

BEAUTY BEYOND BORDERS

Magnificent Mares of the Polish State Studs

PART II

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"Beyond borders" might seem like a broad term but how far do the fame and glory of the magnificent Polish mares actually reach? You may think it is a pretty bold statement but I dare say there is no Arabian horse aficionado in the world whose heart would not skip a beat while beholding the beauty of a powerfully moving Polish mare. In fact, strong evidence exists to support this statement – tremendous number of trophies won at shows, highest prices reached at auctions and countless comments from breeders all around the world, praising the priceless pearls born on Polish soil. However, it is not only their beauty but also more than two hundred years of existence of some of the most esteemed Polish dam lines that make these mares special. Part I of this article was devoted to two most famous families that have ever existed in the Polish breeding programme – the world-renowned "E" line that descended from the Sławuta-bred grey mare MILORDKA, born around 1810, and

the equally treasured "P" family of SZAMRAJÓWKA that was born in Biała Cerkiew at roughly the same time. Today, these two dam lines are widely spread around the world and extol the extraordinariness of the Polish Arabian horse across countries and continents. Nevertheless, the Arabian horse breeding in Poland traditionally contained as many as sixteen different dam lines, each unique and special in their own way, adding their most desirable qualities to Arabian horse breeding programmes around the world.

One of such distinctive dam lines is the family started by the desert-bred grey mare GAZELLA, bred by the Bedouin tribe of Anazeh Sebaa around 1840 and imported to Jarczowce in 1845. In Poland, GAZELLA DB established a very strong family with many sub-branches derived from prolific broodmares, abundant in Arabian type and stamina, who passed these qualities onto their progeny. One of these sub-lines was



Carmen (Trypolis - Wilga / Ofir)
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commenced by the phenomenal broodmare CARMEN 1942 (Trypolis – Wilga / Ofir), born during the turmoil of World War II. This extremely beautiful and feminine mare was best known as the dam of the superb stallion and epochal sire COMET 1953 (by Abu Afas), often called the phenomenon of the twentieth century. Despite his premature death at the age of eleven, COMET left as



Kabata (Palas - Kometa / Elf) Photo by Stuart Vesty



Kawalkada (Penitent - Kabata / Palas) Photo by Jerry Sparagowski

many as twenty-six progenitors of the KUHAJLAN AFAS sire line, however he is best remembered for his high-quality daughters who inherited the bewitching beauty and ethereal femininity of their paternal granddam and the powerful trot of their sire. No matter whether flea-bitten grey like BAJKA 1960 (out of Bajdara / Gabor) or dark-bay like WARMIA 1963 (out of Wadera / Doktryner), these mares made a major contribution to the development of the Arabian breed. It is hardly surprising that the dam of such significant sire as COMET produced also exceptional daughters. Crossed

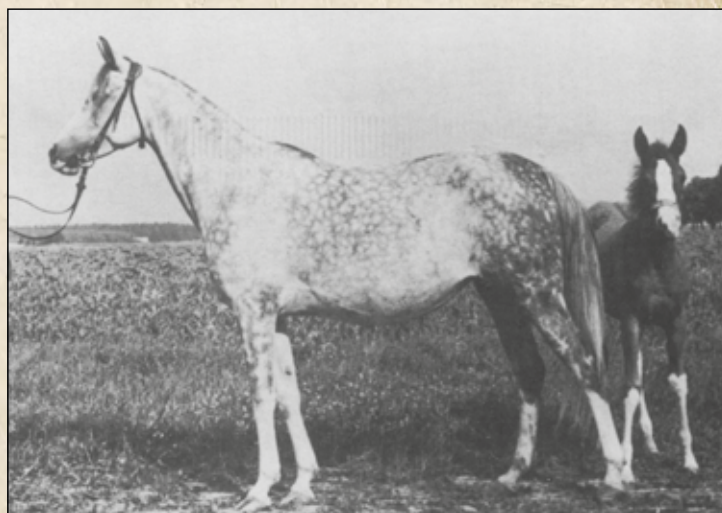
with the grey stallion GWARDY 1953, CARMEN delivered her last daughter, the valuable grey CUMPARSITA, at Michałów Stud in 1960. Doubtlessly, CUMPARSITA's best progeny turned out to be the grey daughter KOMETA 1971 (by Elf), the ancestor of some very successful show champions. Her daughter sired by PALAS 1968, the snowwhite KABALA 1978, was the 1980 Polish National Junior Champion as well as the dam of two fantastic fillies. Her firstborn daughter, the bold and beautiful grey KAWALKADA 1985 (by Penitent), conquered the American show arenas as 1994



Kometa (Elf - Cumparsita / Gwardy)
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Wilga (Ofir - Jaskółka II / Koheilan I)
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Cumparsita (Gwardy - Carmen / Trypolis) Michałów Stud Archives

