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**Russia wins Skeet Mixed Team title on world championship's closing day**

Moscow (RUS), 10 September 2017 - Today's Skeet Mixed Team final won by team Russian Federation closed the 2017 ISSF World Championship Shotgun in Moscow Region, Russia, which was held at the Fox Lodge shooting range from the 30th of August through the 10th of September.

Russia's Nikolay Teplyy (30) and Nadezda Konovalova (32) claimed the first ever World Championship title in the Skeet Mixed Team event.

To climb upon the highest step of the podium, Teplyy and Konovalova had to face and beat United States' Hayden Stewart (24) and Dania Jo Vizzi (22) in a final where each team had 32 targets to crush.

The perfect 16 out of 16 nailed by Teplyy turned out to be decisive, as none of the other shooters matched his performance, lifting the Russian team atop of the podium with a score of 30 hits to 27.

"It's a beautiful victory for us," said Teplyy. "To close the competition with a Gold medal, here in our country, is unbelievable. We felt all the support of the crowd, it was unreal! It's the best achievement of my life."

"It's a fantastic feeling," added Konovalova. "We prepared a lot for this match, and we want to thank our federation, the coaches, our families and all the fans for the great support."

In the Bronze medal match, Tamaro Cassandro (24) and Katuscia Spada (35) of Italy beat People's Republic of China's Wei Meng (28) and Zhang Fan (28), with a final score of 28 to 26 hits.

The championship saw some 640 athletes coming from 76 countries competing in 22 medal events, including separate junior events, team events, and the new Trap Mixed Team event recently approved by the ISSF and the IOC for inclusion in the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

Team Italy finished atop of the overall medal standings, with an impressive total number of 17 medals out of 22 events, including 4 individual gold and 5 team gold medals. USA followed in second, with 12 medals, including 2 individual and 3 team gold, while the host country - the Russian

Federation - claimed 8 medals: 1 gold and 2 silver in individual events; 1 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze in team events.

Find all the medals and the records of the 2017 ISSF World Championship Shotgun [here](#).

Speaking at the closing ceremony, the ISSF Technical Delegate, Mr. Petros Kyritsis, said:

“On behalf of the ISSF I would like to congratulate the winners and the participants of this world championships. We hope to see you all at the next ISSF World Championship in all events that will take place in Changwon, Korea, in 2018. We also thank all the members of the organizing committee, the Russian Shooting Union and its President, Mr. Vladimir Lisin, for this excellent competition. Spatziba!”

The ISSF Vice-President and President of the Russian Shooting Union, Mr. Vladimir Lisin, said:

“I would like to congratulate the athletes for their great results, and the organizing committee’s members for their hard work. I would like to thank the spectators for cheering up for our participants, and the TV production for giving us such a spectacular and accurate coverage, and of course all the volunteers, the officiating team and the jury members. Thank you all!”

The 2017 ISSF season will now continue with ISSF World Cup Final in Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun events, to be held in New Delhi, India, from the 23rd through the 30th of October. The best shooters of the world, selected through this year’s ISSF World Cup series, will meet there the World Championship medalists and the title defenders, aiming at the crystal globes, the ISSF World Cup trophies.

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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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