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**Kim shatters world record to win Rapid Fire Pistol final on home turf**

Changwon (KOR), 25 April 2018 - The reigning world champion Kim Junhong ruled today's **25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men Final** in front of his home crowd, at the 2018 ISSF World Cup in Changwon, Republic of Korea. The 27-year old shooter turned out to be unbeatable for his opponents: with a final score of 38 hits he shattered the world record of 35 hits, collecting the host country's first gold medal, with 4 hits of advantage on his followers.

Closing his competition with a four consecutive and perfect 5-hit series, the Korean shooter bested the 2016 Olympic Champion Christian Reitz of Germany, who ended up in second with 34 hits. Another German athlete, 26-year old Oliver Geis - the 2015 European Games champion - followed them in third place with 29 hits.

"It feels great to win this gold on my home turf, it has been an exciting match in a great atmosphere," said gold medallist Kim after the final. "I have been far from the podium for so long, but now I am back. In September I will be competing here in Changwon to defend my world title. I am working hard to prepare for the Championship," he added.

The 2018 ISSF World Championship in all shooting events will be held here in Changwon, from the 31st of August through the 15th of September 2018, and will assign the first Olympic quota places for Tokyo 2020. This world cup serves also a test event for the venue, a well-known shooting range which has been totally reconstructed to host the World Championship, where some 2.000 athletes are expected to compete in over 50 Olympic and non-Olympic shooting events.

In an action-packed day, Belarus' Viktoria Chaika won the **women's 10m Air Pistol final**, overtaking People's Republic of China's Ji Xiaojing at the very last shot to seal the gold with 241.7 points, 0.5 more than Ji's final score of 241.2 points. The Bronze medal went to Serbia's Zorana Arunovic, with 219.2 points.

Slovakia won the third and last event of the day: **the Trap Mixed Team final**. Zuzana Rehak Stefecekova and Erik Varga scored 41 out of 50 targets, finishing ahead of Australia (Penny Smith and Jack Wallace) - second with 38 hits - and of team Kuwait (Sarah Alhawal and Khaled Almudhaf) - third with 29 hits.

“It’s great to win this team competition with Erik, it’s something new,” said Stefecekova after the award ceremony. “It’s very different from the individual match: sometimes your teammate is doing the job for you, sometimes all the pressure is on you and you have to cope with it. I like it a lot. I am happy that we made it!”

“This new shooting range is really nice, it’ll be a perfect place to host the forthcoming World Championship,” added Varga.

The ISSF World Cup Stage 2 in Changwon will continue tomorrow with two more finals: the 50m Rifle 3 Positions Men, taking place at 12:15 pm (UTC+9:00), and the 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team, taking place at 2:45 pm.

The matches will be streamed live on the [ISSF website](#)

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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](http://www.issf-sports.org).

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