

## **INF Service Award**

**Presented at INF Congress - Glasgow - August 2013**



### **Jill McIntosh**

Jill McIntosh has been a leading international coach educator and trusted high performance advisor over a number of years. Jill has worked in all parts of the world sharing her knowledge, expertise and experiences with coaches and athletes at every level. She has been instrumental in developing standards in coach education and development and has established a strong network of experienced coaches internationally, all sharing ideas and practices

Prior to her becoming an international coach, Jill was a highly-accomplished player. After starting out with her junior club team, Jay-Dees, Jill worked her way through the ranks of the Western Australia school girls, U18 and league teams. She made the state senior team as a teenager, and remained a lynch-pin of the side throughout her playing career, moving upwards to the National team. During this time, Jill gained 29 caps for Australia, and was a member of the winning team at the 1983 World Championships in Singapore.

Jill's record as a coach is as extensive as it is impressive. After learning her trade in her home state of Western Australia, Jill secured her first major role in 1990, as Netball Coach at the Australian Institute of Sport as well as the Under 21 coach. A successful period as National Coaching Director for Australia Netball followed, and in 1995 she was appointed as the Coach of the National team.

Jill's tenure coaching the Australia National team lasted until 2003, during which time she presided over 88 wins, and just six losses, an astounding 94% success rate. Winning the gold medals at two Commonwealth Games and two World Championships were the highlights of an outstanding career with the national team.

Jill has led the INF Coaching Advisory Panel since 2009, and has been instrumental in developing international programs that have long term legacies for netball.

Prior to that, she was Chair of the IFNA Coaching Committee.

The International Netball Federation is delighted and honoured to be presenting its highest Award to Jill and we thank her for her outstanding contribution to our sport over many years.