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## The HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival



'Reid River R-Mani'



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'Djehlibi'



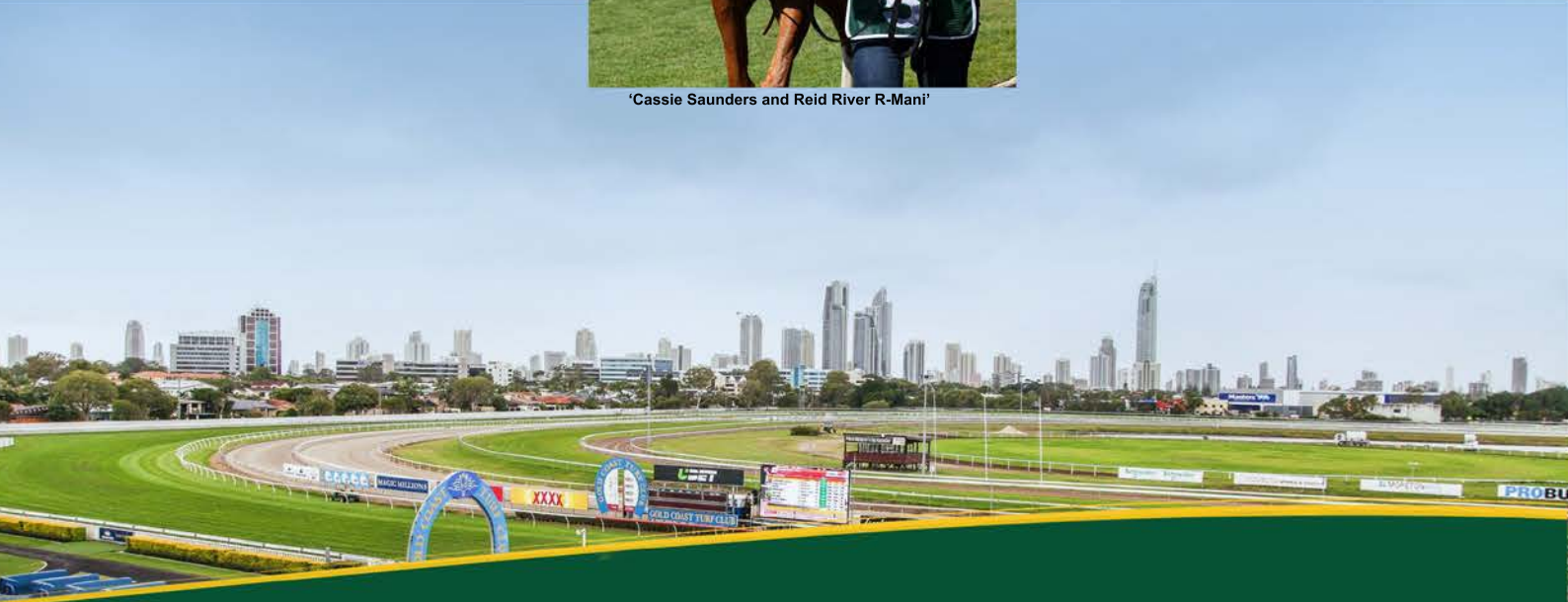
AARC President Mr. Michael Rollston, Jockey Benjamin Jewitt,  
Reid River R-Mani, Trainer Anthony Mountney, owner Cassie Saunders



'Cassie Saunders and Reid River R-Mani'



'Beautiful City of 'Gold Coast Queensland'



## Arabians Shine at the Gold Coast

Article: Mr Michael Rollston –

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The sun was shining and the turf was flying when the southern raider, Reid River R-Mani, and the magnificent stallion, Djehlbi, emerged winners in the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival's Wathba Stud Farm Cup races as the globe-trotting series made its debut at the Gold Coast Turf Club in Australia on Saturday.

The Festival staged two races in its Wathba Stud Farm Cup series and Reid River R-Mani won the first of the two races under Benjamin Jewitt while Djehlbi under Isabella Teh won the second.

