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Rehak Stefecekova and Varga win second mixed team gold in a row,
Great Britain finishes atop the medal ranking

Siggiewi (MLT), 14 June 2018 - The ISSF World Cup Stage 5 in Siggiewi (MLT) closed with the Trap Mixed Team event, where Slovakia's Zuzana Rehak Stefecekova and Erik Varga secured their second consecutive gold medal in this event — which will be part of the Olympic Programme starting from Tokyo 2020.

The Slovakian team — who previously ruled the mixed team in Changwon (KOR) — landed on top of the podium at the end of a faulty match, once again strongly conditioned by the wind.

“Shooting in these conditions has been very difficult, but at the same time very funny!” said Rehak Stefecekova at the end of the medal ceremony. “Conditions, however, have been the same for all the teams, and we didn't need a very high score to get in the final.”

“It feels great to win again in this event, our next competition will be the European Championship, so they'll have to be afraid of us!” she added.

34-year-old Varga Rehak Stefecekova and 41-year-old Varga bested Italy's 21-year-old Emanuele Buccolieri and 25-year-old Silvana Stanco, who battled with their Slovakian rival all along match, losing contact with the top position because of three bad misses between targets number 37 and 40.

At the end of the match, Rehak Stefecekova and Varga took gold with 42 hits out of 50 targets, while Buccolieri and Stanco won silver with 39.

Italy's 48-year-old Giovanni Pelliello and 26-year-old Jessica Rossi — the team that won silver in this event at last year's ISSF World Cup Final — completed the podium in 3rd position, pocketing the bronze medal with 31 target hits out of 40 and closing their match with a streak of 13 consecutive hits that allowed them to avoid two eliminations.

Two Spanish teams placed in 4th and 5th position: Alberto Fernandez (34) and Fatima Galvez (31) crushed 25 of their 35 targets, finishing just outside of the podium, while Antonio Bailon (34) and Beatriz Martinez (32) closed their match with 19 hits out of 20, taking 5th place.

A second Slovakian composed by 33-year-old Marian Kovacocy and 32-year-old Jana Spotakova signed off with 16 crushed targets out of 25 and placed at the bottom of the table in 6th position.

Medals recap

Thanks to the two gold medals signed by Amber Hill and Aaron Heading, Great Britain took the 1st place in the final medal standings. The United States of America followed in 2nd place with one gold and one silver, while Slovakia's tally of one gold and one bronze brought them up to the 3rd place.

In 4th place, Finland secured one gold with Satu Makela-Nummela in the women's Trap event, while Italy finished 5th with the highest number of total medals: three, one silver and two bronzes.

The People's Republic of China, Egypt, Germany and the Russian Federation completed the final medal standings.

No world record were set or equalled.

The final stage of the 2018 ISSF World Cup Series will take place in Tucson (USA) next month, from the 9th to the 19th of July.

All final 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 Trap Mixed Team complete results [click here](#).

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

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Notes for the editors:

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