

## **European Best Veterans 2014**

### **IRIE HILL, (GBR)**

At 7 years old, she was introduced to track and field where she trained as a multi-eventer.

Having reached the full height of 1.76M at 13, she was too tall for gymnastics, but had a definite advantage in the high jump, hurdles and shot put.

At 26, she tried to jump pole vault, this time on an international scale.

During the following years many regional titles were accumulating in Midland, in Victorian and Bavaria championships.

She was also a regular athlete on the podium in the British national championships and also win a pair of silver medals at the Australian championships.

2002 was her most successful year. Shortly after being crowned British champion, she was the first British athlete - male or female - to win a medal in the pole vault in any Commonwealth Games.

She competed in six World Masters Championships indoors and outdoors and was rewarded with five titles. She was victorious in all six Masters European Championships where she attended.

As vaulter, she had many national records in three age groups, as well as European and World records in W40 and W45. Her personal best stands at 4.20m.

Being named Best European Masters Athlete in 2014 is a well-deserved reward.

