

<b>Waterford Crystal European Athlete of the Year 2007</b>			
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Men</b>		
<b>1</b>	Tero Pitkämäki	(FIN)	World Javelin champion and won 11 competitions including Golden League in Oslo and Paris. European leader with 91.23m.
<b>2</b>	Roman Sebrle	(CZE)	World Decathlon champion and World number one with a 8697 score from Kladno Meeting. Finished second at Götzis.
<b>3</b>	Gerd Kanter	(EST)	World Champion and World leader with 18 victories in 2007 including 72.02m. Won European Cup Winter Throwing in Yalta and European Cup 2nd League in Odense.
<b>4</b>	Nelson Evora	(POR)	World Triple Jump Champion and European leader with a Portuguese record of 17.74m. Won European Cup 1st league in Milan and set two Portuguese records in 2007.
<b>5</b>	Ivan Tikhon	(BLR)	World Hammer champion with 83.63m and took silver at the European Cup Winter Throwing in Yalta. Won European Cup 1st league in Milan with 79.40m.
<b>6</b>	Virgilijus Alekna	(LTU)	European Athlete of the Month for July, he is ranked number two in the world and unbeaten in 37 competitions until the World Championships in Osaka where he was injured and finished 4th.
<b>7</b>	Andrew Howe	(ITA)	European Indoor Long Jump Champion and 2nd in World Championships in Osaka. Finished 2nd in Long Jump at European Cup 1st league in Milan and was a member of the winning Italian 4x100m relay team at the same venue. Set Italian records indoors & outdoors.
<b>8</b>	Yuriy Borzakovskiy	(RUS)	Leading European 800m runner in 2007 and only European to make the World Championships final where he took the bronze.
<b>9</b>	Viktor Roethlin	(SUI)	European Athlete of the Month for April. Finished 3rd in World Championships in Osaka and won Zurich Marathon in new Swiss record of 2:08.20, the second fastest time by a European in 2007.
<b>10</b>	Francis Obikwelu	(POR)	European Athlete of the Month for June and joint fastest European over 100m with season's best of 10.06. Won 100m at European Cup 1st League in Milan, the Golden League in Zurich and sprint double at European Champion Clubs Cup in Albufeira.
<b>11</b>	Danny Ecker	(GER)	European Indoor Pole Vault Champion & World Championship bronze medallist. Ranked 5th in the world with a season's best of 5.87m
<b>12</b>	Marek Plawgo	(POL)	Won the 400m Hurdles bronze medal at the World Championships in Osaka and finished 2nd at the SPAR European Cup in Munich. Was also a member of the Polish 4x400m relay team who won world championship bronze.
<b>13</b>	Marlon Devonish	(GBR)	Joint fastest European over 100m in 2007 where he ran 10.06 and was the leading European finisher in the 100m final in Osaka in 6th. Won SPAR European Cup 200m and was a member of the British 4x100m relay team which won the European Cup and took bronze in Osaka.

<b>13</b>	David Gillick	(IRL)	European Athlete of the Month for February and he retained his European Indoor 400m title in Birmingham. Set two Irish 400m records indoors and outdoors.
<b>15</b>	Serhiy Demydyuk	(UKR)	Leading European 110m Hurdler, he set Ukrainian records both indoors and outdoors this season. First European finisher in Osaka where he placed 6th. Also won gold at the World University Games in Bangkok.
<b>16</b>	Andrei Mikhnevich	(BLR)	Won Shot Put bronze at the World Championships in Osaka
<b>17</b>	Ivan Ukhov	(RUS)	European Athlete of the Month for January who set a Russian Indoor record and world leading performance of 2.39m in Moscow.
<b>18</b>	Mustafa Mohamed	(SWE)	Leading European steeplechaser, broke long standing Swedish record with 8:05.75 in Huesden and was leading European in Osaka where he finished 4th.
<b>18</b>	Yaroslav Rybakov	(RUS)	Won World Championship High Jump silver medal in Osaka with 2.35m, the joint highest jump in Europe in 2007.
<b>20</b>	Halil Akkas	(TUR)	European Athlete of the Month for April. Double World University Games Champion and Double European Champion Clubs Cup Champion. Set three Turkish records in 2007 and 4th in European Indoor 3000m
<b>20</b>	Francisco Fernandez	(ESP)	World Championship silver medallist in the 20km Walk. Won two IAAF Challenge events and set four Spanish records in 2007.
<b>22</b>	Anastasios Gousis	(GRE)	Only European to make the World Championship 200m final where he finished 8th, he was also 3rd at the SPAR European Cup in Munich.
<b>22</b>	Alistair Cragg	(IRL)	Leading European over 3,000m, 5000m and 10,000m where he set a new Irish record of 27:39.55.
<b>24</b>	Yohann Diniz	(FRA)	Won European Cup 20km Walk title in a new French record and took the silver medal over 50km Walk at the World Championships in Osaka.
<b>25</b>	Jason Gardener	(GBR)	European Athlete of the Month for March when he won his fourth successive European Indoor 60m title.
<b>26</b>	Leslie Djhone	(FRA)	Fastest European over 400m in 2007, he won the SPAR European Cup in Munich and finished 5th at the World Championships in Osaka.
<b>27</b>	Arturo Casado	(ESP)	European Indoor 1500m bronze medallist and European Cup 1st League Group A Champion. Was the leading European 1500m finisher in Osaka where he placed 7th.
<b>28</b>	Mo Farah	(GBR)	2006 SPAR European Cross Country Champion and was leading European finisher over 5,000m at the World Championships in Osaka.
<b>28</b>	Romain Mesnil	(FRA)	Finished in second place at the IAAF World Championships in Osaka and the SPAR European Cup in Munich.

