

Morion

The value in a breeding horse lies in the dam family and three of Polish Arabian horse history's most influential dam families are Gazella, Mlecha and Sahara. Mares and stallions of the best quality were hard to come by in the 19th century, so on January 7 1844 Count Juliusz Dzieduszycki of Jarczowce Stud embarked on a journey to Arabia to purchase a group of horses. The three desert-bred mares that arrived at Jarczowce in 1845 would be invaluable for Polish breeding and the largest and prominent family of the three would be the Gazella-family.

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The bay Miriam (Mlech Pelkinski x Gahdar/Wielki Szlem) was a maternal sister to the stallion Abu Afas (by Bad Afas), the sire of the legendary Comet. Miriam was transferred to Michalów in 1952 but had only two foals before she passed away in 1956. Her daughter Manilla (by Doktryner) left 13 offspring and secured the family with 8 daughters of which 4 was retained as broodmares at Michalów. The bay Mitra (Celebes x Manilla) was one of Director Jawarowski's favorite mares, a great moving mare with huge black eyes and beautiful Kuhailan type. Mitra was named Polish National Reserve Champion Mare in 1980



and 1982 but it was in the breeding barn she would be a star producing 4 colts and 7 fillies. Her son Mezalians (by Tallin) was sold to Elisabeth Char in Austria where he stayed his whole life until his passing at 34 years of age in 2022. Mezalians was 1992 Babolna International Senior Champion Stallion.

Mezalians full-sister Minerwa produced the daughter Mina (by Monogramm) in 1994 before she was exported to USA later the same year. Mina was sold to private breeder Slawomir Lange and she had two foals - the bay filly Minnesota (by Wachlarz) and the grey colt Migrant (by Emigrant). In foal to Ecaho and together with her offspring, Mina was sold to Małgorzata and Józef Pietrzak and they named their stud after the filly Minnesota, whom they unfortunately lost as a 3-year old. The family of Mina would be prosperous and successful for the Pietrzak's. The colt Migrant was Polish National Junior Reserve Champion Private Bred and was named Senior Champion Stallion at the Babolna International Show, Milton (Ecaho x Mina) was Polish National Junior Champion Stallion Private Bred and Missouri (Wachlarz x Mina) was Summer Arabian Horse Show Champion Mare in Warsaw. Missouri is the dam of the bay stallion Maran (by FS Bengali)

Białka Spring Show Silver Champion, Gold Champion Junior Stallion, Warsaw Show Arabian-Polska and International Gold Champion Stallion Kauber Platte.

Miranda (El Paso x Mitra) was bred twice to Arbil (Banat x Arba) producing the brown Minoga and the bay Marieta. While Minoga was sold to a private breeder, Marieta was exported in 2003 to Toskhara Arabians USA, after they bought her daughter Makarena (by Borek) the previous year. Marieta would be one of Toskhara's most valuable broodmares as the dam of the outstanding Reining-stallion TA Mozart, owned by Cedar Ridge Arabians. TA Mozart is the highest ARHA Scoring Arabian at Scottsdale Futurity ever and he has won the 2011 and 2012 Scottsdale Arabian Reining Futurity Classic Champion, 2012 US National Arabian Reining Junior Champion, 2012 Region 9 Arabian Reining Champion and 2016 US National Reserve Champion Arabian Reining Primetime Non-Pro AAOTR Champ.

His full-brother TA Markoni was Scottsdale Derby Champion Reining Non Pro and Scottsdale Champion Lim Non Pro before he was exported to Gut Fronleitenhof in Austria. His

Morion
2013 bay stallion





success has continued in Europe and he has been Reserve European Champion in Reining.

Mitra's Probat-daughter Mitrega was the dam of breeding stallion Monar (by Wojslaw) and the mare Matura (by Arbil) who sold to a privat breeder.

It would be the Mitra-daughter Martyna (by Europejczyk) who would produce a stunning bay daughter who would continue Mitra's legacy at Michałów and that was the beautiful Martynika. She was consider to be one of the top daughters by Monogramm, but unfortunately she got injured badly as a yearling so she could never be shown and even if she had

complications the rest of her life, she produced 7 offspring before she passed away in 2007 - 5 fillies and 2 colts. Manresa (Werbum x Martynika) was sold to Agmal Arabians, South Africa as a maiden mare in foal to Ganges and produced the daughter Mansara who sold to Sweden. Manresa was named 2016 Nordic Open Champion Mare.

