

## V Gran Premio Fieracavalli

## European Championship 2017



## V Gran Premio Fieracavalli Yearling Female



### SS DAMA PIK GOLD MEDAL YEARLING FEMALE EMERALD JI DONNA DIVA B/O: ALLEVAMENTO STIGLER STUD



SS RAIA ANASTASIA SILVER MEDAL YEARLING FEMALE KAHIL AL SHAQAB I ASH RANYA B/O: ALLEVAMENTO STIGLER STUD ASHWAQ AL SHAQAB BRONZE MEDAL YEARLING FEMALE WADEE AL SHAQAB | DIADEMAH B/O: AL SHAQAB MEMBER OF Q.F.

## V Gran Premio Fieracavalli Junior Female



### MARIKHA IA GOLD MEDAL JUNIOR FEMALE LIBANO MPE I JAZEERA STAR B/O: PUCCI MICHELA



HANAYA JAZEEBAH SILVER MEDAL JUNIOR FEMALE KENZ AL BAIDAA | IMHAJAA B: HANAYA STUD - O: FONTANELLA MAGIC ARABIANS

KARISMATIKA BRONZE MEDAL JUNIOR FEMALE DON GIOVANNI J I KARIMA BY GIADA B: IERVOLINO GIANLUCA O: S.C. ARABIANS DI CINQUETTI SILVIA

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### HENDRICKS GOLD MEDAL YEARLING MALE JAMIL IBN MAGNIFIQUE I EA SHAH AJMANIA B: CECCARONI ROBERTO - O: PRISCO ANTONIO



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**RK KARAM SHAZIN** SILVER MEDAL YEARLING MALE QR MARC | TF ESMERALDA B/O: SHAZIN SOCIETA' AGRICOLA A R.L. NEJD ZAHIR BRONZE MEDAL YEARLING MALE SAFEER | HADIYA AL MALI B/O: NEJD ARABIANS

## V Gran Premio Fieracavalli Junior Male



### ALEXANDER PC GOLD MEDAL JUNIOR MALE BEST HEAD MALE & BEST IN SHOW MALE SHANGHAI EA | FARIDA PC - B/O: CAPIZZI FRANCESCO PAOLO



JCJ FEUEREXPLOSION SILVER MEDAL JUNIOR MALE FEUER JADE | JCJ MAHARANY B: JOSEF RUSENBERG - O: VIEIDER IVAN



**PICCADILLY** BRONZE MEDAL JUNIOR MALE AJMAN MONISCIONE | SHAKIRA BY KIR B: SPARAPAN AMADIO - O: SCALVINI MARIA ANGIOLA

## V Gran Premio Fieracavalli Senior Female



### AV DOHASSAI GOLD MEDAL SENIOR FEMALE BEST IN SHOW FEMALE

MASSAI IBN MARENGA | AV DOIMHA - B: VALLE ARABA DEI F.LLI SANCHI S.S. - O: WOODY ARABIANS



**CREOLA LC** SILVER MEDAL SENIOR FEMALE E: AJMAN MONISCIONE | CLEOPATRA LC B/O: SOCIETA' AGRICOLA SCAH ARABIANS



MY WHOS THAT GIRL BRONZE MEDAL SENIOR FEMALE BEST HEAD FEMALE SHANGHAI EA I LADY PRUE B/O: MY ARABIANS DEL CAV. MANFREDI MASSIMO

## V Gran Premio Fieracavalli Senior Male



### JAMAAL DI MAR GOLD MEDAL SENIOR MALE MARAJJ I CALYENNA EL JAMAAL B: MARCO FRANCHINI - O: SOC.AGR. TRE STELLE SAS



FEUER JADE SILVER MEDAL SENIOR MALE AJMAN MONISCIONE I NEVA BINT VOLGA B/O: VEIEDER IVAN



**ENGULO EEA** BRONZE MEDAL SENIOR MALE SHANGHAI EA I ENJORA E B: ENZO LTD - O: FONTANELLA MAGIC ARABIANS

## V Gran Premio Fieracavalli Futurity Female



### VIRGINIA MONISCIONE GOLD MEDAL FUTURITY FEMALE AJMAN MONISCIONE I ANNA MONISCIONE

AJMAN MONISCIONE | ANNA MONISCIONI B/O: BUZZI GIANCARLO



HANIMA MCA SILVER MEDAL FUTURITY FEMALE KANZ ALBIDAYER | NAJAA ASHIRAF B/O: SCARAMELLA EMANUELA **VESTIGE** BRONZE MEDAL FUTURITY FEMALE AJMAN MONISCIONE | GIADA GI B/O: : IERVOLINO GIANLUCA

