners honours its best athletes. Úpice is well known for championships so it was an easy part of the LOC to welcome many athletes from the European continent. Unfortunately the organizer was not blessed with good weather, rain and cold temperatures made it difficult for athletes to compete on a high level.

Porto Alegre (Brasil) welcomed the Master Athletic World to participate in the World Championships in October. There were many promises made years before by the LOC but certain problems prevented the usual standard of championships’. More rain than expected made it hard for judges, officials, and athletes to have well running competitions. The spirit of friendship enlightened the championships: Samba rythm all over, athletes supporting each other in difficulties, a helping hand was always there. Porto Alegre will be in our hearts as a new challenge for the Brasilian Master Athletic Movement to be an important part in the World Master Athletics.

2013 was also the year to say "Good-Bye" to Dace Brakanska from Latvia (EVAA Women Representative) who gave floor to Emanuela Baggiolini (Italy). Dace supported the Master Movement with many activities and integrated the female athletes in every part of Master Athletics. She founded the Baltic Athletic Region - a co-operation between Latvia, Estonia, Lituania.

After Porto Alegre René Honderlink (The Netherlands), Secretary of EVAA, stepped down from his position and gave the responsibility back to the EVAA Council. René was always well looked upon among the athletes, as teamleader of the Dutch Masters or as highjumper in his age group, and after the General Assembly in Zittau as EVAA Secretary. EVAA Council asked Helena Maria Pires de Carvalho (Portugal) to fulfill the duties of EVAA Secretary until the elections in Izmir 2014.

EVAA Council was present during the regional and national championships to support the LOC and to create seminars by EVA Academy. Meetings with WMA and EA were connected with championships or conventions. The Masters are recognized by most of the European federations but some national master associations need more support.
Last year will be remembered through many new European Records in nearly all age groups. Due to the very late World Championships the **Best European Male and Female Veteran** had to be elected before Porto Alegre. Therefore EVAA Council will add the results of Porto Alegre to the proposals of EBM 2014.

This year **Emma Mazzenga (Italy) W 80** and **Matthias Sunneborne (Sweden) M 40** were elected to be Best European Veteran.

2014 is just ahead of us and it will be a year of new hosting cities of our championships:

- **WMACI Budapest** – Hungary will host the Indoor Championships of WMA from 25th – 30th of March
- **EMMRC Nowa Ruda** – Poland invites the Mountainrunners to Nowa Ruda the weekend of 14th of June
- **EVACS Izmir** – Turkey welcomes the Stadia Athletes from 22nd – 31st of August

To be prepared for the championships, Croatia offers to Master Athletes the first European Master Athletic Training Camp. From 3rd – 23rd of March athletes are welcomed to Pula and Medulin to be prepared for competition season 2014. If you like to join the camp, just register **emac2014@kompas.hr**

EVAA Council wish you all a nice start into the new competition year. Stay healthy and fit and enjoy our athletics with us.

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