Ranking	Women		
1	Blanka Vlasic	(CRO)	World High Jump champion with 2.05m in Osaka. Set 4 Croatian records this season and 2.07m from Stockholm is the highest jump in the world for some time. European Athlete of the Month for July she also won the European Cup 2nd league in Zenica. Has won 19 high quality High Jump competitions in 2007.
2	Carolina Klüft	(SWE)	World Outdoor Heptathlon and European Indoor Pentathlon champion. Extended Heptathlon winning streak to 19 in Osaka and was also victorious in Gotzis. Set European record of 7032 when winning world gold in Osaka.
3	Yelena Isinbayeva	(RUS)	European Athlete of the Month for February when she set a World Indoor record of 4.93m in Donetsk. World Champion in Osaka, World leader and unbeaten through out 2007.
4	Tatyana Lebedeva	(RUS)	World Long Jump champion who also won silver in the Triple Jump in Osaka. Won 12 top quality Long & Triple Jump competitions in 2007.
5	Franka Dietzsch	(GER)	World Discus Champion in Osaka. Won SPAR European Cup in Munich and European Cup Winter Throwing title in Yalta in March. Won 14 high level Discus competitions in 2007.
6	Susanna Kallur	(SWE)	European Indoor 60m Hurdles champion and just missed out on a medal in Osaka where she finished 4th. European Athlete of the Month for January & European leader with 12.51
7	Barbora Spotakova	(CZE)	World Javelin champion with a 67.07m Czech record in Osaka. Won European Champion Clubs Cup and was second in the European Cup 1st League in Vaasa. Finished 7th in 60m Hurdles at Czech indoor Championships!
8	Betty Heidler	(GER)	World Hammer champion with 74.76m and took second at the SPAR European Cup in Munich.
9	Kim Gevaert	(BEL)	European Athlete of the Month for June when she won the sprint double at the European Cup 2nd league in Odense. Finished 5th in 100m final at World Championships, 0.04 off the winner's time. Member of Belgian 4x100m relay team who won the European Cup 2nd league and who won bronze in Osaka.
10	Naide Gomes	(POR)	European Athlete of the Month for March when she won the European indoor title with a 6.89m leap. Finished 4th at the World Championships in Osaka and won the European Cup 1st league in Milan. Set Portuguese records indoors and outdoors this season.
11	Mayte Martinez	(ESP)	Won World Championship bronze over 800m when she ran a PB of 1:57.62 in Osaka. Spanish Indoor & Outdoor champion.
11	Lidia Simon	(ROM)	Leading European home in World Championship marathon in 5th place with 2:31.26. Also finished 6th in Osaka Marathon in January and Nagano Marathon in April.
13	Nicola Sanders	(GBR)	European Indoor champion and World silver medallist over 400m. Set British Indoor record to win Indoor title and was a member of the British 4x400m relay teams who won European indoor and World Championship bronze medals.
14	Yekaterina Volkova	(RUS)	World 3000m steeplechase champion in world leading time of 9:06.57.

<b>15</b>	Christina Obergfoell	(GER)	Won SPAR European Cup in a new European record of 70.20m in Munich. Won world championship silver medal with 66.46m.
<b>16</b>	Yelena Soboleva	(RUS)	World Championship 1500m silver medallist and fastest time in the world for 2007 with 3:57.30 and mile time of 4:15.63.
<b>17</b>	Nadzeya Ostapchuk	(BLR)	World Championship Shot Put silver medallist with 20.48 and finished third at the SPAR European Cup in Munich.
<b>18</b>	Christine Ohuruogu	(GBR)	World 400m Champion in a new personal best of 49.61 and was a member of the British team who won 4x400m relay bronze in Osaka.
<b>19</b>	Elvan Abeylegesse	(TUR)	Won 10,000m silver medal at World Championships in Osaka along with finishing 5th in the 5000m. European Cup 10000m champion, she also won the 5000m at the European Cup 2nd League and the European Champions Clubs Cup. European Athlete of the Month for April.
<b>19</b>	Christine Arron	(FRA)	Finished 6th in the 100m World Championship final in Osaka in 11.08 after running 11/04 in the semi-final. Was 2nd in SPAR European Cup in Munich, won the Golden League in Zurich and was a member of the French 4x100m relay team who took 2nd at the SPAR European Cup in Munich.
<b>21</b>	Olga Kaniskina	(RUS)	World 20km Walk champion and took silver at the European Cup Race Walking in Leamington.
<b>22</b>	Tezdzhan Naimova	(BUL)	Joint fastest European over 100m with 11.04 and second fastest over 200m with 22.43. Age just 20 she was a semi-finalist in both the 100m and 200m in Osaka.
<b>23</b>	Yuliya Pechonkina	(RUS)	World Championship 400m Hurdles silver medallist with 53.50. Won SPAR European Cup title in Munich and was unbeaten in 8 out of 9 finishes in 2007.
<b>24</b>	Lornah Kiplagat	(NED)	Crowned IAAF World Cross Country Champion in Mombasa this March, as well as IAAF World Road Race Champion, Oct 06, and finished 5th in the London Marathon 2007.