## V Gran Premio Fieracavalli Futurity Male



### PSYCO IBN PSYTADEL GOLD MEDAL FUTURITY MALE PSYTADEL I HESSEN BY HASS B/O: BATTISTI GIUSEPPE



**TF MIHAL** SILVER MEDAL FUTURITY MALE KHAIL AL SHAQAB | LATIFFA B/O: TRIPODI FRANCESCO



AMANI MONISCIONE BRONZE MEDAL FUTURITY MALE AJ MARDAN | ALMA AL TIGLIO B/O: BUZZI GIANCARLO



# European Championship 2017

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A hundred horses showed up on the arena in Verona, Italy to compete in the European Championships (28-29.10). The show was part of a huge event whose tradition dates back to 1898 and has been taking place under the name of Fieracavalli. This year over four days it gathered more than 3 thousand horses of 60 breeds, from Fresians to Akhal-Teke horses. The public cheered on not only the Arabian horses that competed for the titles of European Champions, but also all others. It was not easy to push through the crowds of people and horses, which flowed as though in Medieval times from one place to another via narrow passageways between the exhibition halls. According to the organizers more than 160 thousand tickets were sold to visitors from 63 countries.

The arena that was allotted to Arabian horses was this time not very large – there was not enough room for the usual decorations from "Aida", a characteristic element of the shows in years past. But it did not disturb the celebratory atmosphere of the show. Because it is the horses that are most important and these did not disappoint. The classes counted from 12 participants (7-9 year old mares) to just 2 (10 year old and older stallions) but it has to be said that in times when everyone is complaining about the number of horses at shows, Verona did more than well: 101 horses in the arena, not counting the Futurity class, is a very decent result. The show was judged by: Sylvie Eberhardt (Germany), Tom Husebye (Norway), Al Shaarawi (Egypt), Marco Pittaluga (Italy), Gideon Reisel (Holland) and Josy Everars (Belgium).

#### The produce of one dam sets the tone

Victorious in the yearling fillies of series A (9 participants) was the chestnut owner of an exotic head, DA Ariyana (EKS Alihandro – DA Miss Justice/WH Justice) from the Austrian Stud of Cornelia Kolnberger, Diamond Arabians (454 pts); her full sister, the grey DA Alihandra, a while later won the 2 year old fillies class (6 participants) with a score of 460 pts, including 5x20. Both fillies fought later for the highest honor in the finals – with a great result, as the 2 year old won the gold (almost unanimously) and the yearling took the bronze. Apparently Ms. Kolnberger has discovered another "golden cross"!

But back to the yearlings. DA Ariyana felt the breath of a daughter of Pogrom and Wróżka by Ganges, the bay Wadelia, bred and owned by Lutetia Arabians (France) of Ms. Helene Zaleski. The filly received the same amount of points as the winner of the class. The rivals were silenced in the finals by AJ Norah (AJ Mardan – Inspired Najla/Ajman Moniscione) from Ajman Stud. First she bested (only slightly, as both fillies received 459 pts) the second in yearlings class series B Nemesi Regalis (SA Faez Simbad – Nashira by Chawy Na/Lucky Dream), bred and owned by Pietro Re (Italy) and later took the gold.

Another AJ Mardan offspring that made itself seen in Verona, apart from AJ Norah, was the winner of the yearling colts series A class (6 competitors), AJ Radman (out of AJ Rahifa/Ajman Moniscione, 458 pts). The B series was won by Emperor K.A.

