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ISSF Press Release N. 18/2018 Australia, China and Finland pocket gold on the third competition day in Changwon

Changwon (KOR), 23 April 2018 - The second competition day at the ISSF World Cup Stage 2 in Changwon (KOR) opened with an exciting final in the 25m Pistol Women event, then delivering gold in the 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team and Trap Women events.

25m Pistol Women

In today's first match, Australia's Elena Galiabovitch took her first World Cup medal after a spectacular duel with People's Republic of China's 24-year-old Lin Yuemei.

After both shooters concluded the match with 34 hits, indeed, Galiabovitch and Lin had to go through a shoot-off to determine the gold and the silver medalist, both scoring 2 hits in their first additional round and winning the applauses of a packed finals hall. In the second, decisive tiebreaker, then, the Australian 28-year-old prevailed with 3 hits against 2, pocketing the gold medal and adding it the the silver she won on April 10th at the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast (AUS).

A similar tie-breaker was needed to determine the first elimination of the final, as Germany's Monika Karsch and France's Celine Goberville were tied with 10 points apiece after four series: indeed, it took two additional shoot-off rounds for the German 35-year-old to prevail over the French 31year-old, who then left the match in 8th place.

Karsch eventually landed in 7th position with 11 hits.

Appearing in her first international competition ever, 28-year-old Yao Yushi, also of the People's Republic of China, took bronze with 30 hits, while India's 27-year-old Rahi Sarnobat took 4th place with 26.

Four-time Olympian Zsofia Csonkia of Hungary — European Champion in this event in Maribor (SLO) in 2015 — followed in 5th position, and Serbia's 31-year-old Zorana Arunovic placed 6th with 15.

10m Air Rifle Mixed Team

The ISSF World Cup Stage 2 in Changwon continued with the second scheduled event — the new Rifle event recently introduced in the Olympic Program for Tokyo 2020 —where Yang Haoran and Zhao Ruozhu represented Team China and pocketed the gold with 499.3 points.

The Russian Federation's Daria Vdovina and Vladimir Maskennikov made it to the final with a new Qualification World Record of 838.7 points, then ending up in 2nd place with 498.8 points.

Following them, the bronze was awarded to Song Soojoo and Keum Jihyeon of the Republic of Korea's, who pocketed the first medal in this championship for the host country, scoring 435.4 points.

The teams composed by Petra Zublasing and Riccardo Armiraglio of Italy, and Apurvi Chandela and Ravi Kumar of India closed the match in 4th and 5th place, respectively scoring 391.4 and 351.0 points.

Trap Women

The weather conditions played a big role in today's third and conclusive Trap Women final: indeed, the temperature dropped in the morning, as rain started falling and wind blowing.

In spite of it, at the end of the qualifications, San Marino's Alessandra Perilli finished atop of the scoreboard with a new qualification world record of 122 hits out of 125 targets. Tables turned during the final, though. Perilli started-off by missing three targets out of her first five, while Spain's Fatima Galvez and Finland's Satu Makela-Nummela overtook her.

After the first 25 targets, it was Russian Federation's Tatiana Barsuk who was eliminated, taking 6th place with 16 hits. She was followed by Australia's Penny Smith — winner of last year's ISSF World Cup in New Delhi — who closed the match in 5th place with 20 hits out of 30 targets.

Perilli fought neck and neck against People's Republic of China's Wang Xiaojing right to target number 35, when she eventually left her opponent in 4th position with 23 hits, advancing to take the bronze with 27 hits out of 40 targets.

The duel for the gold medal between Galvez and Makela-Nummela was decided by the last two series.

31-year-old Galvez missed three targets out of 10, eventually placing herself in 2nd position with 37 total hits. At the same time, the 2008 Olympic Champion Makela-Nummela zeroed in and hit 9 out of her last 10 targets, finishing atop of the podium with a total score of 41 hits.

The ISSF World Cup Stage 2 in Changwon will continue tomorrow with two more finals: the 10m Air Pistol Men, taking place at 1:15 pm (UTC+9:00), and the Trap Men, taking place at 4:15 pm.

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

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 25m Pistol Women complete results click here.

For the 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team complete results click here.

For the Trap Women complete results click here.

For the provisional medal standings click here.

For editorial photos click here.

Notes for the editors:

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