The first race was run over 1200 meters and spectators were treated to a beautiful ride by jockey Benjamin Jewitt who sat patiently on Reid River R-Mani before driving the Anthony Mountney trained gelding to a well earned 3.5 length win for owner Cassie Saunders. The up and coming Aloha Natalis, a horse owned, trained and ridden by Jill Colwell, ran second and the well tried Keisha, ridden by Isabella Teh and owned and trained by Jay Randle, running into third place. The winning time was 1:25.67. Reputations were on the line in the second race when Isabelle Teh and Djehlbi took to the track. The pair had won the Festival's Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Cup at Sportingbet Park in January 2015 and on

Saturday the two were back to winning ways in the second Wathba Stud Farm Cup race.

Run over 1400 metres, Teh unleashed Djehlbi at the half way mark and demolished the eight-horse field with a trade-mark win by 12.5 lengths from Justice For All MI ridden Benjamin Jewitt. Aloha Desert Jewel, ridden by Jill Colwell, finished third. Djehlbi's win was a real family affair with jockey Isabella Teh being the daughter of owner/trainer Michelle Amos and his strapper was Gary Amos, Michelle's husband. Djehlbi finished in a time of 1:36.97.

The Mayor of Gold Coast Mr. Tom Tate, Equine Racing Solutions Director and AARC President Mr. Michael Rollston and Gold Coast Turf Club President Mr. Brett Cook gave away the trophies to the winning connections of the two races and reinforced their commitment to the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival.

"We are very pleased with the success of our first ever races under the Festival's banner at the Gold Coast Turf Club," said Ms. Lara Sawaya, Executive Director of the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival, Chairperson of the Int'l Federation of Horse Racing Academies (IFHRA) and Chairperson of Ladies & Apprentice Racing Committees in the International Federation of Arabian Horse Racing Authorities (IFAHR).

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Cindy Klinkenberg



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H.H. Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies World Championship ( IFAHR )



Meg Wade and Chris Gates







### **HH Sheikhha Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies World Championship (IFAHR) race**

Dutch lady steers Warrawee Naaziq to victory in Caulfield, Australia

Australia marked its National Day on January 26 and their Australia Day race meeting was kick-started by the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival's HH Sheikhha Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies World Championship (IFAHR) race at the Caulfield Racecourse in Victoria.

One of the largest bands of racing fans watched the Purebred Arabian horses display their racing skills under lady jockeys drawn from all over the world. Despite the presence of two professional jockeys it was Dutch lass Cindy Klinkenberg on last year's winner and race favourite Warrawee Naaziq finishing first in a close battle to win the Euros 30,000 (Approx. \$43,500 AUD) event run over a mile's distance.

It was one of the two professional jockeys, Mina You of Korea on the Anthony Mountney-trained Coolinda Park Winston who led for most part of the race and looked headed for home. But the 11-year-old Warrawee Naaziq, trained and owned by Kim Noble, showed his class when he made his move under Klinkenberg with about two furlongs to go and then caught and overtook the leader with about half a length to spare and score another superb win.

Trainer Mountney's horses Coolinda Park Winston and Justice For All under German lady jockey Eva Maria Herresthal finished second and third. The winning time for the 1600-metre race was 1.54.63 and it was the fifth win in 9 starts for Warrawee Naaziq. The Dutch jockey was thrilled with her win and said, "I always thought I had a chance as Warrawee Naaziq was the favourite. He responded well in the final stages and I am glad I won." Klinkenberg has now qualified to take a shot at the HH Sheikhha Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies World Championship (IFAHR) title race which will be held in November in Abu Dhabi and contested by winners of all the rounds preceding it. Jake Norton, General Manager of Racing at the Melbourne Racing Club, said, "It is great that HH Sheikhha Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies World Championship (IFAHR) races are being run in Australia. It helps us develop international relations."

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Ben Thompson and Tom Marquand



Lara Sawaya, Anouska and Luella Cain



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**Reigning Ladies World Champion Wulschleger, Apprentice Jeonghee qualify Ziyadd wins Listed Zayed Cup, eyes European Triple crown**

#### Rome, Italy

Ziyadd, owned by HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister of the UAE and Minister of Presidential Affairs ran into contention for this year's Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Cup European Triple Crown while reigning HH Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies World Champion Astrid Wulschleger took her first step towards defence of that title she won in 2015.