(QR Marc – Exposita K.A./QR Marc, 452,5) from Knocke Arabians (Belgium). In the finals the representative of Ajman received the gold and the charge of Paul Gheysens took the bronze. The silver went to the second in class (457) son of Exacalibur EA and Mississipi J by OR Marc, the colt Madagaskar J, bred by Christine Jamar and owned by Al Asool Stud (Saudi Arabia). In the 2 year old fillies class the Polish Emanolla (Vitorio TO – Emandoria/Gazal Al Shaqab) and Pamina (Pogrom – Pianissima/Gazal Al Shaqab) had to face the above mentioned graduate of Cornelia Kolnberger and as a result Michałów's representative placed second with a score of 455,5 and Janów's – fifth (450,5). In the finals Emanolla was fifth, right behind Janów's Bambina (Kahil Al Shaqab – Bellisa/Poganin), who in her class placed second with a "20" for type and another top mark for movement (457,5). This class also saw Falborek's Wasalia (EKS Alihandro – Wasa/WH Justice), but despite two "20s" for movement (452) she did not make it into the top five. It was this class that showcased the later medallists in the junior mare category: silver and bronze: Obayana K.A. (Espressivo – Odalis de Nautiac/WH Justice, 459, including 3x20 for movement), born at Knocke Arabians, owned by Cristiano Vito (Italy) and Melody J (Emerald J – Maya J/Extreme, 457), bred by Jadem Arabians, owned by Al Jassimya Farm (Qatar).

The 2 year old colts (7 participants) class was won by another good looking produce of the mare Inspired Najla, Cyclone OS (by RFI Farid), bred and owned by Gestüt Osterhof. We all awaited the 3 year old colts class with great interest where four sons of Shanghai EA would compete against each other. The greatest chances appeared to be with the highly decorated rivals: the Polish-born (bred by Jan Dobrzyński, owned by Sami Ben Saad) Fuerte (out of Frymuszka by Ekstern) and the Frenchbred Wortex Kalliste (out of Marwanah Kalliste/Marwan Al Shaqab), currently in the hands of Shgair Stud (Saudi Arabia). Fuerte, who had not lost for a long time, gained 461,5 pts with two "20s" for type. It was a very high result, but not enough to beat Wortex, who received 2x20 for type, 2x20 for head and neck and a final score of 462. The third of Shanghai's sons, the Spanish Izan Al Cape (out of Wioletta EA/IM Bayard Cathare) from Al Cape Arabians, placed fourth (453,5), while Zeus EA became lame and did not compete. Wortex (gold), Fuerte (silver) and Cyclone OS (bronze) were finally seen on the podium.

Summing up the junior classes it must be noted that two dams, although mares not hens, turned out to "lay golden eggs": DA Miss Justice and Inspired Najla. Each of them can boast two class winners (and further medallists!) among strong competition.

#### Pustynia Kahila and Ekspulsja with the highest score of the day

The senior mare classes usually bring satisfaction to Polish fans. It was no different in Verona. The 4-6 year old mares class (12 participants) promised to be thrilling from the very beginning – and it was! And not only thanks to Pustynia Kahila (Kahil Al Shaqab – Pustynna Malwa/Ekstern) who with three "20s" for type and four for movement set the record score of the day: 467 pts (average 93,4). Apart from her we also saw the well known Aja Europa (Aja Justified – HB Marais/Marwan Al Shaqab) from the stud of the Hickford family, owned by the Royal Cavalry of Oman and the multi medallist DA Magic Moment (WH Justice – DA Enfidha/DA Esstaan), to name the foreign contestants. There were also plenty of Polish ones: Adyga (Kahil Al Shaqab – Amiga/Piaff) from Halsdon Arabians, Ballena (Kahil Al Shaqab – Belgica/Gazal Al Shaqab) from Sinus Arabian Stud (Sweden), Michałów's Emandorissa (Abha Qatar – Emanda/Ecaho) and Janów's Potentilla (Ekstern – Panonia/Eukaliptus) and Euzona (OM El Bellissimo – Euzetia/Etogram).

