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In September 2022, the 41th World Fly Fishing Championship in the senior category took place on Spain waters - the Caudal, Pilona, Trubia and Narcea rivers, as well as the Arenero lake. The first ever World Fly Fishing Championships took place in 1981 in Luxembourg. The anglers from the Netherlands won the individual and team classifications. Cor Wittkamp from the Netherlands became the first Individual World Champion in history. So far the competition took place 33 times in Europe (Italy, Spain - 4, Finland, Poland - 3, England, Czechia, Norway, Slovakia, Sweden - 2, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, France, Ireland, Luxembourg, Portugal, Slovenia, Scotland, Wales - 1), and 8 times overseas: 3 times in North America (twice in the USA, once in Canada), twice in New Zealand and Tasmania, once in Australia. Altogether 246 medals were awarded (123 medals in the individual and team classification, 41 gold, silver and bronze each). In the individual classification competitors from 18 countries stood on the podium. The largest number of medals were won by competitors from the France – 19, Czechia - 18, Italy - 16, England - 14, Poland - 13, Spain - 11, Belgium - 7, Australia, Finland - 4, Czechoslovakia, Slovakia, USA, Wales - 3, Montenegro, Netherlands, Canada, South Africa, Scotland - 1. In the team classification 18 countries stood on the podium. The following countries won the medals: France - 26, Czechia - 18, Italy, Spain - 12, England - 10, Belgium - 9, Poland - 8, Finland - 5, Australia, New Zealand - 4, Czechoslovakia - 3, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Slovakia, USA , Wales - 2, Scotland - 1. Below are the three top competitors in the World Fly Championships from 1981 until 2022.

