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Juniors of France, Italy and Turkey
shine at the ISSF World Championship in Changwon

Changwon (KOR), 5 September 2018 - Rifle, Pistol and Running Target events were contested at the Changwon International Shooting Range in Changwon, where the 52nd edition of the ISSF World Championship is taking place since August 31st.

10m Air Rifle Mixed Team Junior

At the 52nd ISSF World Championship in Changwon (KOR), Marco Suppini (19) and Sofia Benetti (16) — bronze medalists at this year's ISSF Junior World Cup in Suhl (GER) — teamed up and pocketed their first gold medal, also setting a new Junior World Record with a score of 499.0 points, 0.2 points above the previous record set by India's Divyansh Singh Panwar and Elavenil Valarivan in Suhl (GER) in 2018.

At the end of the three 5-shot series, it was 16-year-old Sadeghian Armina and 20-year-old Amir Mohammad Nekounam of the Islamic Republic of Iran who were leading the board, but Benetti and Suppini caught up their rivals and tied the score at 456.8 points with two shots left to fire. There, the Italian duo shot a fantastic climb atop the podium. Finishing with a score of 497.7 points, Armina and Nekounam took the 2nd place.

India's 17-year-old Shreya Agrawal and 15-year-old Divyansh Singh Panwar completed the podium in 3rd place with the score of 435 points; finishing only 0.6 points behind the Indian team, 15-year-old Wang Shuyi and 19-year-old Tian Xiangyu of the People's Republic of China finished the final in 4th place with 391.5 points.

In 5th position, Denmark's 20-year-old Christina Herskind and 18-year-old Nicklas Hojfeldt Kildehoj left the match after 17th with 347.5 points.

10m Air Pistol Women Junior

Turkey's shooter Sevval Ilayda Tarhan won the 10m Air Pistol Women Junior gold medal at the Changwon International Shooting Centre, where the 52nd ISSF World Championship in all events is currently underway.

The Turkish shooter moved into the top position after the second 5-shot series, increasing her advantage shot after shot, after she found herself sitting on a comfortable gap: with six shots left to fire, in fact, Tarhan was 4.4 points ahead of her closest rival, and as the Turkish supporters already started celebrating, she sealed the world title with some solid shooting, scoring 237.9 points and claiming the first medal of the competition for Turkey.

The silver and bronze medal was respectively awarded to Republic of Korea's Choo Gaeun and Georgia's Lizi Kiladze (18). The 17-year-old Korean finished 2nd with 234.5 points; Kiladze, instead, scored 213.6 points and concluded in 3rd position.

Besting the 21st place she nailed twelve months ago in Suhl, France's 16-year-old Camille Jedrzejewski placed just outside of the podium positions, signing off with 193.1 points and placing 4th. The French youngster was followed by Republic of Korea's Yoo Hyunyoung, who placed 5th with 172.2 points, and by Germany's Vanessa Seeger (16) who finished with 151.4 points and took 6th place.

Haniyeh Rostamiyan (19) of the Islamic Republic of Iran left the match after shot number 12, taking 8th place with 113.3 points; two shots later, the second Georgian shooter in the final — 18-year-old Nino Khutsiberidze — left the contest in 7th place with 130.5 points.

50m Rifle Prone events

The men's and women's 50 Rifle Prone events took place: in the men's event it was Denmark's Steffen Olsen who collected the gold medal. The 35-year-old shooter finished atop of the podium with 628.2 points and an advantage of 0.4 points on silver medalist Stian Bogar of Norway, second with 627.8 points. The bronze medal went to Thomas Mathis of Austria, who shot 627.1 points.

Germany won team gold with 1869.5 points, outscoring Team USA, who took silver with 1868.0 points. The bronze went to the People's Republic of China who signed a combined score of 1866.8 points.

In the following women's 50m Rifle Prone event, 22-year-old Seonaid McIntosh of Great Britain scored 623.9 points, finishing in first place and winning the title with a thin but vital advantage of 0.2 points on Isabella Straub of Germany, who won silver with 623.7.

Bronze medalist Daniela Demjen Peskova of Slovakia was also very close to the top of the scoreboard, and she closed her final in 3rd place with 623.3 points — 0.4 points behind Straub.

McIntosh's effort also lifted Great Britain on the 3rd step of the teams podium with 1850.6 points. In front of them, Germany bagged the gold medal with the unbeatable score of 1871.4 points: a new World Record, while Denmark finished 2nd with 1851.2.

50m Running Target events

27-year old Mikhail Azarenko of the Russian Federation won his first 50m Running Target Men event as a senior shooter in Changwon.

Azarenko — who was one of the best junior shooters between 2008 and 2010, when he won six titles between European and World Championship — made it to the highest step of the podium, beating Poland's Lukasz Czapla in a shoot-off. Indeed, after both shooters finished the competi-

tion tied at 589 points, the Russian scored 20 points in the shoot-off, besting Czapla's 19 and claiming his first world title.

Czapla won silver, adding it to the nine World Championship titles he won in the different events. The bronze medal went to Finland's Tomi-Pekka Heikkila, with 587 points.

Azarenko's victory also propelled the Russian Federation atop of the team podium with 1759 points. They beat Swedish who collected silver with 1756 points, and the Republic of Korea, who won bronze with 1738 points.

On the same layouts, France's 18-year-old Nicolas Tranchant claimed the 50m Running Target Men Junior title with 579 points, leaving Ukraine's 16-year-old Danylo Danilenko in 2nd place with 574 points. Completing the podium in 3rd position, Norway's Espen Teppdalen Nordsveen shot 572 points and win his first medal in this event.

The ISSF World Championship in Changwon (KOR) will continue tomorrow with four more finals: the 10m Air Pistol Men Junior, scheduled at 11:15 am (UTC+9:00), the 10m Air Pistol Men, taking place at 1:15 pm, the Trap Men Junior, taking place at 3:00 pm, and the Trap Women, scheduled at 4:15 pm.

Footage of the Olympic events will be distributed worldwide via EBU and broadcasted live on the [ISSF website](#), on the Federation's [Livestream channel](#), on its official [Facebook page](#) and on the [Olympic Channel](#).

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 Rifle Mixed Team Junior complete results [click here](#).

For the 10m Air Pistol Women Junior complete results [click here](#).

For the 50m Rifle Prone Men complete results [click here](#).

For the 50m Running Target Men complete results [click here](#).

For the 50m Running Target Men Junior complete results [click here](#).

For the 50m Rifle Prone Women complete results [click here](#).

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Notes for the editors:

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