

## 2012 World Masters Athletics Indoor Championships

The 2012 World Masters Athletics Indoor Championships for track and field were held April 3rd to 8th in Jyväskylä, Finland.

Serge Faucher made his first appearance at the Worlds event, competing in the M45 age group. He posted excellent results in his three races, achieving personal bests as a master athlete in each of them. He posted a time of 2:15.41 minutes in the 800 meter event, landing him in 13th place overall. The next day, he ran the 200 meter race in 25.67 seconds, enabling him to move on to the semi-finals where he covered the distance in a time of 25.35 seconds, finishing 11th overall. On the fourth day of competition, he ran the 400 meter race in 56.58 seconds, once again moving to the semi-finals. Racing for a fifth time in as many days, Serge posted a very fast 55.78 seconds over 400 meters, finishing 9th.

While in Finland, he had the privilege of meeting several national champions, former Olympians and Pan Am athletes, such as race-walking legend Marcel Jobin, who holds several age-group Canadian records and has participated in 2 Olympics (1976, 1984). Marcel did very well in the M70 category, taking the gold in the 3,000 meter Track Walk, and silver in the 10,000 meter Road Walk.

Fresh from his exploits in Finland, Serge will turn his attention to the 2013 World Masters Athletics Track & Field Championship to be held in Porto Alegre, Brazil.



Marcel Jobin & Serge Faucher



Serge – 1<sup>st</sup> lap of 800m