Medalists of the FIPS-Mouche World Fly Fishing Championships 1981-2022 – individuals					
	Year	Venue	1st place	2nd place	3rd place
1	1981	Luxembourg	Cor Wittkamp (NED)	Marc Reckinger (BEL)	Didier Bischops (BEL)
2	1982	Spain	Diez Y Diez (ESP)	J. Pereda (ESP)	Giovanni Vigetti (ITA)
3	1983	Italy	F. Alvarez (ESP)	Silvano Ventura (ITA)	Didier Bischops (BEL)
4	1984	Spain	Tony Pawson (ENG)	Jean Pierre Guillemaud (FRA)	Angelo Ferrari (ITA)
5	1985	Poland	Lesław Frasiak (POL)	Krzysztof Sasuła (POL)	Pavel Gavura (CZE-SLO)
6	1986	Belgium	Slavoj Svoboda (CZE-SLO)	Angelo Ferrari (ITA)	Andre Terrier (FRA)
7	1987	England	Brian Leadbetter (ENG)	Chris Ogborne (ENG)	Bob Church (ENG)
8	1988	Tasmania	John Pawson (ENG)	Brian Thomas (ENG)	Tony Piggot (AUS)
9	1989	Finland	Władysław Trzebunia (POL)	Slavoj Svoboda (CZE-SLO)	Jyrki Lamsa (FIN)
10	1990	Wales	Franciszek Szajnik (POL)	Adam Sikora (POL)	Albert Bigare (BEL)
11	1991	New Zealand	Brian Leadbetter (ENG)	Adam Sikora (POL)	Jan Astier (FRA)
12	1992	Italy	Pierluigi Cocito (ITA)	Carlo Baldassini (ITA)	Antoni Tondera (POL)
13	1993	Canada	Russell Owen (WAL)	Franciszek Szajnik (POL)	Jeremy Lucas (ENG)
14	1994	Norway	Pascal Cognard (FRA)	Hywel Morgan (WAL)	Pierluigi Cocito (ITA)
15	1995	Ireland	Jeremy Herrmann (ENG)	Alain Gigot (BEL)	Owen Nuttridge (AUS)
16	1996	Czechia	Pierluigi Cocito (ITA)	Antoni Tondera (POL)	Jan Pecina (CZE)
17	1997	USA	Pascal Cognard (FRA)	Alain Magnien (FRA)	Tomas Starychojtu (CZE)
18	1998	Poland	Tomas Starychojtu (CZE)	Angelo Ferrari (ITA)	Jozef Trnka (SVK)
19	1999	Australia	Ross Stuart (AUS)	Sandy Nicholson (SCO)	Pat O'Keefe (AUS)
20	2000	England	Pascal Cognard (FRA)	Jean Michel Laurent (FRA)	Gareth Jones (WAL)
21	2001	Sweden	Vladimir Sedivy (CZE)	Mark Yelland (RPA)	Pascal Cognard (FRA)
22	2002	France	Jerome Brossutti (FRA)	Tomas Starychojtu (CZE)	Bernard Marquet (FRA)
23	2003	Spain	Stephano Cotugno (ITA)	Bernard Marquet (FRA)	Jeff Currier (USA)
24	2004	Slovakia	Miroslav Antal (SVK)	Kazimierz Szymala (POL)	Daniel Svrcek (CZE)
25	2005	Sweden	Bertrand Jacquemin (FRA)	Massimo Valesia (ITA)	Andrew Dixon (ENG)
26	2006	Portugal	Antonin Pesek (CZE)	Jonathan Torralbo (ESP)	Martin Droz (CZE)
27	2007	Finland	Marek Walczyk (POL)	Eric Lelouvier (FRA)	Antonin Pesek (CZE)
28	2008	New Zealand	Martin Droz (CZE)	Julien Daguillanes (FRA)	Tomas Starychojtu (CZE)
29	2009	Scotland	Ian Barr (ENG)	Donald Thom (CAN)	Christian Jadouille (BEL)
30	2010	Poland	Pavel Chyba (CZE)	Tomas Adam (CZE)	John Horsey (ENG)
31	2011	Italy	Valerio Santi Amantini (ITA)	Stefano Cominazzini (ITA)	Roman Heimlich (CZE)
32	2012	Slovenia	David Arcay Fernandes (ESP)	Valerio Santi Amantini (ITA)	Tomas Adam (CZE)
33	2013	Norway	Valerio Santi Amantini (ITA)	Martin Droz (CZE)	Julien Lorquet (BEL)
34	2014	Czechia	Lubos Roza (CZE)	Piotr Armatys (POL)	Andrew Scott (ENG)
35	2015	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Piotr Marchewka (POL)	Nikola Trebjesanin (MNE)	Devin Olsen (USA)
36	2016	USA	Julien Daguillanes (FRA)	Jordi Oliveras Cortina (ESP)	Lance Egan (USA)
37	2017	Slovakia	Antonin Pesek (CZE)	Gregoire Juglaret (FRA)	Sebastien Delcor (FRA)
38	2018	Italy	David Garcia (ESP)	Jyrki Hiltunen (FIN)	Andrea Pirone (ITA)
39	2019	Tasmania	Howard Croston (ENG)	David Garcia (ESP)	Kristian Sveda (SVK)
	2020	Cancelled			
40	2021	Finland	Heikki Kurtti (FIN)	Jari Heikkinen (FIN)	David Arcay Fernandes (ESP)
41	2022	Spain	Julien Daguillanes (FRA)	David Arcay Fernandes (ESP)	Ruben Santos Becerro (ESP)

42	2023	Slovakia		
43	2024	France		
44	2025	Czechia		
45	2026	USA		

The world individual champions in the FIPS-Mouche World Fly Fishing Championships 1981-2022

So far, 33 competitors have won the gold medal. Six of them more than once:

- Pascal Cognard (FRA) - 3 times - 1994 Norway, 1997 USA, 2000 England
- Antonin Pesek (CZE) - 2 times - 2006 Portugal, 2017 Slovakia
- Brian Leadbetter (ENG) - 2 times - 1987 England, 1991 New Zealand
- Julien Daguillanes (FRA) - 2 times - 2016 USA, 2022 Spain
- Pierluigi Cocito (ITA) - 2 times - 1992 Italy, 1996 Czechia
- Valerio Santi Amantini (ITA) - 2 times - 2011 Italy, 2013 Norway

28 competitors won the gold medal once. They were from the following countries: Czechia, England, France - 7 times, Poland, Italy - 5, Spain - 4, Australia, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Netherlands, Slovakia, Wales - 1.

