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Olympic Champ Rossetti seals men's Skeet triumph in Moscow

Moscow (RUS), 09 September 2017 - The reigning Olympic Champion and world ranking's #1 **Gabriele Rossetti** of Italy is the new men's Skeet world champion.

The Italian shooter scored 54 hits out of 60 targets to win today's final, leaving Germany's first-time finalist **Vincent Haaga** in second with 52 hits.

The 2007 world champion, Cyprus' four-time Olympian **Georgios Achilleos**, followed them in third place with 42 hits.

Sweden's **Stefan Nilson** took the 4th place with a score of 33 hits, as he missed two targets on his last station. The two Russian teammates **Alexander Zemlin** (the 2014 World Champion) and **Nikolay Tepliy** (the 2016 World Cup Champion) finished in 5th and 6th place with 25 and 11 hits, respectively.

"This world championship has been more difficult than winning the Games." Rossetti said after the award ceremony.

"There are more athletes competing in the world championship. Hundreds of shooters. And everybody has a chance."

"I only felt the tension during the last ten targets of the final. I was more nervous than in Rio. Even if I am the Olympic Champion, even if I am the number one in the world, every match is a new start, is a new challenge."

"This is an important medal. Especially after finishing in second at the European Championship," he continued. Rossetti had indeed won silver at the 2017 European Championship in Baku, finishing behind Milos Slavicek of the Czech Republic. "This is only a step forward: my aim is to build a long and successful career through the years, one victory after the other."

"I owe this medal to my federation and to my sponsors, and to my father." Bruno Rossetti, an Olympic bronze medalist at Barcelona 1992, has been Gabriele's coach since the early days. "He

got me into the sport. He lifted me atop of the Olympic podium. And he is a big part also of today's result."

Rossetti's result lifted Italy (Rossetti, Tammaro Cassandro, Riccardo Filippelli) atop of the **teams podium** with a tally of 364 targets. The Russian Federation (Nikolay Teplyy Alexander Zemlin, Anton Astakhov) claimed silver with 363 hits, leaving the Czech Republic (Milos Slavicek, Jan Zemcnik, Tomas Nydrle) in third with 361.

In the **junior men's Skeet final**, it was Denmark's 19-year-old **Emil Kjelgaard Petersen** who pocketed the title.

The Danish shooter nailed 32 consecutive hits midway through the match, beating Italy's 19-year-old **Elia Sdruccioli** - the Gold medalist at last month's ISSF Junior World Cup in Porpetto - by 54 to 53 hits out of 60 targets. **Nicolas Vasiliou** (20) of Cyprus secured the Bronze medal with a score of 41 hits out of 50.

Silver medalist Sdruccioli also led Italy atop the team podium, along with Valerio Palmucci and Erik Pittini, scoring 353 points. The team Silver went to Turkey's Kemal Madencioglu, Salih Hafiz and Onur Atak, who scored 348, while Nic Moschetti, Elijah Keith Ellis and Eli Nazaret Christman of the United States of America hit 345 total clays.

The 2017 ISSF Shotgun World Championship in Moscow Region, Russia, is due to be closed by the **Skeet Mixed Team event, tomorrow**, September 10.

The medal matches will be streamed live on the [ISSF website](#), on the Federation's [Livestream channel](#), on its official [Facebook page](#) and on the [Olympic Channel](#), as well as televised through the Eurovision network, starting from 16.30 (GMT+3).

Live results of the competitions, news and updates will be available on www.issf-sports.org and on all ISSF social media platforms: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#), [Weibo](#) and [Youku](#).

For the **results** of the men's Skeet final [click here](#).

For the **results** of the junior men's Skeet final [click here](#).

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Notes for the editors:

The International Shooting Sport Federation is the governing body of the Olympic Shooting events, and it has over 160 affiliated National Federations worldwide. Shooting is an Olympic sport since the very first edition of the modern Olympic Games, Athens 1896. Find out more about the International Shooting Sport Federation at www.issf-sports.org.

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