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2011 Web Awards

Best Team (Club / County)

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24.32% Shropshire (ENG) (2)

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11.64% Bedfordshire (ENG) (3)

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11.64% Pony Materiel (BEL) (7)

4	Monmouthshire (WAL)	9.93%	(-)	Winner 2006
5	We Hope (FRA)	8.90%	(6)	
=6	Akershus Wildcats (NOR)	7.53%	(-)	
=6	County Armagh (NIR)	7.53%	(-)	
=6	Speeds of Bruille (FRA)	7.53%	(5)	Winner 2008
9	Pony Club dell'alba Open (ITA)	6.85%	(1)	Winner 2010
10	Hurlumhei Mix (NOR)	4.11%	(10)	

The (number in brackets) is last year's placing

It has been coming for a while now but finally Shropshire take this title after having been in the mix for a few years now and finishing runners-up last year.

A well deserved award which possibly should have already been bestowed upon them last year?

In second place, Bedfordshire move up one place from their third placed finish for 2010 but they share the second step on the podium with Pony Materiel from Belgium.

In third we have the current multi national Inter Counties Champions Monmouthshire, who had a glittering 2011 and show no signs of stopping.

Best Team (International)



1

39.81% England (3)
Winner 2009, 07, 06, 05, 04, 01, 00



2

17.48% France (2)
Winner 2008



3

10.36% Northern Ireland (6)

4	Belgium	9.06%	(4)	
5	Wales	7.44%	(9)	Winner 2003, 2002
6	Republic of Ireland	5.50%	(5)	
7	Denmark	4.53%	(-)	
8	Austria	2.91%	(-)	
9	Italy	1.62%	(1)	Winner 2010
10	New Zealand	1.29%	(-)	

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Last year after their somewhat disappointing performance at the 2010 World Team championships, perennial winners of this category, England, had slipped to third place. The all conquering England teams of the 2011 variety however have put paid to that particular slump and score a resounding victory here polling more than twice as many votes as their closest rivals, France.

In third place it is a welcome return to Northern Ireland, now once again under the expert tutelage of the legend that is Colin Carson.

Best Pair



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27.36% Janey Surman & Alex Franklin (ENG) (2)

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14.66% Dimitri Dekdouk & Ghislain Deslandes (BEL) (-)

3

14.33% Tom & Greg James (ENG) (-)

4	Thibault Chatelain & Mehdi Khabouch (FRA)	9.45%	(-)	
5	Maren Lande & Line Hilmersen (NOR)	9.12%	(-)	
6	Morgane Pigeolet & Noémie Lambert (BEL)	6.51%	(-)	
7	Florian & Ludovic Pepin (FRA)	6.19%	(8)	Winner 2008
8	Alan Keogan & Ben O'Connor (IRE)	4.89%	(-)	
9	Jack Capel & Helen Green (ENG)	4.23%	(-)	
10	Line Jenvall & Lea Høybye (DEN)	3.26%	(-)	

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Last year, Quentin Voeltzel made history by becoming the first person to appear three times in the top 10 of the same category, this year he is nowhere to be seen!! It is a victory for last year's runners-up and 2010 World Champions Janey Surman and Alex Franklin though. Once again, recognition which is probably coming 12 months too late but better late than never.

In a very tight call for second place it is the pairing of Dimitri Dekdouk & Ghislain Deslandes who just edge it ahead of Tom & Greg James.

Rather disappointingly, it's only 9 th place for 2011 World Champions, Jack Capel & Helen Green.

Best Individual Rider



1

17.92% Quentin Voeltzel (FRA) (1)
Winner 2010, 09, 08



2

17.26% Mark Devitt (IRE) (6)



3

13.36% Dimitri Dekdouk (BEL) (4)

4	Janey Surman (ENG)	12.38%	(2)
5	Alex Franklin (ENG)	10.42%	(7)
6	Tom James (ENG)	8.79%	(-)
7	Brian Kennedy (NIR)	8.14%	(-)
8	Julien Marsille (BEL)	6.19%	(-)
9	Greg James (ENG)	3.58%	(-)
10	Dee Cherrington (NZL)	1.95%	(5)

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Whilst Quentin may have been conspicuous by his absence from the list of your favourite pairs, when it comes to the individuals, there is still no beating the little man from France. For the 4th year running now, you have crowned Mr. Voeltzel the best of the best!

