

## ABU DHABI International Arabian Horse Championships 09 - 11 02 2012

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**O**n February 8th till 11th, we left the cold and the snow in Europe to fly to the capital city of the United Arab Emirates – Abu Dhabi – to attend the prestigious International Arabian Horse Championships, under the patronage H.H. Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed al Nahyan, deputy prime minister and minister of president affairs.

The show was held at the Equine club of Abu Dhabi and perfectly organized by H.E. Mohammed Khalaf al Mazrouei, H.E. Juma Ali Al Romaithi, Mr. Adnan Sultan al Nuaimi, Mr. Abdulla Buti al Qubaisi and Mr. Essam Abdalla al Hameerie.

The judges for this event were Dr. Gianmarco Aragno from Italy, Mr. Jerzy Bialobok from Poland, Mr. James Constanti from the USA, Mrs. Silvia Garde-Ehlert, Mr. Holger Ismer and Mr. Manfred Hain from Germany, Mr. Hassanain al Nakeeb from England and Mrs. Renata Schibler from Switzerland.

The event started with an auction, brilliantly managed by Mr. Raouf Abbas from Egypt, who did a miraculous job to sell every horse listed at the auction! A big compliment is well suited!

The next day the show started at 13:00 hours. Madame Christianne Chazel and her assistant Madame Dominik Briot – both from France – did a great job with the organization of the transport, food and all other needs of their guests! We all felt very welcome and at home!

The show had, besides some beautiful

trophies, some interesting prize money! Giving a 20.000 euro's to the first 7 placed horses in each class! Furthermore there was a 100.000 euro's for each championship winner!

More than 400 horses were entered, of which the majority participated. The show made her cick-off with the first class of yearling fillies. 16 fillies made their entrance. All of high quality and a pleasure to look at! This first class winner was also awarded with the silver medal in the final female junior championship and was won by Ghanadir al Zobair (MCA Magnum Gold x Thoraya al Zobair) – bred and owned by Sheikh Abdulla bin Mohammed Ali Althani from the UAE and shown by Tom Schoukens – with 92.13 points. Closely followed by Salma al Mohamadia al Thaniah (Savio x Saida bint Shahlia) – bred and owned by H.H. Prince Abdullah bin Fahad bin Abdulla al Saud from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and shown by Philip Looyens – with 92 points.

Next section of yearling fillies included 15 young fillies, aiming for the highest honor. This time won by the extremely typey AJ Asyad (Marwan al Shaqab x AJA Angelica) – bred and owned by Ajman Stud from the UAE and shown by Frank Spönl. This filly scored a 92.75 points with almost straight 20's for head and neck. Later in the final championships, she was awarded with the golden medal.

On the 2nd position with 92.50 points was Salwa al Bidayer (Marwan al Shaqab x San Jose Alfonsina) – bred and owned by Sheikh Mohammed Saoud Sultan Saqar al

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*Qassimi of the UAE and shown by Scott Allman.*

*The first section of two years old fillies where up next. Another big group of 16 high quality fillies. On the lead with 92.25 points went the European bred and owned horse UL Sid Parma (El Sid x CA Kupona) – bred and owned by Ulrichsdal Arabians from Denmark and shown by Scott Allman. Although this filly received one vote for the final championships, she didn't make it to the final medals. 2nd in this class with 92.13 points was Maysaa Al Khalediah (Marquis x Hazy al Khalediah) – bred and owned by HRH Prince Khalid bin Sultan bin Abdul Aziz al Saud from Saudi Arabia and shown by Philip Hosay.*

*The second section of two years old fillies counted 14 more fillies of excellent quality. The leader of this class and later the Bronze champion in the junior female championships was Egema (Esparto x Egira) – bred in Poland by Bialka Stud, in ownership of Idris Hassan and shown by Gerard Kurtz – scoring 92.88 points. Runner up for this class was AJ Siyadah (Vervaldee x Sweet Caroline LL) – bred and owned by Ajman Stud of the UAE – scoring 92.50 points with almost straight 20's on type in the hands of Frank Spönle.*

*Seen the big number of fillies entered in this show, there was also a third section of 2 years old fillies. This one was won by Marwa al Nasser (Marwan al Shaqab x Aliah al Nasser) – bred by Al Nasser stud from Qatar and proudly owned by Ajman Stud of the UAE. Shown by Frank Spönle, she achieved a total score of 92.38 points.*

