

## FIH Masters Report to the 2014 FIH Congress



Member Countries	Code	IMHA	WGMA
Argentina	ARG	★	
Australia	AUS	★	★
Austria	AUT	★	
Belgium	BEL		★
Egypt	EGY	★	★
England	ENG	★	★
France	FRA	★	★
Germany	GER	★	★
Ghana	GHA	★	
Hong Kong	HKG	★	★
Ireland	IRL	★	★
Italy	ITA	★	★
Japan	JPN		★
Kazakhstan	KGZ	★	
Malaysia	MAL	★	★
Netherlands	NED	★	★
New Zealand	NZL	★	★
Pakistan	PAK	★	
Russia	RUS	★	
Scotland	SCO	★	★
Singapore	SIN	★	
South Africa	RSA	★	★
South Korea	KOR		★
Spain	ESP	★	
Switzerland	SUI	★	
USA	USA	★	
Wales	WAL	★	★
Zimbabwe	ZIM	★	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>25</b>	<b>17</b>

The development and expansion of Masters Hockey over the last two years is detailed below:

- The FIH Masters Panel (FIHMP) was established in 2013 bringing together FIH, WGMA and IMHA to work in partnership to develop Masters Hockey throughout the world.
- WGMA staged their 2014 World Cup in the Netherlands alongside the FIH Rabobank World Cup with 56 international teams, 3 associate teams and 1,050 players over the age of 60 taking part, a 37% increase on the 2012 World Cups in England.
- The 2014 IMHA World Cup was staged in Rotterdam in the Netherlands welcoming 59 teams and 1,044 players between the ages of 40 and 59, a 38% increase on the 2012 World Cup in England.
- The first ever international matches and events for men's 75+ and women's 60+ were held in 2014; more people want to carry on playing hockey for longer.
- There was a great response by Masters players to the FIH Masters Panel survey with over 1043 players giving their views and helping to shape the future of Masters Hockey.
- At their 2104 Congresses, 2 new Presidents were elected, Wim van Noortwijk (NED) for the WGMA and Glenn Paton (SCO) for the IMHA. Particular thanks and acknowledgement were made by FIH to the work of the previous Presidents, Peter Child (WGMA 11 years) and Ben Rea (IMHA 7 years), who have steered Masters Hockey over significant periods since the inception of both organisations.
- The alignment of Technical Regulations for Masters Hockey with those of FIH and closer working practices across events and development.
- Planning for the Masters European Cups alongside the EuroHockey Championships in London in 2015 and for the Masters World Cups in Australia in 2016 at Newcastle (WGMA) and Canberra (IMHA) are well advanced.