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Track and Field in BC had another great season. We had broad representation of our athletes at all levels of competition. BC track and field athletes represented Canada at the IAAF World Track and Field Championships in Beijing CHN, IAAF World Youth Track and Field Championships in Cali, COL and the Pan American Games in Toronto Ont. BC athletes also took part in the Western Canada Games in Wood Buffalo Alberta with great success. BC Athletics also sent teams to the Canadian Senior/Junior National Championships in Edmonton Alberta as well as the Legion Youth/Midget National Championships in Ste-Threse, QC.

2016 Initiatives in relation to 2013-2016 Strategic Plan

- Sport development through schools – develop a program “Athletics in Schools” to have track and field be more effective in middle school and high school in order to address recruitment and retention of athletes
- Approach/encourage trained track and field coaches to take part/implement an athletics program in the local schools
- Deliver more event specific clinics/workshops all over the province
- Promote community involvement and outreach, we need to make track and field a sport that is not only thought of “after the fact” but is a sport that is considered important to all sport as running is such a basic skill.
- Provide further training and competition opportunities for athletes that may lead to further talent ID and outreach
- Investigate/discuss and implement means in which to retain the athletes in the Midget and Youth categories as they move up in levels. We need to find ways in which to keep athletes after the secondary and post-secondary education and experiences.
- BC AAP – develop a 4 year set of standards with a 2 year “check up”
- BC Team opportunities – look at possible funding possibilities for BC Team representation at the Canadian 10000m Championships and the Canadian Combined Events Championships

With the success that Canada had at the World Championships, now is the time make big strides in furthering the value of track and field in our communities. Going into an Olympic year provides us with many opportunities to create and promote a love of track and field in our youth.