Absolutely unrivaled was Pustynia Kahila, not only in the eyes of the judges but also the public, who welcomed her with a true ovation. Second placed Aja Europa (461), winning with Emandorissa by type. Fourth placed Nesj El Markhisa (Marwan Al Shaqab – Nesj El Khisaya/Khidar), owned by Al Khair Arabians (Jordan) with a score of 460,5 (incl. 3x20 for type and 3x20 for head and neck, but with lesser marks for movement). The judge Josy Everars did not judge this class due to conflict of interest. DA Magic Moment was fifth, Potentilla – with a whole set of top marks for movement – sixth. This feat ("20s" from all judges for movement) was managed later only by Altamira, who performed in the oldest mares class. The 4-6 year old mares class was a Polish triumph, because finally the representative of Poland won a class, furthermore among such numerous and strong competition. The first four horses qualified for the finals.

In the 7-9 year old mares class (7 participants) Poland ruled again thanks to Janów's Pilarosa (Al Adeed Al Shaqab – Pilar/Fawor) – 460,5, incl. 2x20 for type and a "20" for head and neck. The owned by Suweco Stud (Czech Republic) Berenika (Eden C – Belgica/Gazal Al Shaqab), bred by Janów Podlaski, was sixth. And finally the class of 10 year old mares and above – all greys (an unusual sight today!), feminine, providing an extraordinary aesthetical experience. The winner was Ekspulsja (Gazal Al Shaqab – Elandra/ Monogramm), born in Michałów and owned by Halsdon Arabians, a medallist from Aachen, who also this time acquired high marks: 467 pts (the same as Pustynia Kahila), incl. 3x20 for type, 2x20 for head and neck and 2x20 for movement; before the highest sold Polish mare in history – the born in Janów Pepita (Ekstern – Pepesza/Eukaliptus, 466,5, incl. 4x20 for type, "20" for head and neck and 3x20 for movement), owned by Ali Fali Stud (Saudi Arabia) and the afore mentioned Altamira (Ekstern – Altona/Eukaliptus), owned by Halsdon Arabians (462, incl. a "20" for type and 5x20 for movement). Michałów's broodmatron Emmona (Monogramm – Emilda/Pamir) placed sixth (457,5, incl. a *"20" for type).* 

The senior stallions presented themselves on Sunday morning. There was one decisive favorite among the nine stallions aged 4-6 years old – Excalibur EA (Shanghai EA – Essence of Marwan EA/Marwan Al Shaqab), bred by Equus Arabians, Spain and owned by Al Sagran Stud (Kuwait). And it was him that was the winner with a score of 468,5, besting the result of Pustynia Kahila and Ekspulsja from the day before! Excalibur's result consisted of four "20s" for type, three more for head and neck and two more for movement. The second in class Equiborn KA (QR Marc – Espadrilla/Monogramm) from Knocke Arabians received 461 pts. Right behind him (just half a point less) was Chrcynno-Palace's Psyche Keret (Khidar - Psyche Victoria/Ekstern) with four "20s" for movement (460,5). Morion (Kahil Al Shaqab – Mesalina/Ekstern), leased from Michałów by the Qatari Al Thumama Stud, was just fifth (458), while Złoty Medal (QR Marc – Złota Orda/ Pesal) was seventh, but his "20" for movement was completely deserved (457). Złoty Medal, although not having qualified for the final, gained huge recognition among the public.

The next class, stallions aged 7-9 years old, was won by the used in Białka (Poland) Lawrence El Gazal (Gazal Al Shaqab – Lara El Ludjin/Ludjin El Jamaal), bred and owned by La Movida Arabians. The last class had only two competitors, out of which Michałów's Kabsztad (Poganin – Kwestura/ Monogramm) proved the better with 459,5 pts. It is worth mentioning that in August he gained a bronze medal at the European Arabian Sport Championships.

#### Open finals

An open championship where the "fun starts all over again" is always connected with an uncertainty towards judges' verdicts, however the medals are usually awarded to horses with the highest scores in classes. Unexpected victories of horses from fourth or fifth spots in class are rare – because the high score in class reflects the quality of the horse. It seemed that Pustynia Kahila could only be threatened by Ekspulsja or perhaps Pepita, who is followed by the fame of a record price. But that she would be outdone by a mare from fourth spot - that's something that no one foresaw. However two of the judges decided that she not only did not deserve to stand on the podium, but even receive a title of Top Five. This final was judged by a reduced group – judge Josy Éverars was excluded. And so Pustynia Kahila got the silver, and Nesj El Markhisa the gold. The podium was completed with Ekspulsja who with the bronze medal repeated her result from Aachen.