US National Champion Senior Mare, while her 1986 produce by PESENNIK 1979, KWESTA, followed in her dam's footsteps, becoming 1988 Polish National Champion Junior Filly. KWESTA was not only considered the best daughter of her Tersk-bred sire but also an outstanding producer. Her immense value as a broodmare results from the quality rather than the quantity of her progeny, as among only five foals registered in the Polish Stud Book there is the captivating chestnut KWESTURA 1995. Delicate and feminine and dry as the desert sand, this magnificent daughter of the legendary MONOGRAMM 1985 inherited her sire's spectacular



Kwesta (Pesennik - Kabata / Palas) Michałów Stud Archives



Kwestura (Monogramm - Kwesta / Pesennik) Photo by Sylwia Itenda



Kwestura (Monogramm - Kwesta / Pesennik) Photo by Stuart Vesty



Kabsztad (Poganin - Kwestura / Monogramm) Photo by Sylwia Itenda



AJ Kafu (Shanghai EA - AJ Kahayla / QR Marc) Photo by Ewa Imielska - Hebda

movement. All these desirable traits put KWESTURA on the podium of the most prestigious shows as 1996 Polish National Champion Junior Filly, 2000 Polish National Reserve Champion Senior Mare, 2000 European Champion Senior Mare,

2000 World Reserve Champion Senior Mare, 2001 Polish National Reserve Champion Senior Mare, 2002 US National Champion Senior Mare and 2007 World Champion Senior Mare, to name just a few titles won in the hands of her proud

breeder, the world-renowned Michałów State Stud. However, it was not the end of her spectacular show career. After establishing the new record of the annual Pride of Poland sale of € 1 125 000 in 2008, KWESTURA changed her place of residence to Ajman Stud of the UAE. Just a year after, she continued her path to glory as Menton Champion Senior Mare, European Champion Senior Mare and, for the second time, World Champion Senior Mare. In 2010, she shone in the sands of Arabian desert as Dubai Champion Senior Mare just to reach the peak of her show career in 2014 as World Platinum Champion Female, the highest honours that an Arabian mare can ever achieve. KWESTURA's most accomplished produce is the snow-white stallion KABSZTAD 2006 (by Poganin), 2008 Polish National and European Reserve Champion Junior Colt, 2009 Silver Champion Junior Colt in Menton, Gold Champion in Sharjah, Bronze Champion in Dubai and Silver Champion in Rijad, 2010 Polish National Silver Champion and 2011 Polish National Gold Champion Senior Stallion as well as 2020 European Silver Champion Senior Stallion. For her new owner, KWESTURA produced the beautiful bay AJ KAHAYLA 2009 (by QR Marc), the dam of the highly-decorated exotic grey AJ KAFU 2015 (by Shanghai EA), multi-champion in the Middle East with numerous medals won at the Dubai International Arabian Horse Show as well as 2018 Gold Champion in Menton and World Silver Champion in Paris as a junior colt.



Ofirka (Ofir - Fryga II / Bakszysz)
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Gastronomia (Marabut - Ofirka / Ofir) Michałów Stud Archives



Gilza (Espartero - Gastronomia / Marabut)
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Grafik and Gaspar Photo by Sylwia Itenda

Another important sub-division of the GAZELLA dam line originates from the famous bay mare OFIRKA 1939 (Ofir – Fryga II / Bakszysz). Out of eight fillies produced by OFIRKA, the bay GASTRONOMIA 1946 (by Marabut) managed to extend this sub-line in a manner that ideally illustrates the Polish breeding vision of a bold and beautiful Arabian horse that combines undisputable charm and charisma with strong

racing capabilities. Her last daughter GILZA (by Espartero), born in 1967 in Michałów, had produced thirteen foals before she was exported to the USA. Repeatedly crossed with PALAS, GILZA delivered four foals of whom the excellent grey GIZELA 1977, happened to be the most prolific producer. Depending on

the stallion to which she was bred, GIZELA's progeny was as different as night and day. With the bay FANATYK 1978, she produced the remarkable racer GARONNA 1985, the Oaks winner and the dam of GANGES 1994 (by Monogramm), 2001 Polish National Champion and All Nations Cup Reserve Champion Senior



Ganges (Monogramm - Garonna / Fanatyk)
Photo by Anette Mattsson



Gaskonia (Probat - Gizela / Palas) Photo by Sylwia Itenda



Garonna (Fanatyk - Gizela / Palas)
Photo by Stuart Vesty

Stallion as well as 2003 US National Reserve Champion Senior Stallion. In 1987, GIZELA gave birth to the gorgeous flea-bitten GASKONIA (by Probat) whose unprecedented achievements came to light at the 2006 Polish National Show in Janów Podlaski. Not only did she become Polish National Champion Senior Mare and Best in Show at



Gaskonia (Probat - Gizela / Palas) Photo by Anette Mattsson

the advanced age of nineteen but her two sons, the younger GASPARG 1998 (by Emigrant) and the older GRAFIK 1996 (by Eukaliptus), took

the top of the podium in the senior stallions' section as Polish National Champion Stallion and Reserve Champion Stallion respectively.