He did have to sweat for it a bit this year though, with Mark Devitt coming ever so close to toppling him. A good second place for Mark, ahead of Dimitri Dekdouk from Belgium.

The voting public don't seem to take too much notice of actual results on the field though with neither the World or European champions even making the top 10!

Best Trainer



1

19.33% Malcolm Trevor Jones (Shropshire) (4)



2

**13.67% Jens Martin (Austria) (3)
Winner 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001**



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11.33% Isabelle Pierrard (France) (-)



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11.33% Younes Ahlbom (Alingsås / Norway) (-)

5	Robert Taylor (Bedfordshire)	10.67%	(-)	
6	Pierre Marsille (Belgium / Pennino's Girls)	8.00%	(-)	
=7	Iain Hopkins (Wales / Monmouthshire)	7.67%	(-)	
=7	Joel Pepin (We Hope)	7.67%	(5)	Winner 2009
9	Signe Sehested (Denmark)	5.67%	(-)	
10	Andrea Piazza (Pony Club Dell'Alba)	4.67%	(1)	Winner 2010

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Another well overdue winner here in the form of Malcolm Trevor-Jones. As a trainer he has won just about everything there is to win in the sport but has never won this particular Web Award, only finishing 4th last year despite securing the Inter Counties title.

Jens Martin, now training international MGA newcomers Austria takes the runners-up spot, with long term French trainer Isabelle Pierrard and new Norwegian trainer Younes Ahlbom sharing third.

Loudest Trainer or Supporter



1

25.17% Sean "Mappy" Bource (FRA / IRE) (-)

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2

14.09% Alexis Buono (BEL) (-)



3

11.74% Huw Whitney (WAL) (6)

4	Quentin Castel (BEL)	10.40%	(2)	
5	Sharon Taverner (ENG)	9.40%	(-)	Winner 1999
6	Steven Chorley (SCO)	9.06%	(1)	Winner 2010
7	Colin Carson (NIR)	7.38%	(8)	
8	Joel Pepin (FRA)	6.04%	(3)	Winner 2008
9	Andrea Piazza (ITA)	4.03%	(-)	
10	Iain Hopkins (WAL)	2.68%	(-)	

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Steven Chorley is going to have to try harder if he is to regain the title he won last year. 2010's loudest supporter drops to 6th this year and must hand over the honours to Sean "Mappy" Bource who has proven himself to be amongst the loudest of you either with or without a microphone!

Alexis Buono from those ever so loud Belgians takes second with Huw "The Voice" Whitney climbing three places from 6th to 3rd to round off the honours.

Best Competition 2011



1

48.84% European Team Championships (Lurgan / NIR)



2

16.94% Welsh Championships (Builth Wells / WAL)



3

11.30% Nocturne Logis du Poney (FRA)

4	World Team Championships (Vilhelmsborg / DEN)	8.64%
5	World Individual Championships (Chepstow / WAL)	4.98%
6	DK Pony Cup (Jylland / DEN)	3.32%
7	Peter Dale Challenge Cup (Various)	2.99%
=8	German Team Championships (Barchel / GER)	1.33%
=8	Scandinavian International Friendly (Gothenburg / SWE)	1.33%
10	Southern Hemisphere Championships (Hastings / NZL)	0.33%

A landslide victory here for the European Team and Individual Championships held last year in Lurgan, Northern Ireland. Polling almost as many votes as all the other top 10 contenders put together, there really was no doubt as to where "the place to be" was in 2011.

The Welsh Championships finish in the runners-up spot with the ever popular day/night "nocturne" competition in France remaining in 3rd place.

Traditionally the World Team Championships always finish either first or second in this category, but on this occasion it was only enough for 4th.