Polish exhibitors brought with them one fifth of the presented horses (21) and the celebrations would be even more joyful for enthusiasts of Polish breeding if not for the disappointment that hit them in the finals when it was not Pustynia Kabila that won the gold. If the Michałów-bred had performed poorly in the finals, then we could talk about ill luck or about the horse being indisposed, but it was the opposite – in the hands of Piotr Dwojak, who also gave his all, Pustynia Kahila proved that she is a mare of the highest world quality. Therefore the disappointment was huge.

"The degree of unpredictability at foreign shows in the Arabian breed decisively surpasses all others that I have seen so far", says the President of Michałów Stud, Maciej Grzechnik. He further adds: "The repeating incomprehensible verdicts in my opinion distort the work of breeders and lead the breeding of Arabian horses worldwide astray." The President of the Polish Arabian Horse Breeders Association, Krzysztof Poszepczyński, believes that it was the judging system that failed. "The concept that was the basis for open championships has over time become distorted", he explains. "If a horse from fourth spot wins with a horse from first spot then something is not right. This kills breeding, because we don't know how to understand the decisions of judges made during the class rivalry and then later in the finals, since these decisions contradict themselves."

But Poland has no reason to be ashamed. On the contrary – Polish horses showed up in large numbers, went against tough competition and though they left with just one medal the exhibitors still have a right to be proud. Pustynia Kahila is a young mare and will bring fame to Polish breeding many times and the color of this medal will not halt her show career.

Nesj El Markhisa is without any doubt a great mare and she deserved to be between the medallists, maybe also as the gold champion as she has superb type and she did an amazing show as well. What seems to be incomprehensible is how two judges could give so high scores to Pustynia Kahila in the class and then to place her out of the top five in the finals. Maybe ECAHO should ask the judges to explain their decision to the crowd after the championship. It could be very interesting and everybody could understand the judges' point of view. It would be also educational and any decision could be accepted better.

In the senior male category Excalibur EA, owned by the famous and well managed Al Saqran Stud, won the gold as expected, adding to his brilliant career one more title after being already the Triple Crown Colt winner in 2014 and Abu Dhabi Gold Champion Stallion and the highest scored horse of the show in Dubai 2017, Gold Champion Stallion and the highest score of the show at the All Nations Cup in Aachen this year, among others. Now he is also Gold Champion Stallion and the highest scored horse of the show of Verona 2017. He took the podium before Lawrence El Gazal, silver and Mansour Al Jalawiyah (Emerald J – Gypsy Love NA/Ever After NA), owned by Al Salam Stud, bronze.

And the next step now is Paris. Would the World Championship indicate where are the Arabian horse shows heading? We will find out soon.































































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AJ NORAH GOLD MEDAL YEARLING FILLIES AJ MARDAN I INSPIRED NAJLA B/O: AJMAN STUD





AJ RADMAN GOLD MEDAL YEARLING COLTS AJ MARDAN I AJ RAHIFA B/O: AJMAN STUD



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## **DA ALIHANDRA** GOLD MEDAL JUNIOR FILLIES

EKS ALIHANDRO | DA MISS JUSTICE B/O: DIAMOND ARABIANS, CORNELIA KOLNBERGER





### WORTEX KALLISTE GOLD MEDAL JUNIOR COLTS SHANGHAI EA I MARWANAH KALLISTE

SHANGHAI EA I MARWANAH KALLISTE B: KALLISTE ARABIANS - O: SHGAIR STUD



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## NESJ EL MARKHISA GOLD MEDAL SENIOR MARES