The last daughters of GIZELA were two full sisters by MONOGRAMM, GEORGIA 1994 and GEHENNA 1995. GEHENNA was sold to Australia at the 2006 Pride of Poland sale for the record price of € 180 000, while the older and more feminine GEORGIA, 2015 Polish National Silver Champion Senior Mare, stayed at her home stud until the 2015 Pride of Poland sale, where she was purchased by Athbah Stud of Saudi Arabia for € 105 000. While she fulfilled her duties as

Georgia (Monogramm - Gizela / Palas)
Photo by Sylwia Itenda



Gehenna (Monogramm - Gizela / Palas)
Photos by Sylwia Itenda



a broodmare in Michałów, she definitely did not disappoint her breeders. Her first produce, the stunning snow-white GALILEA 2000 (by Laheeb), 2005 Polish National Champion and World Champion Senior Mare, turned out to be her most valuable daughter. Although her show career was put to an end by an unfortunate accident, GALILEA gifted her breeders with the gorgeous grey GALERIDA 2013 (by Shanghai EA), international show ring



Galilea (Laheeb - Georgia / Monogramm)
Photo by Erwin Escher



Galerida (Shanghai EA - Galilea / Laheeb)
Photos by Gregor Aymar



Peczora (Emigrant - Premiera / Piechur) Photo by Gigi Grasso



Peczora (Emigrant - Premiera / Piechur)
Photo by Stuart Vesty



Premiera (Piechur - Premia / Palas)
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Plisa (Probat - Pliszka / Gwary)
Photo by Edyta Twaróg



Premia (Palas - Pliszka / Gwary)
Michałów Stud Archives



Taraszczka (Enwer Bey - Gazella II / Koheilan DB)



Plisa (Probat - Pliszka / Gwary) Michałów Stud Archives



Poganinka (EL Omari - Pentra / Poganin)
Photo by Karolina Misztal



Pentra (Poganin - Peczora / Emigrant) Photo by Glenn Jacobs

revelation both in Europe and in the Middle East as well as the highest-selling lot of the 2019 Pride of Poland auction, purchased by Al Thumama Stud of Qatar for € 400 000. What is more, the 2004 grey son of GEORGIA, GEORGETOWN (by Gazal Al Shaqab), was sold to South Africa, where he won numerous medals in hand and under saddle, continuing to demonstrate the leading principle of the Polish breeding – the beautiful and powerful Arabian horse.

A special place in the history of the Arabian breed is saved for the subdivision of GAZELLA that originated from the Janów Podlaski-bred grey

mare TARASZCZA 1937 (Enwer Bey – Gazella II / Koheilan DB) that in 1939 was taken by the Soviet troops to the Russian State Stud in Tersk. The precious genes of TARASZCZA returned to Poland through her chestnut granddaughter PORFIRA 1953 (Priboj – Operetka / Ofir) bred in the Soviet Union. Her grey granddaughter PLISZKA (Gwarny – Pardwa / Kord), born in 1973 in Michałów, established her own sub-family through her two most precious daughters; PREMIA 1981 (by Palas) and PLISA 1982 (by Probat). PREMIA became Polish National Champion Senior Mare in 1994 while her daughter PREMIERA 1989 (by Piechur) was named Polish

National Champion Junior Filly in 1990 and won some significant titles as a senior mare in France, Belgium and the Netherlands. PREMIERA's first progeny was the charismatic chestnut PREMIER 1994, probably the closest in phenotype to his legendary sire MONOGRAMM. Nevertheless, her two most distinguished daughters PREMIERA produced with EMIGRANT 1991; the grey PECZORA 1999 and the grey PRIMAWERA 2000. PECZORA extended the line through her 2006 grey daughter PENTRA (by Poganin), the dam of two show champions of the recent years: the flying-in-the-air chestnut POGANINKA 2015 (by EL Omari), 2019 European Silver



Primawera (Emigrant - Premiera / Piechur)
Michałów Stud Archives

Protekcja (Ekstern - Pentra / Poganin)
Photo by Sylwia Itenda



Champion Senior Mare, and the bewitching bay PROTEKCJA 2017 (by Ekstern), 2021 Polish National Silver Champion and Prague InterCup and EuroCup Silver Champion Senior Mare. The feminine flea-bitten PRIMAWERA will be best remembered as the dam of PIACENZA 2009 (by QR Marc), many times international champion who, as a two-year-old filly, fetched the record price at the 2011 Pride of Poland sale. Al Shahania Stud of Qatar, who purchased PIACENZA for € 475 000, has become her new home. PREMIA's half-sister PLISA,

