



Hans Smeets (M70), NED – Men's #1 Middle Distance

What does this award mean to you: I am very proud of this award and is a recognition of the performance last year.

What were your highlights of 2017: Last year there were several highlights. Twice European, - en twice world champion. 4 European records 800 meter indoors and outdoor; 1500 meters indoor and outdoor.

It was special being the first M70 running 1500m under 5 minutes indoors.

What else, other than Athletics, do you do: I am a passionate gardener.

What did / do you for a living: I was adaptation technician at a child rehabilitation center.

Where did you grow up: I was born and raised in Gulpen a small village in the southern part of the Netherlands.

Where did you go to school: I went to school in Gulpen, Heerlen and Maastricht.

What else is interesting about you: I am interested in informative, political, sports programs, and, together with my wife Lydie, I regularly do treks in the mountains.