*This same total of points was awarded to the 2nd placed horse named AJ Warda Shan (Marwan al Shaqab x Whistler BHA) – bred and owned by Ajman Stud of the UAE and also shown by Frank Spönle.*

*Next to go where the 3 years old filly class. Again divided in section A and B. The first section of fillies counted 18 participants and was won by Dana al Mohamadia (Ajman Moniscione x Felcia Psyche) – bred in the USA by Lee Melchi and owned by HH Prince Abdullah bin Fahad bin Abdulla al Saud from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia – shown by Philip Looyens, scoring 92.38 points.*

*Second in the class with 92.13 points was Yara al Khalediah (Marquis x Om el Shadina) – bred and owned by HRH Prince Khalid bin Sultan bin Abdul Aziz al Saud from Saudi Arabia and shown by Philip Hosay.*

*The show continued with the section B of the 3 years old fillies. Won by Lutfina AA (Nader el Jamal x Latifah AA). In the hands of Frank Spönle, this pretty lady scored a total of 92.75 points and was proudly bred in Israel by Ariela Arabians and now in ownership of Ajman Stud of the UAE.*

*Runner up with 92.63 points was Mishmisha al Zobair (Marajj x Fairview Shakla's Sugar and Spice) – bred by Sheikh Khalid Abdulla Mohammed Althani and owned by Shaikh Abdalla Khalid Abdulla M. Altani from the UAE and shown by Tom Schoukens.*

*It was already very late in the evening*



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when the last class of the day started. It proved to be well worth the wait as the quality was again very high. The winner was the Austrian bred *Al Princess Aliha* (WH Justice x Al Aliha), in ownership of the Royal Cavalry of Oman and shown by Frank Cibois. 2nd in this class was the by Paolo Capecci presented *D Jowan* (Marwan al Shaqab x Echatarina) – again bred by Lee Melchi from the USA and in ownership of Dubai Arabian Horse stud.

The next day, the showring was again packed with an enthusiastic crowd, waiting for the next classes to begin. And what a class to start with! Wow! I can imagine the judges had a hard time judging this one! Winner of this class of 5 and 6 years old mares with 93.50 points was former world champion *Abha Palma* (Marwan al Shaqab x Abha Ghazali) – bred by Ganaderia Ses Planes from Spain and in ownership of HH Prince Abdullah bin Fahad bin Abdulla al Saud from Saudi Arabia. In the professional hands of Philip Looyens, this lady later achieved the Bronze medal in the final senior mares championship.

*FT Shaella* (Shael Dream Desert x Soul Pretty TGS), another former world champion mare, stall the show with Paolo Capecci, scoring 93.13 points for her owner Dubai Arabian Horse Stud. This Brazilian bred lady took revenge on Abha Palma in the final mare championship, achieving the well deserved silver medal! Another mare that took my attention was the big moving *WA Priscilla* (Providence x Psyches Cameo) who scored 92.25 points which was good for a 4th position.

When you thought it couldn't get any better, the 7-9 years old mares arrived in the show arena. Filled with snort and blow and dancing statues with for me, all winners! Luckily it was the tough job of the judges to choose their winner. And Mama mia! They picked a real special one! *Kharrea PGA* (Khadraj NA x Gai Portia) left everybody speechless. She arrived in perfect condition and scored a 93.13 points in the hands of Frank Spönle. She was bred by Petroglyph Arabians of the USA and is owned by Ajman Stud of the UAE! Runner up was the beautiful feminine *Marwan al Shaqab* daughter *Maraysia* (out of *Aysia*). In the capable hands of Philip Hosay, she scored a 93.01 points for her owner HRH Prince Khalid bin Sultan bin Abdul Aziz al Saud from Saudi Arabia.

It is common that the best is saved for last, but in this case, it was! The winner of this class was also announced as the gold medal winner at the finale senior female championship. She was bred by Paul & Jennifer Ogden from Australia and in proud ownership of Ajman Stud of the UAE. Her name is *Eagleridge Passionata* (Sanadik el Shaklan x River Oak Dimity) and she scored a total of 93.38 points with her handler Frank Spönle, leaving far behind the second placed horse named *Kharelle* (Dakar el Jamaal x Khemoselle), still scoring 92.50 points with Philip Hosay. *Kharelle* was bred in the USA by Rober and Christine Fauls and is in the ownership of HRH Prince Khalid bin Sultan bin Abdul Aziz al Saud from Saudi Arabia.