Manresa's full-sister Mata Hari was retained at Michałów as a broodmare and she produced one foal every year prior to her exportation to Kuwait in 2015. She had 4 colts and 4 fillies and her son Medalion (by QR Marc) was consider to be the best 2011 colt, but unfortunately he injured a front leg badly prior to the Białka Spring Show so like his grand dam





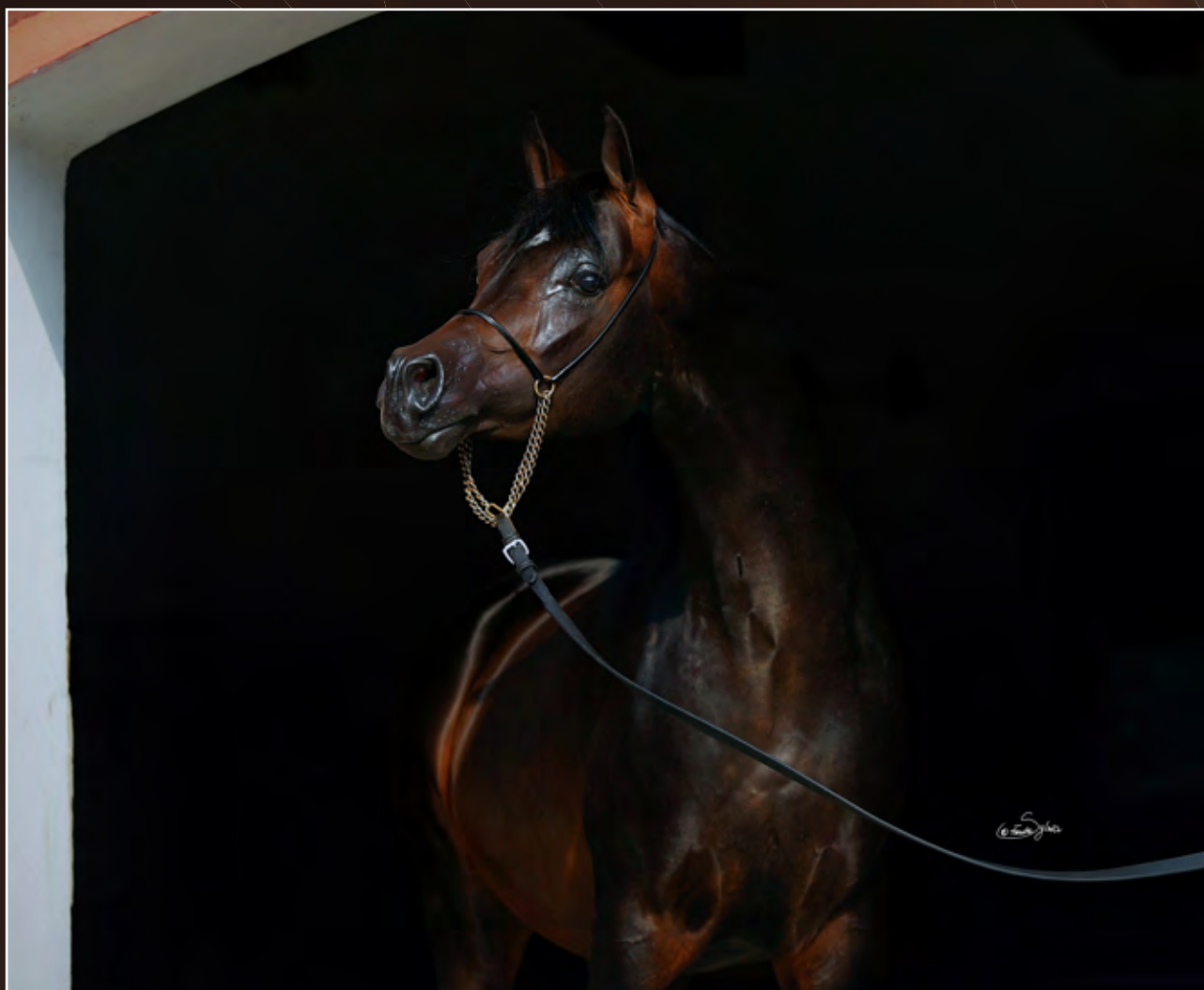
Ferrum (Morion x Ferrmaria) by El Omari

Martynika his show and performance career was cut short, but his offspring has proven his value as a sire with Emdrona (out of Elgora/Poganin) named 2017 Bialka Spring Show Junior Silver Champion and Polish National Junior Gold Champion.