Points classification of the individual medalists 1981-2022

(1st place - 3 points, 2nd place - 2 points, 3rd place - 1 point)

Rank	Competitor	Points					Total
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	
1	Pascal Cognard (FRA)	3	3	3	1		10
2	Julien Daguillanes (FRA)	2	3	3			8
3	Valerio Santi Amantini (ITA)	3	2	3			8
4	Antonin Pesek (CZE)	3	1	3			7
5	Pierluigi Cocito (ITA)	3	1	3			7
6	Tomas Starychfojt (CZE)	1	3	2	1		7
7	Brian Leadbetter (ENG)	3	3				6
8	David Arcay Fernandes (ESP)	3	1	2			6
9	Martin Droz (CZE)	1	3	2			6
10	David Garcia (ESP)	3	2				5
11	Franciszek Szajnik (POL)	3	2				5
12	Slavoj Svoboda (CZE-SLO)	3	2				5
13	Angelo Ferrari (ITA)	1	2	2			5
14	Adam Sikora (POL)	2	2				4
15	Bertrand Jacquemin (FRA)	3					3
16	Cor Wittkamp (NED)	3					3
17	Diez Y Diez (ESP)	3					3
18	F. Alvarez (ESP)	3					3
19	Hekki Kurtti (FIN)	3					3
20	Howard Croston (ENG)	3					3
21	Ian Barr (ENG)	3					3
22	Jeremy Herrmann (ENG)	3					3
23	Jerome Brossutti (FRA)	3					3
24	John Pawson (ENG)	3					3
25	Lesław Frasiak (POL)	3					3
26	Lubos Roza (CZE)	3					3
27	Marek Walczyk (POL)	3					3
28	Miroslav Antal (SVK)	3					3
29	Pavel Chyba (CZE)	3					3
30	Piotr Marchewka (POL)	3					3
31	Ross Stuart (AUS)	3					3
32	Russell Owen (WAL)	3					3
33	Stephano Cotugno (ITA)	3					3
34	Tony Pawson (ENG)	3					3

Rank	Competitor	Points		Total
		1st	2nd	
48	Hywel Morgan (WAL)	2		2
49	Jari Heikkinen (FIN)	2		2
50	Jean Michel Lauret (FRA)	2		2
51	Jean Pierre Guillemaud (FRA)	2		2
52	Jonathan Torralbo (ESP)	2		2
53	Jordi Oliveras Cortina (ESP)	2		2
54	J. Pereda (ESP)	2		2
55	Jyrki Hiltunen (FIN)	2		2
56	Kazimierz Szymala (POL)	2		2
57	Krzysztof Sasuła (POL)	2		2
58	Marc Reckinger (BEL)	2		2
59	Mark Yelland (RPA)	2		2
60	Massimo Valsesia (ITA)	2		2
61	Nikola Trebjesanin (MNE)	2		2
62	Piotr Armatys (POL)	2		2
63	Sandy Nicholson (SCO)	2		2
64	Silvano Ventura (ITA)	2		2
65	Stefano Cominazzini (ITA)	2		2
66	Didier Bisschops (BEL)	1	1	2
67	Albert Bigare (BEL)	1		1
68	Andrea Pirone (ITA)	1		1
69	Andre Terrier (FRA)	1		1
70	Andrew Dixon (ENG)	1		1
71	Andrew Scott (ENG)	1		1
72	Bob Church (ENG)	1		1
73	Christian Jadouille (BEL)	1		1
74	Daniel Svrcek (CZE)	1		1
75	Devin Olsen (USA)	1		1
76	Gareth Jones (WAL)	1		1
77	Giovanni Vigetti (ITA)	1		1
78	Jan Astier (FRA)	1		1
79	Jan Pecina (CZE)	1		1
80	Jeff Currier (USA)	1		1
81	Jeremy Lucas (ENG)	1		1

