

# ISA 2022 INTERNATIONAL TREE CLIMBING COMPETITION

Competitors from around the world competed in the 2022 ISA International Tree Climbing Championship (ITCC) on 9-11 September under the canopy of Fælledparken located in Copenhagen, Denmark. This competition was the first ITCC since the COVID-19 pandemic, and proved to be just as exciting as always. This event was also the first time ITCC was held in Europe in more than a decade. The last time the competition was held in Europe was in 1998 in Birmingham, England. Additionally, a new rulebook was introduced at the 2022 ITCC.

The 2022 host, the ISA Denmark Chapter, were incredible partners in coordination logistics and organizing Arbor Fair. The event offered a variety of activities at Arbor Fair, featured dozens of industry and local vendors, and attracted attention from the public which provided the opportunity for ISA to educate the public about the important work arborist do in their communities while introducing them to an exciting and unique sport.

Throughout the weekend, the awe-inspiring feeling of camaraderie continued while the climbers participated in several events—Aerial Rescue, Work Climb, Ascent, Belayed Speed Climb, and Throwline. After the preliminary events, the climber's scores from each event are combined, and the male and female competitors with the highest combined scores move on to compete in the



Master's Challenge, which consists of one event and competitors are scored on technique and skill. The competitors in this round with the highest score are named the male and female World Champions.

This year's world champions are Josephine Hedger from the UK/Ireland and Barton Allen-Hall from Australia. This event marked the fifth time that Hedger has won the title, and this was Allen-Hall's first time winning the competition.

Additionally, ISA would like to thank all of the volunteers and judges who assisted in executing one of our most exciting events. We strongly appreciate your support and assistance during the competition. Thank you for an amazing ITCC, and we look forward to seeing everyone next year in Albuquerque, New Mexico, United States. 🌿