Off it went with the yearling colts. Again a big group, divided in two sections. The





first section of 17 colts was won by Mashoor al Mohamadia (Abha Qatar x Abha Palma). Seeing his mother win earlier that day, Mashoor did a good attempt to fulfill her footsteps, scoring 92.75 points for his breeder and owner H.H. Prince Abdullah bin Fahad bin Abdulla al Saud from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and shown by Philip Looyens. Second in this class was the big moving Sabea el Muawd (WH Justice x Falcon Song BHF), scoring a total of 92.38 points. Sabea is bred and owned by Mohammed bin Abdulla Mohammed al Arine al Subai from Saudi Arabia and was presented by Rod Jones.

The second section of yearling colts, counted another 14 youngsters. All ready to make their mark in the showing! The one to do so was the colorful Calypso OS (Ajman Moniscione x AB Nastrapsy) with 93.13 points – bred in Germany and still owned by Karl Heinz Stockle. Presented by Katrien van Dijk, this colt managed to achieve a bronze medal in the final junior colt championship!

Second in this class with 92.50 points was CS Izaz Asayl (Royal Colours x CS Opportunity) – bred in Italy by Sensi Marco, in ownership of Dubai Arabian Horse Stud and presented by Paolo Capecci.

The 2 years old were up next. Again spitted in section A and B. Winner of this first section with 92.13 points was Maharani HDM (Marajj x Miss Yahminah Elamal) – bred by Haras del Mar, owned by H.H. Prince Abdullah bin Fahad bin Abdulla al Saud from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and shown by Glenn Schoukens.

2nd in class with 92 points was Emanos KA (QR Marc x Emantka) – bred by Knocke Arabians from Belgium, in ownership of Dubai Arabian Horse stud and shown by Paolo Capecci.

The B-section of this class was won by the big moving D Myas (QR Marc x M Randy) – bred and owned by Dubai Arabian Horse Stud. Shown by Paolo Capecci, this colt continued his success with earning the silver medal in the final junior colt championship. On the second position in this class, we found SH-Hab al Hawajer (Marajj x Illuminate) – bred and owned by Dr. Ghanem Mohamed Obaid Alhajri from the UAE and presented by Tom Oben.

This class was a great ending of an exciting day of high quality horses!

And seeing the program, the best was yet to come!

On Saturday the day started with the 3 years old colts. Won by the beautiful Kanz Al Bidayer (Ajman Moniscione x DL Marielle) with 92 points. Bred and owned by Sheikh Mohammed Saoud Sultan Saqar al Qassimi and shown by Scott Allman, this boy continued his success by earning the gold medal in the final junior colt championships! Second in this class with 91.88 points was AJ Bintan (WH Justice x RGA Kouress) – bred by Markelle Arabians, in ownership of Ajman Stud en presented by Frank Spönle.

After this class it was time for the big boys! 19 stallions were presented in the 4-6 years old stallion class. All snorting, blowing and moving! A spectacular sight! Winner of this class was MPA Giuliani (MPA Giovanni x Rohara Whispers) – bred by Karen and Andrew Wilson of the USA and in ownership of Mohammed bin Abdulla Mohammed Al Arine al Subai – this colt scored a 92.75 points in the hands of Rod Jones. Later this stallion was rewarded with a bronze medal at the final stallion championships!

2nd in this class was Jareer al Khalediah (Padrons Image x Barah al Khalidiah) – bred and owned by HRH Prince Khalid bin Sultan bin Abdul Aziz al Saud. Shown by Philip Looyens, this stallion brought a big fan club with him and scored a 92.25 points.

Another one that really caught my attention was the dramatic, impressive, big moving Spartacus Too (Marwan al Shaqab x DA Shahniah) – who really did a show of his own.