Best Competition Ever



1

21.60% 2010 European Team Championships (Chepstow / WAL) (2)



2

21.25% 2011 European Team Championships (Lurgan / NIR) (-)



3

14.63% 2009 European Team Championships (Marseille / FRA) (6)

4	2008 World Team Championships (Sydney / AUS)	14.63%	(1)	Winner 2010, 09, 08
5	2010 World Team Championships (Geneva / SUI)	8.36%	(3)	
6	2007 World Team Championships (Brugelette / BEL)	6.97%	(4)	Winner 2007
7	2008 European Team Championships (Verden / GER)	5.23%	(9)	
8	2004 World Team Championships (Saumur / FRA)	4.88%	(7)	Winner 2005, 04
9	2003 World Team Championships (Lexington / USA)	1.74%	(-)	
10	2001 World Team Championships (Guelph / CAN)	0.70%	(10)	Winner 2003

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Further evidence here that the European Championships appear to be replacing the Worlds as the most popular competition around. Not entirely sure that is a good thing, the Worlds after all are supposed to be the absolute pinnacle of the sport. With a far greater number of participants at the Europeans though, I suppose it is always likely to rate highly in these polls.

All three of the podium spots go to European Championships of the past with the 2009 edition in Marseille coming in 3rd but at the top with a lead of only 0.35% it's the 2010 Europeans in Chepstow which have taken over a special place in everybody's memories. Last year's offering from Northern Ireland finishes oh-so-close in 2nd.

The pick of the World Championships, and indeed winner of this category for the past 3 years running, is the 2008 World Team Championships from Australia which finishes in 4th spot.

Best Looking Rider (Male)



1

19.78% Dimitri Dekdouk (BEL) (6)



2

**16.04% Jens Martin (LUX) (3)
Winner 2006, 05, 02, 01**



3

**10.07% Gaetan Sejalon (LUX) (2)
Winner 2009, 08**

4	Tom James (ENG)	9.70%	(-)	
=5	Abel Rabillon (FRA)	8.96%	(-)	
=5	Aron Tyler (ENG)	8.96%	(5)	
7	Will Robinson (ENG)	8.21%	(-)	
=8	Alan Keogan (IRE)	7.09%	(-)	
=8	Alexis Henrotte (BEL)	7.09%	(7)	Winner 2004
10	Johan Ramtung (DEN)	4.10%	(-)	

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So, who is this year's Prince Charming? Well, it seems that the prince in shining armour this year comes from Belgium. Dimitri Dekdouk has obviously been wowing the ladies and climbs from 6th spot to claim his first victory in this category.

Behind him, Jens Martin and Gaetan Sejalon from neighbouring Luxembourg swap positions from last year.

Best Looking Rider (Female)



1

17.45% Ulrika Alexandersson (SWE) (-)



2

16.82% Eline Van Haute (BEL) (-)



3

14.02% Lotte Hansen (NOR) (6)

4	Lene Graver (NOR)	11.21%	(-)	Winner 2007, 06, 02
5	Katie Young (WAL)	9.66%	(9)	
6	Fanny Jonjic (BEL)	8.72%	(-)	
7	Julie Tessier (FRA)	8.41%	(-)	
8	Alex Franklin (ENG)	6.23%	(-)	
9	Katrine Petersen (DEN)	5.61%	(8)	
10	Giorgia Galeotti (ITA)	1.87%	(-)	

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The year that Scandinavia struck back! For a long time this category was dominated by Scandinavian riders. Then last year it all seemed to have come crashing to an end with only one Scandinavian in the top 10.

This year, however, it's rather a different story with the win going to Ulrika Alexandersson from Sweden who narrowly edges out Belgium's Eline Van Haute and Lotte Hansen from Norway.