On Sunday, May 29 at the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival's 'Emirates Day meeting' of three top Purebred Arabian horse races, Ziyadd under Pierantonio Convertino won the Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Cup (Listed) race at the Capannelle race course in Rome. The 4-year-old Bibi de Carrere colt out of Mizzna was the pre-race favourite and the Antoine Watrigant-trained runner was superb as he demolished the field of 9 challengers to win the 2400-metre race. Ziyadd had finished fourth to Muraagib in the first leg of the Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Cup European Triple Crown held in Toulouse and with Sunday's win leads the pack going into the final leg which will be held in Duindigt, The Netherlands on June 26, 2016.

Al Janoob under Anna Pilroth did all the running but ran out of steam with about two furlongs to go as Ziyadd charged home. Lares De Pine, owned by the UAE's Taleb bin Dhaheeri finished third behind Al Janoob in the Euros 35,000 Listed race. In the Euros 25,000 HH Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies World Championship race, 2015 world champion Astrid Wulschleger of Switzerland scored a smart win on Mirko and ensured she booked a spot in the final of this year's Ladies Championship which will be held in November in Abu Dhabi. After Turriga under South Korea's Lee Keumjoo led the field for most of the 1800-metre distance, Mirko under Wulschleger and Monnalisa under home favourite Jessica Marcialis took over. But after a brief battle it was Mirko that romped home much to the disappointment of the Italians rooting for Monnalisa. Australian Cecily Eaton on Tabasco finished third in the 10-horse race. If Keumjoo failed in her effort to make it a start-to-finish affair in the Ladies Championship race, her countryman Jeong Jeonghee did just that earlier in the day to win the HH Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak Apprentice World Championship race. Riding the unbeaten Urge De Gallura, Jeonghee made every post a winning one in the Euros 30,000 race run over 1600-metres. The 24-year-old Jeonghee, who also has a win in seven starts in Australia, finished way ahead of Italian Gabriele Cannarella on Triade while Moroccan Omar Lakjal on Urugano Di Chia was third.

"I have heard so much about Abu Dhabi through our Korean lady jockey who qualified for the final last year and I am so excited that I will experience that international feel this



Apprentice Jockey: J Jeonghee



Jockey Pierantonio Convertino aboard Ziyadd



Australian Pro Jockey: Cecily Eaton





Adnan Al Nuaimi with Australian pro jockey Linda Meech



year. My trainer just asked me to trust in the horse and I did just third, the horse obliging in great fashion," the Korean winner said.

The UAE Ambassador to Italy, HE Saqr Nasser Al Raisi along with many other UAE envoys and top racing officials who were here for the WAHRC, attended the races and gave away the trophies to the winners of the three races along with Ms Lara Sawaya, Executive Director of the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival, Chairperson of Int'l Federation of Horse Racing Academies (IFHRA) and Chairperson of Ladies & Apprentice Racing Committees in the International Federation of Arabian Horse Racing Authorities (IFAHR).

"This was a great debut for the Festival in Italy and we hope that it will trigger more interest in Purebred Arabians here," Ms Sawaya said.

"We congratulate HH Sheikh Mansoor on the victory of Ziyadd and this horse has the chance to become the new Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Cup European Triple Crown Winner. For the last four years it was Ameretto that had been winning the European Triple Crown and this year we are likely to have a new champion," she said. Later the chief guests also inaugurated a photo exhibition by Morhaf El Assaf of the Festival's events.

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## HH Sheikh Mansoor Festival's WAHRC, race meeting a great success

### Mayor of Rome honours HH Sheikh Mansoor

#### Rome, Italy

The Mayor of Rome Francesco Paolo Tronca honoured HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister of the UAE and Minister of Presidential Affairs with a miniature of the 'Lupa Capitolina' a symbol of the long and famous history of Romans, which was received by UAE Ambassador to Italy, HE Saqr Nasser Al Raisi with Ms Lara Sawaya, Executive Director of the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival, Chairperson of Int'l Federation of Horse Racing Academies (IFHRA) and Chairperson of Ladies & Apprentice Racing Committees in the International Federation of Arabian Horse Racing Authorities (IFAHR) also being present.

At a ceremony at the City Hall of Rome on Monday, Mayor Tronca said HH Sheikh Mansoor was being honoured for his support in spreading the UAE's Culture and Heritage through the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival.

Mayor Tronca also presented HE Al Raisi and Ms Sawaya with mementoes at the ceremony for their outstanding effort in staging the Three-day World Arabian Horse Racing Conference and the Emirate Day race meeting for Arabian horses, all held between May 26 - 30, 2016.

