

Olga Kotelko



At 90 years of age, **Olga Kotelko** is the Queen Mother of multiple events athletes. Since 1997 she has been running, jumping and throwing – and breaking Canadian and World records in the W80, W85 and now W90 age categories. Starting with the World championships in Gateshead in 1999, she has competed internationally, indoors as well as out, winning many gold medals. In the BC Masters athletics championships in Nanaimo this past May, she broke or set 8 World Records, plus two national marks for a total of 10 Canadian records. Her W85 record for the high jump, set in 2004, earned an age-graded ranking of 92.64%, demonstrating that she is about quality as well as quantity in the record-setting department. Nor have her achievements gone unnoticed. Besides having been named BC's Masters Athlete of the Year, she has also won the Vancouver YWCA's Women of Distinction in Sports award. In her West Vancouver community she is a sought after motivational speaker for seniors, and well known in her local elementary school where she coaches the shot put. The Executive and all members of the Canadian Masters Athletic Association congratulate her on her outstanding career, and welcome her to their Hall of Fame.

The 2009 inductees into the Canadian Masters Hall of Fame were announced at the Championships Awards Banquet on Saturday, July 18th in Kamloops.

Diane Palmason is the Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee. Members of the Committee presented the HOF plaques.



Emil Muller presented the Citation.