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CISM WORLD MILITARY CHAMPIONSHIPS: CLOUVEL & BELAUD (FRA) TAKE MIXED RELAY GOLD



A late surge allowed France (Elodie Clouvel & Valentin Belaud) to become gold medallists in the Mixed Relay at the 45th CISM World Military Championships in Drzonkow (POL).

France had begun the Laser-Run with a 15sec deficit to leaders Argentina (Iryna Khokhlova & Emmanuel Zapata) but the class of Clouvel and especially Belaud proved decisive and they ended up winning by 2sec ahead of silver medallists Hungary (Sarolta Kovacs & Robert Kasza) and 6sec ahead of third-placed Poland (Anna Maliszewska & Szymon Staskiewicz).

The bronze medal was a sweet way to end the championships for the host nation, but they were left with mixed feelings having been so close to silver and even gold. Argentina (Khokhlova/Zapata) finished 4th ahead of Russia (Ekaterina Khuraskina & Oleg Naumov) and Lithuania (Lina Batuleviciute & Dovidas Vaivada).



Janusz Peciak, the 1976 Olympic

champion and UIPM Executive Board Member for Sport, said: "Today's conclusion to the 45th CISM World Military Championships was very interesting and exciting and until the last moment it was not clear who would win."

"Throughout this competition our world-class athletes have produced excitement which, along with very good organization, have created a friendly and successful championships."

All results from the 45th CISM World Military Championships are available on the UIPM website.