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The Mayor had announced the award to HH Sheikh Mansoor during the Festival's gala dinner on Saturday and said, "We had to do this officially here at the City Hall as HH Sheikh Mansoor has through the Festival of Arabian Horse racing taken the traditional aspects of UAE culture to all parts of the world."

"The city of Rome presents its most precious symbol to HH Sheikh Mansoor for his role in strengthening the bonds between the UAE and Italy and the great relationship that has been established by the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival with Rome through the WAHRC event and the race meeting," he said.

The Mayor and nine other members of the Roman City Council were present during the ceremony and Tronca added, "The Council appreciates the move to hold the important WAHRC in Rome. We are also greatly impressed with the effort of HE Saqr and Ms Sawaya in putting together this great event which has surely helped bolster the ties between the two countries." "The UAE is known for staging great international events and we are aware that the country will be hosting EXPO 2020, great event which was staged here in Italy in 2015," said Mayor Tronca, a native of Sicily who oversaw security during Expo Milan 2015 and has been praised for keeping the event free of corruption and organised crime.



The UAE Ambassador to Italy HE Saqr Nasser Al Raisi said, "We thank the Mayor and his team for this valuable honour to HH Sheikh Mansoor and we are sure HH Sheikh Mansoor will appreciate the presence of this precious symbol of Rome in his office."

"The UAE is also thankful to the Mayor and all other Italian bodies that made the conduct of the WAHRC 2016 smooth and successful," HE Al Raisi said.

"This is a great occasion for the HH Sheikh Mansoor Festival and the UAE to be recognized and honored by the city of Rome. We received great co-operation and support during the last week while staging the WAHRC and the races with over 500 delegates attending from over 80 countries," said Ms Lara Sawaya.

"This is just the beginning of our relationship with Rome and Italy. We will be back again soon to stage an endurance race under the umbrella of the Festival," she added.



### Morocco named host of 2017 World Arabian Horse Racing Conference

A glittering dinner gala party held at the famous Pincio Park concluded activities of the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival's World Arabian Horse Racing Conference (WAHRC) in Rome, Italy and Morocco was named as the host of the 8th edition of the conference in 2017.

The UAE's Minister of State for Tolerance, HE Sheikha Lubna Al Qasimi along with Omar Skalli, Director General of Society for Promotion of Purebred Arabian horses in Morocco received the WAHRC flag from the 2016 WAHRC hosts though the UAE Ambassador to Italy, HE Saqr Nasser Al Raisi in the presence of the Mayor of Rome Tronca Francesco Paolo, Dr. Hissa Abdulla Al Otaiba, Ambassador of State to Spain and Non Resident envoy to the Vatican, Ms Lara Sawaya, Executive Director of the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival, Chairperson of Int'l Federation of Horse Racing Academies (IFHRA) and Chairperson of Ladies & Apprentice Racing Committees in the International Federation of Arabian Horse Racing Authorities (IFAHR), UAE envoys to a few other countries with the 500-plus WAHRC delegates from 81 countries in attendance.

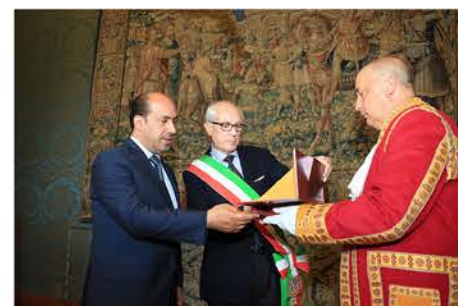
The Festival presented mementoes HE Sheikha Lubna, HE Saqr Al Raisi, HE Dr. Hissa while Rome Mayor Tronca Francesco Paolo and Colonel Massimo Crocco Barisano of the Lancers of Montebello were presented special-made paintings by Ms Sawaya.

Mayor Tronca hailed the strong relations between Italy and the UAE and said the city of Rome was proud to have been the host for the important conference on Arabian racing. "The ties between the UAE and Italy have been strengthened. Italy's Milan hosted Expo 2015, the universal exposition and in 2020 Dubai in the UAE will be the hosts. There is a lot of co-operation on between the two countries in this regard," the Mayor of Rome said.

The loudest cheers of the night went to the HH Sheikh Mansoor Festival when Ziad Iskandarani, Certification Manager of Bureau Veritas awarded the ISO 9001-2015 certificate to the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival, the first and only one in the UAE to receive this honour. The Certificate was received by Ms Lara Sawaya and Mussalam Al Amri on behalf of the Festival.