Panika (Eukaliptus - Plisa / Probat)
Photo by Stuart Vesty



Palanga (Ekstern - Panika / Eukaliptus) Photo by Glenn Jacobs



Palanga (Ekstern - Panika / Eukaliptus) Photo by Sylwia Itenda



crossed with EUKALIPTUS 1974, produced two full sisters, PANIKA 1996 and PASADENA 1997. The feminine flea-bitten PANIKA, characterised by a distinctive bloody mark on her head, extended the line further through her precious daughters, PALANGA 2002 (by Ekstern) and her full sister POLONICA 2005. It seems that Polish mares mature like fine wine as PALANGA, similarly to GASKONIA, earned the title of Polish National Gold Champion Senior Mare and Best in Show in Janów Podlaski at the awe-inspiring age of nineteen and collected a well-deserved

Piacenza (QR Marc - Primawera / Emigrant)
Photo by Alessio Azzali



Parantella
(Kahil Al Shaqab - Palanga / Ekstern)
Photo by Sylwia Itenda

WAHO Trophy for remarkable representatives of the Arabian breed. She also gifted Michałów with a few fine daughters, including PADOVA 2007 (by Galba), 2010 Wels International Reserve Champion Junior Filly and 2011 Prague InterCup Reserve Champion Senior Mare

and PARANTELLA 2016 (by Kahil Al Shaqab) who still needs time to become the best version of herself, the impressive grey Michałów-bred mare and living image of her distinguished dam. PALANGA also produced PROFENDER KA 2010 (by QR Marc), Belgian National Gold

Champion Senior Stallion, as well as POINTER 2018 (by Sahm ELArab), who several times occupied the podium in Janów Podlaski and Białka as a junior medallist. POLONICA went down in history as the dam of the precious darkbay PIACOLLA 2012 (by Enzo), multi-champion mare in Europe and



Padova (Galba - Palanga / Ekstern) Photo by Erwin Escher



Piacolla (Enzo - Polonica / Ekstern)
Photo by Gregor Aymar



Ceduta (Bandos - Cesja / Ego)
Photo by Zofia Raczkowska



Mitra (Celebes - Manilla / Doktryner)
Photo by Marian Gadzalski



Mesalina (Ekstern - Mata Hari / Werbum)
Photo by Sylwia Itenda



Cenoza (Ekstern - Celna / Allegro) Photo by Sylwia Itenda



Morion (Kahil Al Shaqab - Mesalina / Ekstern)
Photo by Sylwia Itenda

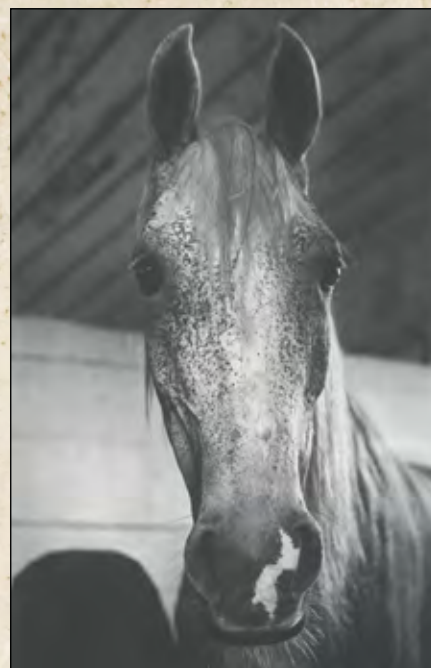
in the Middle East, who reached the record price of € 305 000 at the 2014 Pride of Poland sale and thus joined her maternal granddam PANIKA at Athbah Stud in Saudi Arabia.

Last but not least, the narrow stream of the GAZELLA family that was extended via the first mare ever registered in the newly established State Stud of Michatów, the bay MIRIAM 1946 (Mlech Pełkiński - Gahdar / Wielki Szlem) and her bay granddaughter MITRA 1969

(Celebes - Manilla / Doktryner), is represented today by the exquisite EKSTERN daughter, MESALINA 2008 (out of Mata Hari / Werbum). MESALINA still has the chance to prolong her small sub-family but it is her marvellous son MORION 2013 (by Kahil Al Shaqab), 2015 World Gold Champion Junior Colt and the sire of outstanding offspring, that counts as her biggest achievement so far. Another small substream of the GAZELLA dam line which derives from the very valuable dam



Mlecha DB portrayed by the famous Polish painter Juliusz Kossak



Sabellina (Abu Afas - Sabda / Miecznik)
Photo by Zofia Raczkowska

of WIELKI SZLEM 1938, ELEGANTKA 1923 (Bakszysz - Gazella II / Koheilan DB), was preserved in Janów Podlaski through the beautiful grey CELNA 1991 (Alegro - Ceduta / Bandos) and her classy chestnut daughter

CENOZA 2005 (by Ekstern), sold to Halsdon Arabians of Great Britain for € 240 000 in 2014.