Mata Hari's best daughter is the bay, feminine Mesalina, sired by the King of Michałow - Ekstern. She has been a class winner at the Polish Nationals with the Highest score at the show on Movements. She was bred for the first time in 2012 and the choice fell on Kahil Al Shaqab who was standing his first year in Poland. Kahil has a royal pedigree and is the third generation stallion claiming the World Champion title. His sire Marwan Al Shaqab was named 2001 World Yearling Champion the same year as his legendary sire Gazal Al Shaqab was named World Champion Stallion. The following year Marwan

repeated his success and claimed the World Junior Champion title and in 2008 he was named World Senior Champion Stallion. But Marwan and Gazal's greatness is not in their own show career, but as sires of champions and Marwan was the World Champion Leading sire for 8 consecutive years which is unparalleled. Kahil himself was named World Junior Champion in 2011 together with the Best Head award and the Highest Scoring Horse of the Show.

Kahil has several full-siblings but there are two that stands out like Kahil and it is Sultanat Al Shaqab, 2015 World Silver Yearling Champion, 2015 Menton Gold Champion Yearling with half-sister D Shireen (Magic Mon Amour/Windsprees Mirage) as Silver Yearling Champion. The second one is the two year younger brother Wadee Al Shaqab, a World



Ferrum

Champion, Menton Gold Champion and Qatar International Gold Champion Stallion as well as a champion-producing sire.

Kahil's dam is the wonderful dark brown OFW Mishaahl, a daughter of Mishaah (JK Spartan x Mistral Bey/Bey Shah). She was sold as a 4-year old from Orrion Farm, USA, to Al Shaqab and has been one of Al Shaqab's most valuable mares. OFW Mishaahl belong to the Ghazieh db family down to Helwa, bred by Ali Pasha Sherif in Egypt, through the great moving Basquina (Bask x Habina/Hallany Mistanny), bred by Lasma Arabians in USA. Kahil has 7 crosses to the legendary Bask (Witraz x Balalajka/Amurath Sahib) and 3 crosses to the charismatic Bey Shah (Bay El Bey x Star of Ofir/Bask).

In 2012-2013 Kahil was standing in Poland and his first foal



El Madera
(Morion x El Medonia)
by Shanghai E.A.

crop there was outstanding. Mesalina gave birth to a bay colt named Morion and he was spectacular. The same year Janów Podlaski got Al Jazeera (out of Alhasa/Ganges), Alsa (out of Alameda/Wachlarz), Burza (out of Bursa/Aslan), Pitawal (out of Pepita/Ekstern) and Prometida (out of Panonia/Eukaliptus), and Michałów had Parmania (out of Parmana/Al Maraam), Pusytnia Kahila (out of Pustynna Malwa/Ekstern) and Wadi Kahil (out of Wadi Halfa/Ekstern). The cross with Kahil on Ekstern/Ganges-daughters were genius and it was clear that Kahil was a perfect match for the Polish mares.

In 2014 when Kahil was named World Champion Stallion,

his daughter Pustynia Kahila was named World Gold Junior Champion and Morion claimed the World Yearling Silver Champion. Previous during the year Al Jazeera had been Polish National Junior Champion and the following year she would claim the Białka Spring Show Gold Champion title. In 2015 Adelita (out of Altamira/Ekstern) was named European Gold Champion Yearling and Al Jazeera would be Białka Spring Show Gold Champion and Al Khalediah European Horse Festival Gold Champion. Janów Podlaski's colt Paris (out of Palmeta/Ecaho) was Białka Spring Show Gold Champion, Polish National Junior Champion and European Bronze Junior Champion.



El Medida (Morion x El Medara) by Shanghai E.A.

Morion had his debut at the Bialka Spring show and he was Junior Spring Show Gold Yearling Champion and Best in Show following up with the Polish National Junior Champion title in August on Al Khalediah European Horse Festival Junior Champion Stallion and Best in Show the following weekend. At all 3 title shows in the fall - All Nations Cup, European Championship and World Championship did he claim the Silver Yearling Champion title.

As a 2-year old Morion started off his season at the Bialka Spring show and he was Junior Spring Show Champion and Best in Show. Breeders all over the world had their eyes on this promising colt and in the fall an agreement was set between



Forga
(*Morion x Forgissima*)

Michałów and Al Thumama stud that Morion would be on lease to them for the 2015/2017 season. In the fall of 2015 he was shown in Aachen winning the Junior Champion title and in Verona he was European Junior Top Five Stallion.