35	Vladimir Sedivy (CZE)	3					3
36	Władysław Trzebunia (POL)	3					3
37	Antoni Tondera (POL)	1	2				3
38	Bernard Marquet (FRA)	1	2				3
39	Tomas Adam (CZE)	2	1				3
40	Alain Gigot (BEL)	2					2
41	Alain Magnien (FRA)	2					2
42	Brian Thomas (ENG)	2					2
43	Carlo Baldassini (ITA)	2					2
44	Chris Ogborne (ENG)	2					2
45	Donald Thom (CAN)	2					2
46	Eric Lelouvier (FRA)	2					2
47	Gregoire Juglaret (FRA)	2					2

82	John Horsey (ENG)	1					1
83	Jozef Trnka (SVK)	1					1
84	Julien Lorquet (BEL)	1					1
85	Jyrki Lamsa (FIN)	1					1
86	Kristian Sveda (SVK)	1					1
87	Lance Egan (USA)	1					1
88	Owen Nuttridge (AUS)	1					1
89	Pat O'Keefe (AUS)	1					1
90	Pavel Gavura (CZE-SLO)	1					1
91	Roman Heimlich (CZE)	1					1
92	Ruben Santos Becerro (ESP)	1					1
93	Sebastien Delcor (FRA)	1					1
94	Terry Piggot (AUS)	1					1

Team classifications of the FIPS-Mouche World Fly Fishing Championships 1981-2022

Medalists of the FIPS-Mouche World Fly Fishing Championships 1981-2022 – teams					
	Year	Venue	1st place	2nd place	3rd place
1	1981	Luxembourg	Holandia	Luxembourg	Belgium
2	1982	Spain	Italy	Spain	Luxembourg
3	1983	Italy	Italy	Belgium	Holandia
4	1984	Spain	Italy	England	France
5	1985	Poland	Poland	Czechoslovakia	France
6	1986	Belgium	Italy	Belgium	Czechoslovakia
7	1987	England	England	Australia	New Zealand
8	1988	Australia/Tasmania	England	France	Australia
9	1989	Finland	Poland	France	Finland
10	1990	Wales	Czechoslovakia	Poland	Belgium
11	1991	New Zealand	New Zealand	Poland	England
12	1992	Italy	Italy	Belgium	France
13	1993	Canada	England	Poland	Italy
14	1994	Norway	Czechia	Italy	England
15	1995	Ireland	England	Wales	Belgium
16	1996	Czechia	Czechia	France	Poland
17	1997	USA	France	Belgium	Italy
18	1998	Poland	Czechia	Poland	England
19	1999	Australia	Australia	France	New Zealand
20	2000	England	France	Wales	Australia
21	2001	Sweden	France	Finland	Czechia
22	2002	France	France	Belgium	Spain
23	2003	Spain	France	Belgium	Spain
24	2004	Slovakia	Slovakia	Czechia	France
25	2005	Sweden	France	Finland	Czechia
26	2006	Portugal	Czechia	France	Spain
27	2007	Finland	France	Czechia	Finland
28	2008	New Zealand	Czechia	New Zealand	France
29	2009	Scotland	England	France	Scotland
30	2010	Poland	Czechia	France	Slovakia
31	2011	Italy	Italy	Czechia	Poland
32	2012	Slovenia	Czechia	Italy	Spain
33	2013	Norway	Czechia	Italy	France
34	2014	Czechia	Czechia	France	England
35	2015	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Spain	USA	Bosnia & Herzegovina
36	2016	USA	Spain	France	USA
37	2017	Slovakia	France	Czechia	Spain
38	2018	Italy	Spain	Czechia	Italy
39	2019	Australia/Tasmania	France	Czechia	Spain
	2020	cancelled			
40	2021	Finland	Finland	France	Spain
41	2022	Spain	Spain	France	Czechia