GAZELLA was not the only desert-bred mare imported to Jarczowce in

1845 that established a strong family which has spread its genetic potential around the world for nearly a hundred and eighty years. Although the numbers may not be so impressive when compared to GAZELLA, the



Bandola (Witraz - Batatajka / Amurath Sahib)
Photos by Zofia Raczkowska





Sefora (Ekstern - Sawantka / Pepton) Photo by Sylwia Itenda



Sawantka (Pepton - Saszetka / Engano)
Photo by Stuart Vesty



Belladonna (Europejczyk - Bellona / Czako) Photo by Stuart Vesty

families of MLECHA DB and SAHARA DB still count as some of the most important female lines in the Polish breeding programme. MLECHA branched out into some significant sub-lines derived from, among others, the winner of Derby and Oaks, SABELLINA 1954 (Abu Afas - Sabda / Miecznik), and the immortal "Queen of Janów Podlaski", the true dam of distinction, BANDOLA 1948 (Witraż - Bałatajka / Amurath Sahib). The former has produced many winners of the most important racing events, including Derby, Oaks and Porównawcza Stakes, and most recently the epitome of the Polish Arabian mare, the stunning grey SEFORA 2005 (Ekstern - Sawantka /

Pepton), the international show multi-champion and one of the most talented race horses of her age group. SABELLINA is also the ancestor of two WAHO winners, SARMACJA 1986 (Gil - Saszetka / Engano) in 2007 and her daughter SALSA 2000 (by Wojstaw) in 2020. The latter got through a major crisis but has recently flourished thanks to the great-great-granddaughter of BANDOLA, the beautiful bay BELLADONA 1995 (Europejczyk - Bellona / Czako), the dam of the exquisite bay BELGICA 2003 (by Gazal Al Shaqab), sold to Halsdon Arabians of Great Britain for € 410 000 in 2013, and the great-great-granddam of the exotic bay BRODNICA 2019 (Pogrom - Bambina / Kahil Al Shaqab), 2020 European Bronze Champion Yearling Filly, sold to Hanaya Arabians of Switzerland for € 250 000 in 2021. A separate sub-division of MLECHA, deriving from the Janów Podlaski-bred mare HARMONIA 1966 (Negativ - Harfa / Omar II), belongs to the youngest A separate sub-division of MLECHA, deriving from the Janów Podlaski-bred mare HARMONIA 1966



Belgica (Gazal Al Shaqab - Belladona / Europejczyk) Photo by Stuart Vesty



Brodnica (Pogrom - Bambina / Kahil Al Shaqab) Photos by Sylwia Itenda





Harmonia (Negativ - Harfa / Omar II)
Photo by Marian Gadzalski



Herlina (Ekstern - Heroldia / Eukaliptus) Photo by Sylwia Itenda



Hula (Pentagonn - Hulanka / Eukaliptus) Photos by Sylwia Itenda



(Negativ - Harfa / Omar II), belongs to the youngest Arabian State Stud in Białka. After the privatization of Kurozweki, the fourth Arabian State Stud of Poland, two full sisters, HULANKA 1989 and HEROLDIA 1992

(Eukaliptus - Heraldyka / Palas), joined the broodmare band of Białka and further extended this precious sub-family. HULANKA produced the sensational snow-white HULA 1996 (by Pentagonn), sold to Australia

for € 160 000, while HEROLDIA had enhanced the breeding programme of Białka with HERCA 2000 (by Pesal), HALIMA 2004 and HERLINA 2005 (both by Ekstern), before she was exported to the USA in 2005.



Euzona (Om El Bellissimo - Euzetia / Etogram) Photo by Sylwia Itenda



Euzona (Om El Bellissimo - Euzetia / Etogram)
Photo by Oliwia Chmielewska



Euzona (Om El Bellissimo - Euzetia / Etogram) Photo by Oliwia Chmielewska



Europa (Bandos - Eunice / Comet)
Photo by Rik Van Lent JR

In recent years, the sub-streams of the SAHARA family produced the spectacular snow-white EUZONA 2011 (Om El Bellissimo - Euzetia / Etogram), the great-granddaughter of the ethereal EUROPA 1975 (Bandos - Eunice / Comet), as well as the charming chestnut ENCARINA 2017

(Ascot DD - Eneria / QR Marc) who derives from EUROPA's younger half-sister EUTERPE 1983 (Probat - Eunice / Comet). Both mares were bred by Janów Podlaski and brought fame and glory to their home stud with numerous trophies. EUZONA was, among others, 2019

