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Anna Blazhko leads IEML Kazan to Double Gold, High Five for RSUH, Czech U-21 duo of Ostrava Cruises to Gold over Gdansk

Institute of Economics Management & Law Kazan's Anna Blazhko/Viktorii Lebedeva (picture left) were convincing women's doubles champions, while in men's doubles, Michal Benes/Ondrej Bajger of Technical University of Ostrava (picture right) made revenge against Gdansk University of Technology pair from yesterday's 5-6th place team event match defeat. Russian State University for the Humanities performed strongly, and added one silver and two bronze to its medal tally. The Russian capital side's medal count now stands at five— three silver and two bronze. University of Cyprus's Marios Yiangou/Andreas Efstathiou won the second bronze medal of the Championships following team event's third-place finish. Andrea Welz/Patricia Heiss of Technical University of Munich will join today's medal ceremony after beating two strong Polish pairs to reach the EUSA podium.

The singles event has started last mid-afternoon where No.1 seed and Russia No.7 Blazhko (picture centre) aims for a treble.



DOUBLES EVENT'S FINAL RESULTS

Women's

Gold: Anna Blazhko/Viktorii Lebedeva (Institute of Economics Management & Law Kazan, RUS)

Silver: Natalia Shokhova/Elizaveta Khlyzova (Russian State University for the Humanities, RUS)

Bronze: Anastasiia Golubeva/Olga Gordeeva (Russian State University for the Humanities, RUS) &

Andrea Welz/Patricia Heiss (Technical University of Munich, GER)

Men's

Gold: Ondrej Bajger/Michal Benes (Technical University of Ostrava, CZE)

Silver: Tuzasz Kapron/Mateusz Troka (Gdansk University of Technology, POL)

Bronze: Marios Yiangou/Andreas Efstathiou (University of Cyprus, CYP) &
Ramil Mutygullin/Taras Merzlikin (Russian State University for the Humanities, RUS)

TOURNAMENT PROGRAM

Tuesday 23 June

Individual Finals

Closing Ceremony

20:00 Gala Dinner

Team of the Day: Introducing the University of...

Technical University of Ostrava, Czech Republic



Roman Rezetka, Ondrej Bajger, Michal Benes

The team is composed of two Czech Republic U-21 international Ondrej and Michal, and one Slovakia U-21 international Roman with former two being crowned as EUSA champions in doubles event. They play around 20 hours of table tennis per week. Ondrej and Michal eye further success in the singles event after winning the respective Round 1 matches yesterday. All three are in their freshman year studying economics & management. They are enjoying their first EUSA event and their first visit to Switzerland after a long 16-hour bus trip from the far east of the country. Good luck for the rest of the championships!

Volunteers & Officials of the Day: THE REFEREES!!!



EUSA Table Tennis Championships 2015 Referees



Mathis Bisson (age 11) & Patricia Maiz Calle (18)

We would like to express a big thank you to every single referee at the table tennis championships and without them, the event would not have been successful. One of the officials Patricia from Geneva has become a certified referee early this year and since then, her motivation is elevating to gain refereeing experience at a higher competitive level. Mathis loves table tennis and trains 7-8 hours a week for a local club. Maximising the concentration level as a match official during the game has been very challenging, but he is coping well. He had a chance to have a couple of conversations with the teams, for instance Porto and Warsaw over lunch and appreciated their friendliness. He really hopes that his coach & Swiss No.2 Nicolas Champod of the University of Geneva steps onto the medal podium in the singles event. A round of applause to the referees!

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