Wolfgang Ritte, GER, 070153 (M55) is elected “European Best Veteran 2008” in man athletics. He has in 2008 brought the World Records in Pole Vault both Indoors (431) and Outdoors (460).

In World Masters Championships Indoor in Clermont Ferrand (FRA) he won Pole Vault with the World Record 431 (99 centimetres before the second man).

In EVACS in Ljubljana, SLO he won with the Championship Record 426.

He is superior to the other veterans in his age group and has outclassed the old World records. His 460 outdoors is an improvement of the Swede Hans Lagerkvist’s “classic” World Record from 1996 with 34 centimetres and he has improved Han’s Indoor Record with 21 centimetres.