European Bronze Champion Senior Mare and 2020 Polish National Bronze Champion Senior Mare, while her younger stable companion ENCARINA repeatedly ended up on the podium of various national and international shows. In Michałów, the most recognizable representative



Norma
(Gazal Al Shaqab - Nina / Monogramm)
Photo by Sylwia Itenda

of the SAHARA family in recent years was the noble grey GAZAL AL SHAQAB daughter NORMA 2004 (out of Nina / Monogramm). NORMA was the maternal granddaughter of WN NASTASEA 1977 (Nabor – Kirkors Gazal / Kirkor) gifted to Michałów by D. Wrigley-Chauncey. She became 2013 Polish National Champion Senior Mare and Best in Show as well as one of the highest-selling lots of the 2014 Pride of Poland auction. After she was purchased by Al Muawd Stud of Saudi Arabia for €250 000, she continued her successful show career as Qatar International Champion, U.K.I.A.H.S. Champion and European Reserve Champion Senior Mare in 2015 as well as PSAIAHF Bronze Champion Senior Mare in 2016 and PSAIAHF Gold Champion, Dubai International Gold Champion and Silver Champion Senior Mare in Riyadh in 2017.



Euterpe (Probat - Eunice / Comet)
Photo by Zofia Raczkowska

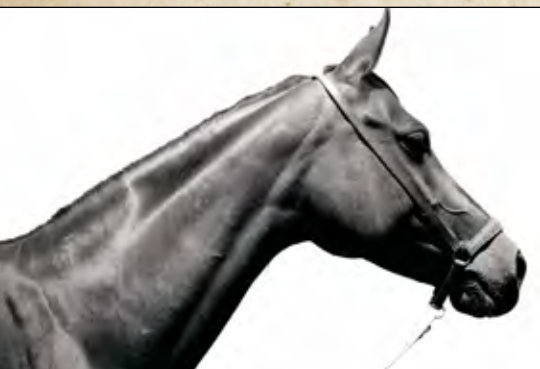


Encarina
(Ascot DD - Eneria / QR Marc)
Photo by Ewa Imielska - Hebda

Apart from the most famous family of MILORDKA, the Sanguszkowian Stud in Sławuta was the birthplace of another three progenitors of precious Polish dam lines: the bay SZWEYKOWSKA, born circa 1800, the grey UKRAINKA, born circa 1815 and WOŁOSZKA, born in 1810. Each of these families has greatly contributed to the Arabian horse breeding in Poland and each has produced priceless progeny, also in recent years. The oldest of these three dam lines commenced by SZWEYKOWSKA, which in 2000 celebrated two hundred years of documented breeding, is best known for the sub-family began

by the chestnut WERBENA 1945 (Wojski - Kalina Wnuczka / Koheilan I) and further expanded by her bay granddaughter WARMIA 1963 (Comet - Wadera / Doktryner). Crossed with EL PASO 1967 four times in a row, WARMIA produced four excellent fillies: the bay WIZJA 1973, WISTULA 1974 and WERSJA 1975 as well as

the chestnut WILEJKA 1976. While on lease to Lasma Arabians of the USA, WIZJA became US National Champion Senior Mare in 1977. No wonder that two most celebrated show champions of recent years that have emerged from the family of SZWEYKOWSKA are the descendants of WIZJA's two most accomplished



Warmia (Comet - Wadera / Doktryner)
Photo by Marian Gadzalski



Wizja (El Paso - Warmia / Comet) Photo by Jerry Sparagowski



Wadera (Doktryner - Werbena / Wojski)
Photo by Ines Doner



Wiazma (Arbil - Wizja / El Paso) Photo by Sylwia Itenda

daughters, the chestnut WIZJERA 1988 (by Tallin) and the bay WIAŻMA 1991 (by Arbil). The former is the great-great-granddam of the wonderful snow-white WILDONA 2014 (Shanghai EA – Wilda / Gazal Al Shaqab), 2018 Polish National Silver Champion and European Gold Champion Senior Mare, 2019 All Nations Cup Bronze Champion Senior Mare, 2020 Silver Champion Senior Mare in Menton and 2021 Silver Champion Senior Mare in Sharjah, while the latter will be best remembered as the granddam of the distinguished dark-bay WIEŻA MOCY 2010 (QR Marc – Wieża Marzeń / Ekstern), 2011 Polish National Gold Champion and European Bronze Champion Junior Filly, 2012 European and World Gold Champion Junior Filly, 2014 Las Vegas, Scottsdale and



