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52nd ISSF World Championship in all Shooting events comes to an end in Changwon

Changwon (KOR), 14 September 2018 - The 52nd ISSF World Championship in all events was officially closed today at the Changwon International Shooting Range, in Changwon (KOR), where it had kicked-off on August 31st.

It was two-time Olympic Champion Vincent Hancock of the United States of America who won the last gold medal up for grabs at this championship, as he secured his fourth Skeet Men world title today.

For the third time this year, Hancock finished the match with 59 hits out of 60 clays, once again equaling the World Record to finish atop of the podium.

The silver medal went to Norway's 39-year-old Erik Watndal, placing 2nd with 55 hits and winning his first World Championship medal, while bronze was awarded to Italy's Riccardo Filippelli with 46 hits.

Hancock, Watndal and Filippelli all won an Olympic quota place for Tokyo 2020, while the fourth pass for Tokyo was taken by France's 45-year-old Emmanuel Petit, who placed 4th with 37 hits out of 40.

"This has been an amazing match. I was able to accomplish my goal which was to come out here and do the best I could," said Hancock. "I'm very happy of shooting a 59 and being able to win another gold, it's one more step. Hopefully I could get to the Olympics and shoot a perfect 60."

A total of 1806 athletes competed in 59 shooting events in the disciplines of rifle, pistol, shotgun and running target, representing 90 nations and piling up 3457 starts.

The People's Republic of China finished atop the overall medal standings, winning 43 total medals: 20 golds, 15 silvers and 8 bronzes. The Republic of Korea, host country of the competition, followed in 2nd place with 36 podiums — 11 golds, 14 silvers and 11 bronzes — while India took 3rd position with a total tally of 11 golds, 9 silvers and 7 bronzes. In total, 36 nations made it to the medal board ([click here for the full medal table](#)).

Sixty Tokyo 2020 Olympic quota places have been awarded during the championship ([find an overview here](#)). For the first time in the history of the sport, quota places were also awarded in the Mixed Team events, which were recently added to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Programme.

ISSF Secretary General Franz Schreiber, taking at today's closing ceremony, said:

"The city of Changwon provided an outstanding venue, with state-of-art facilities, amazing branding, and a strong cultural program during the championship. This is definitely one of the best shooting ranges in the world, and we witnessed the best World Championship in the history of ISSF. I would like to extend to you all the gratitude of ISSF President Mr. Olegario Vazquez Raña."

"We would like to thank the athletes for their outstanding performances," Mr. Schreiber continued. "Some of them won and some of them left in tears, but what they all achieved is that they all gave their best in this competition, in a great momentum for our sport."

The path leading to Tokyo 2020 will now continue in 2019, when the ISSF World Cup Series will kick-off from New Delhi, India, on the 20th of February.

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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.

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