All panel members of the various sessions during the three-day workshop, along with representatives of the sponsors, UAE owners and trainers, jockeys and racing officials were all honored by the Festival.

Local folk songs and music accompanied by dance were the highlight of the night with the well-lit city of Rome forming the backdrop to the stage where the ceremony was held followed by dinner.







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## World Arabian Horse Racing Conference

### Huge step to promote Purebred Arabian racing

### HH Sheikh Mansoor Festival to set up much-awaited global data base

#### Rome, Italy

In response to the overwhelming demand for a unified data base of information on Purebred Arabian racing, the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival stepped in and announced that it would create one under its umbrella by the end of the year. The announcement on Saturday, May 28, 2016, during the Workshop that brought the curtain down on the three-day World Arabian Horse Racing Conference (WAHRC) in Rome, Italy, was greeted with loud cheers by the nearly 500-strong fraternity of expert delegates from various fields, racing officials, owners, trainers, jockeys, media and representatives of sponsors of the Festival as it completed a successful organization of its 7th annual WAHRC.

"Under instructions from HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister of the UAE and Minister of Presidential Affairs, the Festival will set up a data base of all aspects of Purebred Arabian horses racing that will help promote the sport," announced Ms Lara Sawaya, Executive Director of the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival, Chairperson of Int'l Federation of Horse Racing Academies (IFHRA) and Chairperson of Ladies & Apprentice Racing Committees in the International Federation of Arabian Horse Racing Authorities (IFAHR).

"We will work with Equibase, Racing Post, Paris Turf, the Emirates Racing Association, the Emirates Arabian Horse Society and many other such data providers but the main participants will have to be the respective National Federations and their Arabian Registers involved with the sport of Arabian horse racing," she said.

Earlier, Sami Al Boueinen, Chairman of IFAHR, responded to criticism over the length of time it has taken to set up a database, highlighted the difficulties IFAHR faced, the main one being the inconsistent supply of information by race bodies/organisations in various member countries.

Ms Sawaya warned that the Festival would even consider pulling out its support to those countries not cooperating with providing quick and accurate information regarding their domestic racing calendar, data on horses, owners, trainers and jockeys as well as results. "This is the first step which will go a long way in the promotion of Purebred Arabian horse racing," she said.

A large number of owners and trainers lamented the shortage of races, particularly in the UAE for Purebred Arabian races. Richard Mullen, supported by fellow jockey Xavier Ziani, said night time temperatures in late April and early May could allow for racing of Arabians to take place without risk while the ERA's Yaser Mabrouk noted that it could be difficult. Abu Dhabi Equestrian Club racing director Pat Buckley felt it was better to have extra races per meeting than extend season.

This aspect and another major one concerning the disparity in rating of Arabian race horses in various countries were hotly debated and resulted in the second positive note coming out of the Workshop. Ms Sawaya announced that a meeting of all owners, trainers, jockeys, racing officials and the media will

gather in the UAE to discuss and find solutions to the issues of more races and a harmonised rating system.

Earlier on Saturday morning, the session on 'Future of Arabian Racing' had apart from Ms Lara Sawaya, Ed Murphy of the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles, Keith Brackpool of the Stronach Group of US racecourses, Boutros Boutros of Emirates airlines, Eduard Hamod of National Feed and Flour, Mubarak Al Nuaimi of TCA Abu Dhabi and Dr Abdulla Rayess of the National Archives.

Eduard Hamod, representing National Feed and Flour, the main sponsors of the WAHRC said, "We are supporting the Festival's activities as we see a huge potential and growth of the sport through it."

Dr Rayess said it was required to collate an archive of information, written and pictorial, on the history of Arabian racing and the modern development of the sport. "We will also help in the data base," he said, later confirming that the site was also registered!

Ed Murphy stressed the need to tell the stories behind the races in order to keep the audiences engaged over a longer period while Keith Brackpool said one had to move with times. "Entertainment options have evolved and expanded since the days when horse racing used to be the only live entertainment and sport. We have to cater to the changing demographic needs and keep pace with times," he said.

The Conference ended on a positive note and over the three days, seven sessions and one Workshop was held with over 500 delegates drawn from around 80 countries in attendance.

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