



The WFSA at the IWA 2012

PRESS RELEASE

The annual Plenary Session of the World Forum on the Future of Sport Shooting Activities was held in conjunction with IWA, The International Trade Fair for Hunting and Sport Shooting, on March 8, 2012, under the title: “**TARGETING THE FUTURE**”. Between others, a DVD was presented celebrating the 15th Anniversary of WFSA revoking a list of successful events and historic pictures documenting the great dedication of people to this organized community spanning the entire globe.

Keynote speaker

Ms. Joyce Lee Malcolm, keynote speaker, spoke on the “**The Battle Over Gun Control: Why History is on Our Side**”. She is a professor of law at the George Mason University. She has previously taught at Princeton University, Bentley College, Boston University, Northeastern University and Cambridge University. She was also a Senior Advisor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Security Studies Program. She is a Fellow of the Royal Historical, and a Bye Fellow at Robinson College, Cambridge University.

She is the author of seven books and numerous articles, many on gun control, the Second Amendment and individual rights.

WFSA Sport Shooting Ambassador Award

The WFSA Sport Shooting Ambassador Award 2012 was granted to the novelist, essayist, and film critic **Mr. Stephen Hunter** from USA.

Stephen Hunter is an American novelist, essayist, and film critic.

He graduated in 1968 at the Northwestern University with a degree in journalism. Then he worked as film critic for the Baltimore Sun and the Washington Post, receiving many awards. In the meantime he started the novelist career, writing many novels and non-fiction books. Among Hunter's most famous works are *Point of Impact* (filmed as *Shooter*), *Black Light* and *Time to Hunt*, which form a trilogy featuring Bob "the Nailer" Swagger, a Vietnam War veteran and sniper. He is also author of *Hot Springs*, *Pale Horse Coming*, and *Havana*, another trilogy centered on Bob Swagger's father, Earl.

Panel discussion on ATT

A panel discussion followed on “**ATT(Arms Trade Treaty, common international standards for imports, exports and transfer of conventional arms) – New York 2011/2012**”, chaired by WFSA Secretary for the Americas Thomas Mason (USA). The panel has comprised:

William Kullman III (USA) - Deputy Chief International Affairs, BATF

Thierry Jacobs (Belgium) - Strategic Analysis & Relations Executive for FN Herstal

Panel discussion on “UN Firearms Protocol”

Rick Patterson (USA) chaired the panel on “UN Firearms Protocol”. Participants were Vito Genco (ITALY), who presented the new EU Regulation on Firearms Protocol. The Plenary Session heard also Mark Barnes (USA) on the UN Model Legislation and finally Roger Hancox (UK), President of CIP (Permanent International Convention) on the progress of the adoption of marking of firearms in Europe and the cooperation with SAAMI on the approach of EU-USA standards on testing small arms.

Call to action

The closing Call to Action address was given by a manufacturers' representative, Nicola Perrotti (Italy) , who first of all thanked IWA for hosting all of the various WFSA events, extending its hospitality and support, providing benefits to hunters and shooters world-wide. He recommended to do everything in our power to bring young people and minorities into hunting and sport shooting. He reminded that we are the natural allies of the environmental movements. Our cause, the defense of hunting, sport shooting and individual rights is not only historic, but a supremely worthy cause. It is one that is more than worthy of being the target for all of our futures.