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#### **Press Release 25/2016**

### **Alexei Klimov rockets the Russian Federation atop the World Cup medal standings in Rio**

*In the 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men event the Russian shooter prevailed over Silver medallist Keith Sanderson of the USA and Bronze medallist Jean Quiquampoix of France. Sutiya Jiewchaloemmit of Thailand also won a Gold medal in the Skeet Women event.*

*Rio de Janeiro (BRA) - The second-to-last day of competitions at the ISSF World Cup stage in Rio saw Alexei Klimov rocket the Russian Federation on top of the medal standings, thanks to his Gold medal in the 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men final, where he also equalled the Final World Record with 35 points. In the first final of the day, Thailand's Sutiya Jiewchaloemmit, participating in a Skeet Women semifinal for the fifteenth time, pocketed the first World Cup Gold medal of her career.*

#### *Skeet Women*

After multiple appearances in the World Cup semifinals and medal matches, Thailand's Skeet Women shooter Sutiya Jiewchaloemmit finally secured her first trip to the highest step of the podium. She did it in Rio de Janeiro (BRA), where the ISSF World Cup stage in all events is also serving as a test event for the upcoming Olympic Games.

In the Gold medal match it took a tie-breaking shoot-off for Jiewchaloemmit to prevail over United States' Kimberly Rhode, after they both closed the final with 15 target hits each. At the fourth additional double, Rhode missed, giving Jiewchaloemmit the chance to hit the Gold medal targets. Which she did.

In the Bronze medal match, China's Lu Min prevailed over United States' Amber English, after both of them were beaten by Jiewchaloemmit in a three-way shoot-off to determine the second athlete to enter in the Gold medal final. At the end of the match, with Lu grabbing the Bronze medal in her first participation to a World Cup final phase, the final score was 13-to-12 hits.

5th eliminated after the semifinal round, placed Albina Shakirova of the Russian Federation, who previously advanced with the best qualification score alongside Rhode. Shakirova finished with 11 target hits, the same score recorded by Germany's Christine Wenzel, European Champion in Maribor (SLO) in 2015, who concluded 6th.

#### *25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men*

The second final of today's schedule at the ISSF World Cup stage in Rio de Janeiro (BRA) crowned Russian Federation's Alexei Klimov as the undisputed Gold medallist of the 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men event.

Klimov started the competition with two perfect series of 5 hits, distancing himself from all of his rival since the very beginning. He then led the pack all along the match, scoring a perfect 5 in three more series, also securing the Gold medal and the equalled Final World Record of the event.

USA's Sanderson, who closed the match with four consecutive 4-points series, pocketed the Silver medal with 31 points.

After surviving two eliminations, Germany's Oliver Geis, Gold medallist at last year's World Cup stage in Fort Benning (USA), finished 4th, losing a shoot-off with Quiquampoix to stay in the competition after the sixth series.

Klimov's teammate, Leonid Ekimov, placed 5th with 17 points, while a second German shooter concluded in 6th place, as Oliver Geis finished with 13 points.

The ISSF World Cup stage in Rio de Janeiro will end tomorrow with two matches: the 50m Rifle 3 Positions Men final, scheduled at 1:00 PM (UTC-3), and the Skeet Men final, scheduled at 3:30 PM.

For the Skeet Women complete results [click here](#).

For the 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men [click here](#).

For the schedule of the competition and the medal standings [click here](#).

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**Notes for the editors:**

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