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On Sunday morning the San Rossore Racecourse hosted the prizegiving for the championship

**A POSITIVE OUTCOME AT EVERY LEVEL
FOR THE LONGINES FEI ENDURANCE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2021**

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Laliscia (sistemaeventi.it): “We are proud of having presented Pisa and the world with such an important top-level event”

Pisa, May 23rd 2021 – Sunshine, enthusiasm and pride were all on the podium of the Longines FEI Endurance World Championship 2021, which drew to an end on the morning of Sunday May 23rd with the prizegiving and presentation of **individual and team medals**. There was greatly deserved applause and final moments of glory for **Salem Hamad Saeed Malhoof Al Kitbi (gold for the United Arab Emirates)**, **Mansour Saeed Mohd Al Faresi (silver, also for the United Arab Emirates)** and **Boni Viada de Vivero (bronze for Chile)**, as well as for **Spain** (Soy Coll, Blanco, Alvarez Ponton, Luque Moral, Punti Dachs), **Brazil** (De Azevedo Morgulis, Vidiz, Salvador, Moreira Barreto) and **France** (Ballarin, Olliver Jacob, Thomas, Lafaure, Cappeau).



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That of the athletes was conquered glory while there was equally deserved satisfaction felt by the organisers who had made possible this event, totally inspired by a desire to start over in what was not coincidentally described as the event of rebirth.



*“I want to thank everyone here for contributing to this incredible World Championship - said **Sabrina Ibanez**, Secretary General of the International Equestrian Federation (FEI) –. Not only do we have new champions - we also have new memories to drive us forward into a new era for endurance. This is a team sport, and getting here was definitely a team effort. The Organising Committee led by **Gianluca Laliscia** did a fantastic job. The volunteers, the staff and the support personnel were tremendous – and they made sure everything was in place so the sport could take centre stage with a beautiful backdrop to top it off. A huge thanks to all the officials that worked around the clock to ensure the safety of our horses, all the participants and the integrity of competition. Thank you San Rossore Race Course, thank you Pisa, thank you Italy and thank you to all the nations, the athletes the grooms, the vets, and the support crews for a really memorable competition.”*

*“Having completed this World Championship – admitted **Gianluca Laliscia**, CEO & Chairman of sistemaeventi.it – makes me also feel very proud of all my staff. We are delighted to have presented to the world of endurance an event characterised by the greatest safety, giving everyone a chance to do their very best. Today all I see are the smiles on the faces of the athletes, coaches, vets and officials, a clear sign that we have done well and that is all that matters.”*



An assessment of the Longines FEI Endurance World Championship 2021 really does have everything required to be positive. *“This event – added Lalisca – did not present any criticalities as far as sports and health related safety protocols were concerned. The San Rossore park was handed back in all its glory to the citizens of Pisa as soon as the competition was over yesterday, and the area’s economic-manufacturing fabric experienced positive effects thanks to the highest possible involvement of local companies. In addition to creating the conditions for the best possible sporting results, these were our most important goals to be shared with the institutions, proud to have experienced this event in an active and participatory manner just like the International Equestrian Federation and the Italian Equestrian Sports Federation.”*

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