In December he was named World Junior Champion Stallion making him the 4th generation with this prestigious title.

Before the breeding season of 2016 Morion was shown in Qatar and was Qatar International Arabian Horse Championship Junior Champion Stallion.

Morion's first foal born was the colt Wahaj AT (out of Wieża Róż/Ekstern), line bred to Ekstern and with a lot of movement

and charisma. He was Gold Champion Yearling Colt at the AHO World Cup in Chantilly. In total Morion got 4 foals in 2017 at Al Thumama and Daniya AT (out of Donya Jamal/Nader Al Jamal) was 2019 Silver Champion Yearling Filly at the Arabian Horse Weekend, Int C-show in St Oedenrode.

In 2017 Morion had 17 offspring and the colt SS Tyari (out of SS Tadmor/Ajman Moniscione), bred by Stigler Stud and owned by Valentina Piccioli was Bronze Champion at Marina di Pietrasanta and Silver Medal at the Verona Arabian Dream International Show.

ELR Ferdinand (out of Fahrinna/RFI Farid) owned by Al Faisaly, Saudi Arabia won as a yearling Gold Medal Bruges



El Brillo
(Morion x El Larinera)

International B-show, Gold AHO World Cup Chantilly, Silver Champion Elran Cup and All Nations Cup Silver Champion.

Morion's first foal crop at Michałów would not disappoint and the shining star born in 2019 was the brown colt Ferrum (out of Ferrmaria/El Omari), stunningly beautiful, great movements and wonderful conformation. Ferrum was shown three times as a yearling - 3 times Gold Champion! Białka Spring Show Yearling Gold Champion, Polish National Yearling Gold Champion and Best in Show and European Yearling Gold Champion. As a 2-year old Ferrum repeated the result and won Białka Spring Show Gold Champion, Polish National Junior

Gold Champion, in the fall he was shown in Verona and was named European Junior Silver Champion. Ferrum is the best stallion born in Polish State Studs in the last decade with an impressive show record. He was offered for sale at this year's Pride of Poland auction and was sold to Sweden and Bränninge Arabian Stud.

El Madera (out of El Medonia/Shanghai EA) and El Medida (out of El Medara/Shanghai EA) were also born in 2019 and they have been shown with success, El Madera was Polish National Yearling Silver Champion and El Medida was Białka Spring Show Yearling Gold Champion.



Wespera
(Morion x Wógeza)

El Maestro (out of El Medonia/Shanghai EA) was 2021 Białka Spring Show Yearling Gold Champion and Polish National Bronze Yearling Champion, El Mariella (out of El Marina/Ganges) 2021 Białka Spring Show Yearling Gold Champion and El Medida was Białka Spring Show Gold Junior Champion and Classwinner at the Menton show .

In 2022 El Medar (out of El Medonia/Shanghai EA) was Białka Spring Show Yearling Gold Champion with Delikt (out of Diara/Eryks) as the Silver Yearling Champion and Largo

KL (out of Lili PS/Ekstern) as the Bronze Yearling Champion. Złota Aura (out of Złotna/El Omari) was Białka Spring Show Silver Yearling Champion, El Brillo (out of El Larinera/Empire) was named Białka Spring Show Gold Junior Champion and El Mariella was Białka Spring Show Bronze Junior Champion. At the Polish National Show was Janów Podlaski's Bella Mia (out of Beira/Pogrom) Polish National Silver Yearling Champion, earlier she had been the Bronze Yearling Champion at Białka. El Medar repeated his win from Białka and was Gold Champion at the National Show. El Medida and El Mariella



Emiremia
(Morion x Emblema)

was named Polish National Gold and Silver respectively with El Medida as Best in Show. El Brillo was named the Polish National Silver Junior Champion.

Morion's offspring have now started to race and El Mariella won spectacular in her first race. El Brillo, Forga (out of Forgissima/Vitorio TO), El Maestro and El Batina have all great result.

Morion have despite his young age already put his mark in the history not only through wonderful daughters but he has also a string of sons of very high quality. Morion belongs to a very strong sire line, but the strength and stamina in Morion and his offspring comes from the greatness of Mitra and the dam family of Gazella db, a family known not only for their beauty but even more for the stamina and big heart and the ability to perform. □

