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**Italy secures the last Gold medal in New Delhi,
China finishes atop the medal standings**

The People's Republic of China claimed the top of the medal table at the ISSF World Cup in New Delhi (IND), pocketing 12 total medals in the Rifle/Pistol disciplines. Italy, on the other side, dominated the Shotgun events, with 5 total medals, including the men's Skeet Gold and Silver secured in the final event of the competition.

New Delhi (IND), 2 March 2017 - The first competition of the 2017 ISSF Season closed today with the fifteenth and last final match: the Skeet Men. There, the 2016 European Champion Riccardo Filippelli of Italy claimed the Gold medal.

The 36-year-old Italian shooter closed the final match with 57 hits out of 60 possible targets, setting the new World Record. Filippelli, who had won only one World Cup event back in 2014, beat his teammate and reigning Olympic Champion Gabriele Rossetti (21).

Rossetti scored 53 targets to secure the Silver, leaving 24-year-old Australian finalist Paul Adams in 3rd place. Adams, who had never won a World Cup medal before, hit 45 targets before being eliminated in Bronze position.

Finland's Timo Laitinen (44), making his first appearance in an ISSF World Cup final match, followed the medallists in 4th place with 35 hits, overtaking Saif Bin Futtai of the United Arab Emirates, 5th with 27 hits, and India's hope Sheeraz Sheikh, 6th with 16 hits.

The men's Skeet final concluded the official program of 2017 ISSF World Cup in New Delhi (IND) where 452 athletes from 50 nations competed in this first ISSF World Cup event of the season from the 23rd of February.

The People's Republic of China finished atop the final medal standings with 6 Golds and 6 Silvers, dominating both the Rifle and the Pistol events. In the first four days of competition, indeed, they reached the top of the podium six times, ruling both Air Rifle events, the men's 25m Rapid Fire Pistol, the women's 10m Air Pistol and both Rifle 3 Positions matches.

Following China, Italy took the 2nd place thanks to an outstanding performance in the Shotgun matches, where they secured 5 of the 15 total medals, nailing a Gold-Silver combo both in the men's Trap and in the men's Skeet.

Australia and Japan shared the 3rd place with 2 Golds and 1 Bronze each, while India, the host country of the inaugural competition of the season, also concluded with 5 total medals: 1 Gold, won by Jitu Rai in the 50m Pistol Men event, 2 Silvers and 2 Bronzes.

Thailand and the United States of America split the remaining two Gold medals of the competition.

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

Because of the new ISSF Technical Rules in eleven of the fifteen events a new World Records has been set. Women's 10m Air Rifle and women's 10m Air Pistol records have both been set by Chinese shooters, Shi Mengyao and Lin Yuemei respectively, and it's curious to notice that they are both higher than their male correspondent mark.

50m Rifle Prone Men: Toshikazu YAMASHITA (JPN), 249.8 points

10m Air Rifle Men: SONG Buhan (CHN), 249.5 points

10m Air Rifle Women: SHI Mengyao (CHN), 252.1 points

50m Pistol Men: Jitu RAI (IND), 230.1 points

10m Air Pistol Men: Tomoyuki MATSUDA (JPN), 240.1 points

10m Air Pistol Women: LIN Yuemei (CHN), 240.8 points

Trap Men: Simone D'AMBROSIO (ITA), 45 targets

Double Trap Men: James WILLETT (AUS), 75 targets

Skeet Men: Riccardo FILIPPELLI (ITA), 57 targets

Trap Women: Penny SMITH (AUS), 40 targets

Skeet Women: Kimberly RHODE (USA), 56 targets

Besides these ones, four Junior World Record have also been set:

50m Rifle Prone Men: LIU Yukun (CHN), 249.3 points

10m Air Rifle Men: SONG Buhan (CHN), 249.5 points

10m Air Rifle Women: SHI Mengyao (CHN), 252.1 points

Double Trap Men: James DEDMAN (GBR), 56 targets

The spotlight of the season will now move to Acapulco (MEX) where the ISSF World Cup Stage 2 will take place from the 17th to the 27th of March.

News and updates about the competition are available on the [ISSF website](#) and on its social media profiles: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#), [Weibo](#) and [Youku](#).

Notes for the editors:

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