MARWAN AL SHAQAB | NESJ EL KHISAYA B: EVERARS VAN DER BROEK - O: AL KHAIR ARABIANS







SHANGHAI EA | ESSENCE OF MARWAN EA - B: SORROCA ALBERT - O: AL SAQRAN FARM

## European Championship 2017 Silver Medal

### NEMESI REGALIS SILVER MEDAL YEARLING FILLIES

SA FAEZ SIMBAD | NASHIRA BY CHAWY NA B/O: RE PIETRO

### MADAGASKAR J SILVER MEDAL YEARLING COLTS

EXCALIBUR EA | MISSISSIPI J B: CHRISTINE JAMAR BVBA O: AL OSOOL STUD





### OBAYANA KA SILVER MEDAL JUNIOR FILLIES

ESPRESSIVO | ODALIS DE NAUTIAC B: PAUL GHEYSENS NV ZOUTEKREKEN O: CRISTIANO VITO

## European Championship 2017 Silver Medal



### **FUERTE** SILVER MEDAL JUNIOR COLTS

SHANGHAI EA | FRYMUSZKA B: JAN DOBRZYNSKI O: SAMI BIN MOHAMMED BEN SAAD



PUSTYNIA KAHILA SILVER MEDAL SENIOR MARES KAHIL AL SHAQAB I PUSTYNNA MALWA B/O: STADNINA KONI MICHALOW





**LAWRENCE EL GAZAL** SILVER MEDAL SENIOR STALLIONS

GAZAL AL SHAQAB | LARA EL LUDJIN B/O: LA MOVIDA ARABIANS

## European Championship 2017 Bronze Medal

### DA ARIYANA BRONZE MEDAL YEARLING FILLIES

EKS ALIHANDRO | DA MISS JUSTICE B/O: DIAMOND ARABIANS



### **EMPEROR K.A.** BRONZE MEDAL YEARLING COLTS

QR MARC | EXPOSITA K.A. B: PAUL GHEYSENS NV ZOUTEKREKEN O: KNOCKE ARABIANS





### MELODY J BRONZE MEDAL JUNIOR FILLIES

EMERALD J | MAYA J B: CHRISTINE JAMAR BVBA O: AL JASSIMYA FARM

## European Championship 2017 Bronze Medal



### **CYCLONE OS** BRONZE MEDAL JUNIOR COLTS

RFI FARID | INSPIRED NAJLA B/O: GESTUT OSTERHOF



### **EKSPULSJA** BRONZE MEDAL SENIOR MARES HIGHEST SCORING FEMALE

GAZAL AL SHAQAB | ELANDRA B: STADNINA KONI MICHALOW O: HALSDON ARABIANS



### MANSOUR AL JALAWIYAH BRONZE MEDAL SENIOR STALLIONS

EMERALD J | GYPSY LOVE NA B: HH PR. TURKI BIN FAHAD BIN MASHARI BIN JALAWI O: AL SALAM STUD AND HH BIN FAHAD AL SAUD

## European Championship 2017 Top Five



**SHEIKHA AL JUMAN TOP FIVE YEARLING FILLIES** RFI FARID I PF PANAMA B: BM ARABIANS STUD - O: AL JUMAN STUD



WADELIA TOP FIVE YEARLING FILLIES POGROM I WROZKA B/O: LUTETIA ARABIANS







BAMBINA TOP FIVE JUNIOR FILLIES KAHIL AL SHAQAB | BELLISA B/O: STADNINA KONI JANOW PODLASKI



EMANOLLA TOP FIVE JUNIOR FILLIES VITORIO TO I EMANDORIA B/O: STADNINA KONI MICHALOW



IZAN AL CAPE TOP FIVE JUNIOR COLTS SHANGHAI EA | WIOLETTA EA B/O: AL CAPE ARABIANS

## European Championship 2017 Top Five



**RADJAH DE CARTHEREY** TOP FIVE JUNIOR COLTS QR MARC I BADI'AH DE CARTHEREY B: MME CHANTAL RIGAT



#### AJ DJAMILJA TOP FIVE SENIOR MARES WH JUSTICE | DJASIRA PRINCESS PSYTADEL B: CLAUDIA POLTE-WELBERS - O: AJMAN STUD



KABSZTAD TOP FIVE SENIOR STALLIONS POGANIN | KWESTURA B/O: STADNINA KONI MICHALOW



**PEPITA TOP FIVE SENIOR MARES** EKSTERN I PEPESZA B: STADNINA KONI JANOW PODLASKI - O: ALI FALI STUD



EQUIBORN K.A. TOP FIVE SENIOR STALLIONS QR MARC | ESPADRILLA B/O: KNOCKE ARABIANS





























