



CLASSIC DISTANCE CLOSES MEDUNO WMMRC 2025

Villages and Champions, A celebration of Mountain Running spirit crowns the final day in Friuli

Meduno (Italy), 31 August 2025 — After Saturday's storms, Meduno woke up to **clear skies** and rapidly rising temperatures for the final day of the **World Masters Mountain Running Championships**.



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The **Classic Distance race** closed the 2025 edition with a festive yet demanding challenge, a course threaded through narrow alleys, stone villages and the slopes around **Monte Valinis**.



SUNSHINE, WARMTH AND THREE WAVES OF STARTS

If Saturday had tested the field with two hours of intense rain, Sunday brought the opposite. The sun climbed early and with it the temperature, amplifying the final test of the championships.

The day unfolded in three distinct waves: the men **M35–M50** set off at **08:30**, the **women all together** at **09:10**, and the men **M55–M75** rounded out the morning at **10:30**. Each start was greeted with cheers, church bells and the clatter of shoes echoing through Meduno's cobbled lanes.



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ATMOSPHERE OF CELEBRATION ALONG THE WAY

Originally planned as **14.1 km with 735 m of climb**, the course was **adapted to 16 km and +800 m** to account for damage from Saturday's heavy rain. The adjustment ensured safe racing while keeping the essence of the classic format intact.

From the town centre, runners flowed out towards **Borgo del Bianco**, a postcard-like hamlet draped with flags and lined with neighbours applauding from windows and doorsteps. The passage through these villages created some of the most magical moments of the championships—faces beaming, footsteps echoing on stone, and the shared joy of community. The terrain alternated between rolling forest paths and steeper climbs, demanding both patience and courage.



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RESULTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Mexico's **Justino Coronado Ibarra (M35)**, already crowned uphill champion on Friday, confirmed his class by winning the men's overall once again in **1:01:52**. Italy's **Andrea Schweigkofler (W40)** doubled up too, adding the classic distance victory to her uphill triumph with a commanding **1:15:19**.



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Behind them came a rich tapestry of stories. Spain's **Margarita Fullana Riera (W50)** added a second medal of the weekend, proving that her Olympic pedigree still shines bright on the trails. Italy celebrated the legendary **Franco Torresani (M60)**, the priest-runner and mountain icon, as he collected his **10th world title** in masterful style.

Full results: <https://www.endu.net/en/events/mondiale-master-di-corsa-in-montagna/results>



A THANK YOU & A LOOK AHEAD

With three days of racing complete—uphill, long distance and classic—the curtain closed on Meduno 2025. The championships owe their success to the tireless work of the **Local Organising Committee**, the volunteers lining the courses, the support of the **World Mountain Running Association (WMRA)** and **World Masters Athletics (WMA)**, and above all, the athletes whose passion brought colour to every kilometre.



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The next chapter is already on the horizon: the **World Masters Mountain Running Championships 2026** will be hosted in **Janské Lázně, in the heart of the Krkonoše Mountains (Czech Republic)**. Just **150 km from Prague**, this spa town at the foot of **Černá hora** offers alpine trails, modern facilities and a landscape steeped in tradition—an ideal setting to continue the celebration of masters mountain running.

From Friuli's sunlit villages to the forests of the Krkonoše, the spirit of mountain running continues to climb.



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About the WMRA:

Formed in 1984, the World Mountain Running Association is the global governing body for mountain running and has the goal of promoting mountain running for all ages and abilities.

As well as the World Cup, the WMRA organizes Masters, U18 and area championships and in partnership with the World Athletics, ITRA and IAU to deliver the World Mountain and Trail Running Championships, with the next event to be held in Canfranc Spain in 2025. The WMRA also maintains the [Mountain Running World Ranking](#), a system of points allocated to athletes based on the results in designated races.



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