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Artem Chernousov and Mauro De Filippis bring
the Russian and Italian flags atop the World Cup podium

Changwon (KOR), 24 April 2018 - Two men's events went down today at the ISSF World Cup Stage 2 in Changwon, the city that next summer is going to host the 52nd edition of the ISSF World Championship in all events.

10m Air Pistol Men

Russian Federation's 22-year-old Artem Chernousov beat India's Shahzar Rizvi and Bulgaria's Samuil Donkov to climb atop of the 10m Air Pistol Men podium with a total score of 240.0 points.

The two-time Junior European Champion had never won an ISSF World Cup medal before, his best placement so far being a 16th place achieved in Gabala (AZE) last year.

Chernousov moved into the lead after the first ten shots with 110.6 points. From there on he started building a solid margin over his followers. By the 18th shot, he had collected 181.9 points, and a huge advantage of 4.1 points on his opponents.

Then, the match turned into a rollercoaster ride. Chernousov fired an 8.9 and a 9.4, losing most of his lead. At the same time, behind him, Rizvi nailed a series of great shots, including a 10.9 on his 21st shot, coming as close as 0.2 points.

The last shot decided the final: Rizvi could not best Chernousov's 10.0, and placed himself in second with a total score of 239.8 points. Nevertheless, today's performance confirmed the great momentum of 23-year-old Rizvi, who recently won the inaugural world cup stage of the season in Guadalajara, Mexico, where he also set a new world record of 242.3 points.

The Bronze medal went to Bulgaria's Olympian Samuil Donokov, 34, who claimed his first ISSF medal in career with 217.1 points.

The 2006 Junior World Champion Pu Qifeng, 32, from the People's Republic of China, followed the medalists in fourth place with 196.1 points, finishing ahead of Vietnam's 43-year old Tran Quoc Cuong, fifth with 176.2 points.

Coming in sixth, Ukraine's Oleh Omelchuk scored 155.6 points, while his teammate Viktor Bankin marked 113.0 points to finish in eighth place. Dividing them, Slovakia's Juraj Tuzinsky placed in seventh with 135.5 points.

Trap Men

Italy's experienced shooter Mauro De Filippis won the second international gold medal of his career at the ISSF World Cup Stage 2 in Changwon (KOR), where he nailed his his first international appearance since 2015.

De Filippis, who was standing in 6th place after three 5-target series, signed an amazing comeback, hitting 23 consecutive clays and climbing up the table position after position, eventually entering the final 10 targets 1-hit behind Jiri Liptak of the Czech Republic.

There, the 37-year-old Italian shooter put together another perfect streak, overtaking the Czech 36-year-old and winning the second World Cup gold of his career with 45 hits out of 50 targets, adding it to the one he won eight years ago in Lonato (ITA). For Liptak, who concluded with 42 hits, it's his third World Cup medal.

The bronze medal was awarded to Turkey's 30-year-old Yavuz Ilnam, who finished with 34 target hits out of 40 and stepped on an ISSF World Cup podium once again after taking silver in Larnaka (CYP) three years ago.

Two more Turkish athletes placed just outside of the podium, as Oguzhan Tuzun and N Tolga Tuncer respectively took 4th and 5th place: Tuzun hit 29 clays out of 35, while Tuncer crushed 23 out of 30.

Great Britain's 30-year-old Aaron Heading was the first contender eliminated from the match, as he missed four of his last ten targets and finished in 6th place with 20 hits out of 25 clays.

The ISSF World Cup Stage 2 in Changwon will continue tomorrow with three more finals: the 10m Air Pistol Women at 11:15 am (UTC+9:00), the 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men at 1:15 pm, and the Trap Mixed Team at 4:30 pm.

All three matches will be streamed live on the [ISSF website](#), on the Federation's [Livestream channel](#) and on its official [Facebook page](#).

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 10m Air Pistol Men complete results [click here](#).

For the Trap Men complete results [click here](#).

For the provisional medal standings [click here](#).

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Notes for the editors:

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