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# Swede is Caffè Ritazza World Barista champion

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During the competition, Olsson prepared four espressos and four cappuccinos, and a signature drink inspired by the raspberry lemonade her grandmother used to make. Her win was rewarded with a £1,000 prize.

**Matteo Pavoni** from Caffè Ritazza, Euston Station was runner up, and **Kate Crozier**, who works at Belfast International Airport came third.

**Miko Au** from Hong Kong was the winner of the signature drink element of the competition and a trip to syrup maker Monin's headquarters in Bourges, France. **Christodoulous Christodoulou** from Cyprus, who topped the poll in a separate latte art competition, took home a selection of coffee

making equipment.



'This is what I've been working for over the past three years since I started competing in the Caffè Ritazza competition, as well as the Swedish national barista championships. It's great to have won,' said Olsson.

This is the fifth year SSP has held the competition. Each year Stuart Coombes, International Operations Director for Caffè Ritazza said SSP has seen a steady rise in the skills of those taking part.

"This is testament to the dedication and enthusiasm of our teams, as well as Caffè Ritazza's commitment to quality training for its baristas at all stages of their careers," said Coombes. "But one of the great things about the competition is the camaraderie it fosters between our baristas from all parts of the world, and it's really satisfying to see them sharing their expertise as well as their excitement about coffee."

The head judge of the competition was Paul Meikle-Janney, who is Managing Director of Coffee Community, one of the longest established independent companies specializing in barista training and consulting to the café and coffee industry. Other judges were Marc-Pierre Dietrich - Managing Director, DRINK ing Group, Attila Molnár - Beverage Innovation Director, Central Europe, Monin (and former World Barista Championship finalist); Yoram Lishansky - SSP Foodlab Director ; Raphael Jeannot - SVP, International Brands, SSP; and Chris Scott - Head of Training, International Brands, SSP