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ISSF Press Release N. 50/2017 Four more trophies are awarded on day 4 of the ISSF World Cup Final in New Delhi

New Delhi (IND), 27 October 2017 - An action-packed day got in the books at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range in New Delhi (IND), where four ISSF World Cup Final trophies were awarded, two new World Records were set and three matches went down to the very last shot.

50m Rifle Prone Men

Fourteen years later, Torben Grimmel climbs back on top the ISSF World Cup Final podium, winning his second seasonal title and setting a new World Record.

Participating in his 10th World Cup Final the Danish 41-year-old shooter held the lead for most part of the final, shooting consistently and missing the 10th ring only once in the whole match. He finished with 250.6 points, 0.7 above the previous record set in the very same range, last February.

Also scoring above the previous World Record, Germany's current Olympic Champion Henri Junghaenel (32) took Silver with 250.1 points.

Olympic Silver medalist Kim Jonghyun of the Republic of Korea also climbed on the podium, taking Bronze medal with 228.7 points. It was Kim's first ever participation in this competition, as he won his first World Cup medal at this year's World Cup stage in Munich (GER), where he secured the Gold.

Missing the podium in his third World Cup Final start, Belarus' 33-year-old Yuri Shcherbatsevich took 4th place with 207.1 points.

The Belarusian athlete was followed by Austria's 27-year-old Thomas Mathis, Bronze medalist at this year's World Cup stage in Munich, who placed 5th with 186.1 points in his second World Cup Final participation, and by Belgium's 36-year-old Lionel Cox, also a World Cup Bronze medal winner this year in Gabala (AZE), who took 6th place with 164.3 points.

At the bottom of the table, Japanese shooter Yamashita Toshikazu (40), holder of the previous World Record, took 7th place with 143.4 points, while Norway's 40-year-old Stian Bogar finished in 8th position with 122.0.

25m Pistol Women

The 25m Pistol Women seasonal title was awarded to Republic of Korea's 20-year-old Kim Minjung, who collected the first ISSF crystal globe of her career at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range in New Delhi (IND).

Kim battled through the whole final with the current leader of the World Ranking in this event, People's Republic of China Zhang Jingjing, who held the top position from the first to the second-to-last series, but finished tied with Kim at the end of the 10th one. There, with both shooters at 34 total hits, a shoot-off for the Gold medal was needed: the fifth and most important of the match.

In the most crucial moment of the final, Kim shot perfectly, nailing a 5-hit series and taking the Gold medal and the title, while Zhang hit 3 and finished in 2nd place. For the Chinese 28-year-old it's the fourth World Cup Final medal after two Golds and a Bronze.

At the end of the ninth series both Kim and Zhang were tied at 30 hits with Serbia's 30-year-old Zorana Arunovic, who then lost the following three-way shoot-off and pocketed the Bronze medal. Also for Arunovic it's the fourth medal in this competition, the second one in this event after the Silver won in Munich (GER) in 2013.

Switzerland's 48-year-old Heidi Diethelm Gerber finished just outside of the medal positions, taking 4th place with 24 hits, while Belarus' 36-year-old Viktoria Chaika took 5th position, scoring 19 hits and previously surviving a shoot-off against Germany's 21-year-old Michelle Skeries, who competed here in her first World Cup Final and left the match in 6th place with 16.

2016 Olympic and World Cup Final Gold medalist Anna Korakaki took 8th place with 9 hits after losing a shoot-off against her Chinese rival Lin Yuemei. The 21-year-old Greek shooter also had to deal with a technical malfunction that costed her a penalty of 2 hits.

At the end of the following series, 23-year-old Lin left the match in 7th position with the final score of 12 hits.

50m Pistol Men

An exciting duel characterized the men's 50m Pistol final match at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range in New Delhi (IND), where Serbia's Damir Mikec and Ukraine's Oleh Omelchuk battled head-to-head to claim the ISSF crystal globe.

Separated from the rest of the contenders early in the final, the two experienced athletes swapped places more than once during the match, entering the last and decisive series with a 0.1-point gap in Omelchuk's favour. There, Mikec fired a consistent 9.8-9.9 combination, which turned out to be enough to best the 9.4-8.8 nailed by Omelchuk.

Finishing with 229.3 points, Mikec won his first World Cup Final trophy in the 50m Pistol Men event, the second overall after the Air Pistol one claimed in Bologna (ITA) in 2016. Omelchuk, instead, scored 228.0 points and added a Silver to the Bronze he won 24 hours ago in the men's 10m Air Pistol event.

The Bronze medal was awarded to India's Amanpreet Singh, Silver medalist at this year's World Cup stage in New Delhi. The Indian 29-year-old shooter placed 3rd with 202.2 points.

Singh was followed by 44-year-old Yusuf Dikec of Turkey and by the second Serbian finalist Dimitrije Grgic (33), who respectively finished in 4th place with 185.3 points and in 5th with 166.2.

The bottom positions was taken by Vahid Golkhandan (34) of the Islamic Republic of Iran, who concluded in 6th position with 142.0 points, and by India's second final participant Jitu Rai (30), who placed 7th with 123.2. At this year's World Cup Stage in New Delhi, they both finished on the podium with Singh, as Rai won Gold and Golkhandan secured Silver.

Double Trap Men

An almost-perfect performance sealed the most packed day of the schedule at the Dr. Karni Shooting Range in New Delhi (IND).

In the fourth final of the day, indeed, People's Republic of China's 39-year-old Hu Binyuan hit 79 out of 80 clays in the Double Trap Men final, securing the first ISSF crystal globe of his multi-decorated career and adding another achievement to the Bronze medal he claimed at the ISSF World Championship Shotgun in Moscow (RUS) last September.

Sailing towards the brightest medal with no hesitation, Hu put a relevant gap between him and his main rival, first-time World Cup Final participant Sangram Dahiya (27) of India, who eventually finished in 2nd place and collected the Silver medal with 76 hits.

Alongside Hu and Dahiya, the podium was completed by Italy's Davide Gasparini: the 28-year-old took the second World Cup Final Bronze if his career, hitting 56 clays out of 60 and taking Italy's tally in New Delhi to four total medals: one Gold, two Silvers and one Bronze.

Leader of the World Ranking and two-time World Cup medalist this year, Ankur Mittal (25) of India finished in 4th position, crushing 45 out of 50 targets in his World Cup Final debut.

Mittal was followed by 32-year-old Khaled Alkaabi of the United Arab Emirates, who took 5th place with 36 hits, and by British talent James Dedman, the World Championship Junior Gold medalist in Moscow (RUS) last September. The 19-year-old shooter, who also won a World Cup Bronze in New Delhi this year, finished with 24 hits out of 30 clays and placed 6th.

The ISSF World Cup Final in New Delhi (IND) will continue tomorrow with two more finals: the 50m Rifle 3 Positions Women, scheduled at 12:00 pm (UTC+5:30); and the Trap Women, scheduled at 3:30 pm.

Both finals will be streamed live on the <u>ISSF website</u>, on the Federation's <u>Livestream channel</u>, on its official <u>Facebook page</u> and on the <u>Olympic Channel</u>.

Live results of all the ISSF 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 50m Rifle Prone Men complete results click here.

For the 25m Pistol Women complete results click here.

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