Wildona
(Shanghai EA - Wilda / Gazal Al Shaqab)
Photo by Elisa Grassi



Wilda (Gazal Al Shaqab - Wilga / Ekstern) Photo by Anette Mattsson



Wildanova
(WH Justice - Wilda / Gazal Al Shaqab)
Photo by Sylwia Itenda



Wieża Marzeń (Ekstern - Wiaźma / Arbil) Photos by Sylwia Itenda

US National Gold Champion Senior Mare, 2015 Scottsdale Gold Champion Senior Mare and 2019 Polish National Gold Champion Senior Mare. This sub-line of SZWEYKOWSKA also produced such important individuals as WIEŻA WIATRÓW 2001 (Ganges – Wiaźma / Arbil) who, as a yearling, became the highest-selling lot of the

2002 Pride of Poland sale (\$ 220 000) and WOJSŁAW 1986 (Tallin – Wilejka / El Paso), 1991 Polish National Champion Senior Stallion and the sire of outstanding offspring that were successful both in the show ring and on the racetrack. In 1993, two phenomenal colts by WOJSŁAW were born in Michałów, the bay Derby

winner DRUID (out of Dalida / Probat), sold for the record price of \$ 500 000 to Turkish Jockey Club, and the grey Polish National and US National Champion Senior Stallion EMANOR (out of Emanacja / Eukaliptus) who was also very successful under saddle in the English Pleasure and Park Horse divisions.



Wieża Mocy (QR Marc - Wieża Marzeń / Ekstern) Photo by Sylwia Itenda



Fatma
(Anarchista - Forta / Kuhailan
Abu Urkub)
Photo by Marian Gadzalski



Forta (Kuhailan Abu Urkub - Porta / Nedjari) Michałow Stud Archives



Fallada (Monogramm - Fanaberia / Probat) Photo by Lidia Pawłowska

as well as two Oaks winners – full sister to CZORT – DYSKA 1950 and FATMA 1961 (by Anarchista). Several daughters of FORTA started their own sub-families and, although derived from one mare, UKRAINKA grew stronger with each foaling season. Except from establishing a strong female line, the family also produced some significant stallions. In 1981, at the age of twenty, FATMA delivered a brown foal by PROBAT 1975 who, as a two-year-old, became European and World Champion Junior Colt. It was FAWOR, 1990 Polish National Champion Senior Stallion and the sire of precious progeny. The most recognisable female representative of UKRAINKA also comes from the sub-family established by FATMA, although she is far from being a typical member of this line. Intensely chestnut and rather average on the racetrack, FALLADA 1995 (Monogramm – Fanaberia / Probat) reached the top as a show mare in 2001 when she became World Reserve Champion Senior Mare. In addition, she was 2003 Polish National Champion Senior Mare and 2005 Canadian National Champion Senior Mare. In 2009, FALLADA was sold to Belgium for € 465 000.

The uniqueness of the UKRAINKA dam line stems from its strong genetic prepotency when it comes to colour and racing capabilities. Many representatives of this meritorious family are dark coloured and unbeaten on the racetrack, the qualities that they inherited from the progenitor of the line, the dark-bay mare FORTA 1943 (Kuhailan Abu Urkub – Porta / Nedjari), bred by Prince Roman Sanguszko in Gumniska. Although FORTA's own achievements on the racetrack were rather average, the blood of her French maternal grandsire NEDJARI 1926 must

have greatly contributed to the racing abilities of her get. For years, she was the top-ranked producer of racetrack winners and record holder when it comes to the quantity and quality of her offspring. FORTA was one of the most prolific broodmares in the history of the Polish Arabian horse breeding as she gave birth to twenty foals; ten colts and ten fillies. Among others, she produced two Derby winners – EQUIFOR 1951 (by Amurath Sahib) and FINISZ 1967 (by Czardasz), two Porównawcza Stakes winners – CZORT 1949 (by Wielki Szlem) and the aforementioned FINISZ



Ellora (Witraż - Elza / Rasim Pierwszy)



Kajora (Kaborr - Edjora / Exelsjor) Photo by Judith



Etna (Faher - Elżunia / Witraż)



Elżunia (Witraż x Elza / Rasim Pierwszy)

The last family which originated from Sławuta is the distinguished dam line of WOŁOSZKA. Commenced in 1810, her strongest and most successful sub-branch has evolved in Janów Podlaski from the bay mare ELZA 1942 (Rasim Pierwszy - El-Zabibe / Rasim III), bred by Baron Willem Bickner in Ujazd. After World War II, ELZA joined the broodmare band

of Albigowa Stud where she was crossed three times with the epochal sire WITRAŻ 1938, giving three excellent daughters.