Best Referee



1

29.07% Peter Dale (WAL) (2)



2

**20.76% Huw Whitney (WAL) (1)
Winner 2010, 09, 07, 06**



3

**9.69% Pierre-Luc Portron (FRA) (5)
Winner 2008**

4	Pete Daniels (ENG)	9.34%	(10)	Winner 2005
5	Mike Dyke Garfield (ENG)	8.65%	(7)	
6	Colin Carson (NIR)	7.96%	(-)	
7	Frank Braud (BEL)	6.23%	(-)	
=8	John Griffiths (WAL)	3.11%	(-)	
=8	Rachel Otte (AUT)	3.11%	(-)	
10	Phillipe Permingeat (FRA)	2.08%	(3)	

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He did it!! Despite being universally accepted as IMGA's chief referee for the past 4 or 5 years, Peter Dale has finished as runner-up in this category for the past 4 years. This year, however, he has finally managed to push his compatriot and perennial Web Award winner, Huw Whitney, into second place. Deserved reward for a difficult job well done in recent years.

Huw will have to delay building that extension to his trophy cabinet for the moment but he still has plenty of time to go.

2008 winner Pierre-Luc Portron takes third place this time around.

Best Commentator



1

41.27% Sean "Mappy" Bource (FRA / IRE) (1=)
Winner 2010



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23.81% Huw Whitney (WAL) (3)
Winner 2009, 07

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7.62% Laurence Fastrez (BEL) (-)

4	Atle Berger (NOR)	6.98%	(10)	
5	Nikki Carter (ENG)	6.35%	(-)	
6	Steeven Nee (FRA)	5.08%	(4)	Winner 2008
7	Gemma Hopkins (ENG)	4.44%	(-)	
8	Filippo Chiarenza (ITA)	2.54%	(1=)	Winner 2010
9	Tim Pinney (ENG)	1.90%	(9)	
10	Hans Neuhertz (AUT)	0.00%	(-)	

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Last year Mappy had to share a win in this category with Filippo Chiarenza from Italy. This time around, however, he stands head and shoulders above all others, winning by some margin from 2007 and 2009 winner, Huw Whitney. Now a common sight (sound?) at IMGA championships it seems we're going to be hearing a lot more of Mappy over the coming years.

In third place we have a new name to this category with Laurence Fastrez from Belgium.

Most Improved Team

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**17.56% Denmark (-)
Winner 2003**

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**12.90% Dell'Alba (ITA) (1)
Winner 2010**

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**11.47% We Hope (FRA) (4)
Winner 2009, 08**

4	Northern Ireland	11.11%	(-)
5	Modum (NOR)	9.68%	(-)
6	Belgium	8.60%	(6)
7	County Armagh (NIR)	8.60%	(-)
8	Scotland	8.24%	(-)
9	Switzerland	6.09%	(-)
10	Pennino's Girl (BEL)	5.73%	(-)

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No great surprise in this category. Denmark's march into their first ever World Team Championships A final, on home soil was one of the stand out achievements of the 2011 Worlds and certainly marked a great improvement compared with previous years.

Last year's winners of this category, the Dell'Alba team from Italy have to settle for second this time around whilst the 2008 and 2009 winners, "We Hope" from France, climb one place from 4th to 3rd.

Best Pony



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19.22% Blue (Alex Franklin / WAL) (6)

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16.61% Poppy (Janey Surman / ENG) (3)

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14.98% Indiana Jones (Mark Devitt / IRE) (7)

4	Spy (Quentin Voeltzel / FRA)	12.05%	(2)	Winner 2009. 08
5	Lady (Morgane Pigeolet / BEL)	8.14%	(-)	
6	Volante (Greg & Tom James / ENG)	7.17%	(-)	
7	Silver Star DK (Ditte Christensen / DEN)	6.51%	(-)	
8	Oscar (Tom James / ENG)	5.86%	(-)	
9	Navajo du Pous (Florian Pepin / FRA)	5.21%	(9)	
10	Sheena (Camille Pinson / FRA)	4.23%	(4)	

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Alex Franklin and Janey Surman may have together won the Best Pair category this year but their respective ponies went head to head when it came to the Best Pony. On this occasion it was Alex's "Blue" who takes the honours from Janey's "Poppy" whilst Mark Devitt's striking "Indiana Jones" rounds off the podium positions.