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UIPM 2019 YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (U19 & U17): SHALUPIN (RUS) PRODUCES GOLDEN CLIMAX

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Russia and **Egypt** continued to dominate on the final day of the historic first combined UIPM Youth World Championships (U19 & U17), sharing the last three gold medals.

Ivan Shalupin (RUS) became the individual U19 world champion after a thrilling Men's Final, while silver medallist **Adham Fouda** (EGY) led his country to a team gold that provided Egypt with their fifth title of a prolific championships.

Russia finished with the most medals across the two age groups – eight, including three golds – while Egypt managed one silver and bronze alongside their five golds.

One of the stars of the championships was undoubtedly **Moutaz Mohamed** (EGY), who teamed up with **Malak Ismail** (EGY) on the final day to add U17 Mixed Relay gold to his Men's Individual

and Men's Relay titles.

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U19 MEN'S FINAL

Vladyslav Chekan of **Ukraine** took an early lead with his Swimming time of 2:03.37, followed by **Jakub Malecek** of **Czech Republic** and **Mathis Rochat** of **France**.

The best performer in Fencing was **Federico Alessandro** of **Italy**, who scored 26V/9D ahead of Fouda (EGY, 23V/12D) and Shalupin (RUS, 22V/13D).

After an epic contest in the Laser Run, Shalupin (RUS) overcame a starting deficit of 27sec to claim the last gold of the championships, winning by 6sec from Fouda (EGY) with **Mark Mano Gyurka** of **Hungary** picking up bronze just 1sec behind.

The best Laser Run time of the day was set by **Melvin Perrier** (FRA), who completed the course in 10:56.50 to finish 7th overall.

Shalupin (RUS) said: "My ambition was to win a medal – gold, silver or bronze – because I have achieved good results in all areas of Modern Pentathlon."

Egypt (Mohamed, **Karim Noureldin** and **Elkashef Eyad**) won gold in the team event and they were joined on the podium by silver medallists **Hungary** (**Mark Mano Gyurka**, **Bence Viczian** and **Bence Szakaly**) and **France** (**Ugo Fleurot**, Perrier and Rochat), who took home bronze.

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U17 MIXED RELAY

Hungary duo **Lili Basa** and **David Paczai** set the pace in the Swimming pool with a time of 02:01.56, only 0.01sec quicker than **Lizaveta Yezheleva** and **Ivan Pryktou** of **Belarus**.

Egypt (Ismail/Mohamed) started with a 2sec deficit but their Laser Run proficiency was such that they ended up winning gold by 12sec from silver medallists **Germany** (**Esther Fernandez Donda** and **Moriz Klinkert**), with **Great Britain** (**Annabel Denton** and **Sam Cobb**) a further 8sec back in bronze.

Poland (**Paulina Myrda** and **Olaf Paradowski**) finished 4th, one place ahead of Belarus (Yezheleva/Pryktou), with **Japan** (**Natsu Ohta** and **Kodai Arai**) completing the top six.

Mohamed (EGY) said: "It was a very good competition and I had a very good partner. The competition was so strong and I feel tired now.

"In the future our goal is to take part in the Youth Olympic Games in Dakar in 2022."

Ismail (EGY) added: "It feels good to win. The athletes were so strong, but it's good."

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UIPM REACTION

Viacheslav Malishev, UIPM Executive Board Member for Development, said: “I would like to congratulate Andrey Kuzmanov, President of the Bulgarian Modern Pentathlon Federation, and his team for the excellent organization of this event, with very good media coverage and live streaming ... they even managed to arrange great weather!

“I also pay tribute to the great work of the UIPM staff team working in harmony with the local organising committee to produce an unforgettable UIPM Youth World Championships.

“We are delighted to have our first-ever U17 world champions and medallists standing alongside their U19 counterparts. It has been wonderful to share this experience with so many happy young pentathletes who came to Sofia from about 40 nations across six continents.”

WATCH AND FOLLOW

The UIPM 2019 Youth World Championships (U19 & U17) in Sofia (BUL) has now concluded and the next event on the UIPM calendar is the first-ever combined UIPM Pentathlon and Laser Run World Championships in Budapest (HUN) from September 2-8.

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