First of them, CELINA 1949, was sold to England in 1958, while ELLORA 1950 and ELŻUNIA 1951 extended ELZA's sub-line in Poland. The older ELLORA was best known as the dam of EL PASO 1967 (by Czort), sold for \$

1 000 000 to the USA, however she also produced a few valuable fillies. Her second daughter EDESSA 1961 (by Pietuszok) was sold to Sweden where in 1968 she gave birth to a grey filly EDJORA (by Exelsjor), the dam of US National Champion Senior Mare KAJORA 1979 (by Kaborr). A bay colt by ANAZA EL FARID 1988, born in 1995 in Qatar, is surely KAJORA's greatest contribution to the breed as it was no other than World Champion Senior Stallion GAZAL AL SHAQAB who commenced his own dynasty of champions. The youngest daughter of ELZA, ELŻUNIA, was exported to the Netherlands, leaving only one daughter in Poland. Luckily, it was the excellent grey ETNA 1959 (by Faher), the dam of such prominent sires as ETAP 1971 (by Celebes) and ETERNIT 1976 (by Bandos), whose most celebrated daughter is the European and World Champion Senior Mare ETRURIA 1975 (by Palas). ETRURIA, much like her cousin ELLORA, is best



Etiopia (Celebes - Etna / Faher) Zofia
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Etruria (Palas - Etna / Faher) collecting WAHO Trophy in 2005 Photo by Anette Mattsson



Gazal Al Shaqab (Anaza El Farid - Kajora / Kaborr)
Photo by Gigi Grasso



Enaria (Aloes - Etruria / Palas) Photo by Jerry Sparagowski



Etnologia (Gazal Al Shaqab - Etalanta / Europejczyk) Photo by Gigi Grasso



Larissa (Eukaliptus - Linda / Palas) Photo by Anette Mattsson

known for her sons, the 1981 grey ETOGRAM (by El Paso) and the 1990 grey ECAHO (by Pepton) but she also produced valuable mares, e.g. her firstborn filly, the grey ENARIA 1980 (by Aloès), was sold at the Polish Ovation Sale in Scottsdale for \$ 525 000. At the age of thirty, ETRURIA's amazing accomplishments were honoured with the first ever WAHO Trophy granted to a Polish horse. Nevertheless, the brightest star of the WOŁOSZKA female line born in Janów Podlaski in recent years is the graceful GAZAL AL SHAQAB daughter ETNOLOGIA 2003 (out of Etalanta / Europejczyk), the direct descendant of ETNA through her



Laranda (Ekstern - Larissa / Eukaliptus)
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Liwia (Doktryner - Laguna / Opal)
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Linda (Palas - Lida / Namet) Michałów Stud Archives

elder daughter ETIOPIA 1970 (by Celebes). After a successful show career, ETNOLOGIA, 2011 European Bronze Champion Senior Mare, was sold for € 370 000 to Halsdon Arabians of Great Britain in 2012.

The second largest sub-branch of WOŁOSZKA comes from the grey LAGUNA 1938 (Opal - Niespodzianka / Amurath II), bred by Władysław Kołaczkowski in Dobużek. After World War II, LAGUNA became

part of the Michałów broodmare band and, through her daughter LIWIA 1957 (by Doktryner), her granddaughter LEGENDA 1967 (by Espartero), her great-granddaughter LIDA 1976 (by Namet) and her great-great-granddaughter LINDA 1983 (by Palas), established a strong family of flying-in-the-air flea-bitten mares such as 1997 Polish National Champion Senior Mare LARISSA 1992 (Eukaliptus - Linda / Palas), her daughter LARANDA

2003 (by Ekstern), who became British National Reserve Champion Senior Mare at the age of nineteen or their close cousin LAWINIA 2008 (Ekstern - Luanda / Emigrant), sold to Flaxman Arabians of Belgium for € 95 000 in 2020.

Even though Poland has gone through turbulent times in the last two hundred years, the Poles have managed to protect and preserve their priceless heritage, the genetic

diversity of the Polish dam lines, regardless of the current breeding fashions and trends that come and go like a tide. The passion and perseverance of generations of Polish breeders resulted in the restoration of the most valuable

Arabian families of Poland. Due to difficult circumstances, these dam lines were often restored from a single mare and then bloomed beautifully, bringing many incredible individuals into the world. It is hard to keep count of all the Polish

mares that, through their progeny, immensely influenced world Arabian horse breeding in the last few decades. The unprecedented breeding progress helped in creating the powerfully moving yet exceptionally feminine Polish beauty that until today is perceived as the quintessence of the Arabian mare as well as Poland's national treasure. And although the Arabian horse breeding around the world has taken different directions in recent years, the historical heritage of the Polish dam lines will withstand the test of time, as it has always been. To be continued... □



Loretta (Wojstaw - Linda / Palas) Photo by Stuart Vesty



Lawinia (Ekstern - Luanda / Emigrant) Photo by Sylwia Itenda



The author of the article with Wildona in the pastures of Michałow Stud. Photo by Sylwia Itenda