The next class was a very exciting big class of 15 stallions! It was the who is who in the Arabian breeding, showing former world (res) champions and multiple show winners. A very well deserved win was for the extremely beautiful QR Marc (Marwan al Shaqab x Swete Dreams). He really stall the show with his handler Paolo Capecci and scored a total of 94.13 points! The highest score of the whole show! QR Marc was bred by the Doyle family of the USA and is in proud ownership of Knocke Arabians from Belgium. Later in the final male championships, QR Marc got awarded with the golden medal!

A second position in this very exciting last class of the day was for Dakharo (Dakar el Jamaal x FOF Kharolina) with 93.25 points. Shown by Philip Hosay, Dakharo was bred by Joy Gildersleeve of the USA and is in ownership of HRH Prince Khalid bin Sultan bin Abdul Aziz al Saud of Saudi Arabia. Later Dakharo took the silver medal in the final senior male championships.

At the end of the championships, some special awards were awarded.

The President Cup – awarded to the best UAE bred horse at the show with the highest score in the show – was won by AJ Asyad (Marwan al Shaqab x Aja Angelica) for Ajman Stud.

The best horse UAE citizen award – awarded to the horse owned by a UAE citizen with the highest score in the qualifying classes – was won by AJ Fawaz (Stival x Bess Faiza) for owner Ahmed Hamad Musabeh Khalifan Almusafri.

The best breeder/owner award – awarded to the horse with the highest score in the qualifying classes which is bred by the same owner – won by Mashoor al Mohamadia (Abha Qatar x Abha Palma) for breeder and owner HH Prince Abdullah bin Fahad bin Abdulla al Saud from Saudi Arabia.

With the last awards given, the show came to an end after three days of high quality horses. A big victory for all people involved!





# GOLD

## Champion Filly

AJASYAD

(Marwan Al Shaqab x AJA Angelica)

Breeder & Owner: Ajman Stud,  
HH Sheikh Ammar Bin Humaid Al Nuaimi/ UAE



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# Fillies

SILVER

CHANADIR AL ZOB AIR  
(MCA Magnum Gold x Thoraya Al Zobair)

Breeder & Owner: Al Zobair Stud / UAE

BRONZE

ECEMA  
(Esparto x Egira)

Breeder: Bialka Stud / Poland

Owner: Idris Hassan / Poland



**GOLD**  
Champion Mare

EACLERIDGE  
PASSIONATA

(Sanadik el Shaklan x River Oak Dimitry)

Breeder: Paul Ronald & Jennifer Gail Odgen / Australia

Owner: Ajman Stud,

HH Sheikh Ammar Bin Humaid Al Nuaimi / UAE



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# Mares

SILVER

FT SHAEELLA

(Shael Dream Desert x Soul Pretty TGS)

Breeder: Flavia maria Ramalho Torres / Brazil

Owner: Dubai Arabian Horse Stud / UAE

BRONZE

ABHA PALMA

(Marwan Al Shaqab x Abha Ghazali)

Breeder: Ganaderia Ses Planes / Mallorca - Spain

Owner: Al Mohamadia Stud,

HH Prince Abdullah bin Fahad Al Saud / Saudi Arabia



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**GOLD**  
Champion Colt

**KANZ**  
**ALBIDAYER**  
(Ajman Moniscione x DL Marielle)

Breeder & Owner: Albidayer Stud,  
HE Sheikh Mohammed Saoud Sultan Al Qassimi / UAE



Colts

SILVER

**D MYAS**  
(QR Marc x M Randy)

Breeder & Owner: Dubai Arabian Horse Stud

BRONZE

**CALYPSOOS**  
(Ajman Moniscione x AB Natrapsy)

Breeder & Owner: Osterhof Stud / Germany

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## Champion Stallion

QR MARC  
(Marwan Al Shaqab x Swete Dreams)

Breeder: Vicky or Lou Doyle, Quail Ridge Arabians / USA  
Owner: Knocke Arabians, Paul Gheysens / Belgium  
On lease to: Dubai Arabian Horse Stud / UAE



# Stallions

SILVER

**DAKHARO**  
(Dakar El Jamaal x FOF Kharolina)

Breeder: Joy Gildersleeve / USA

Owner: Al Khalediah Stables,

HRH Prince Khaled bin Sultan bin Abdulaziz Al Saud / Saudi Arabia

BRONZE

**MPA CIULIANI**  
(MPA Giovanni x Rohara Whispers)

Breeder: Karen & Andrew Wilson / USA

Owner: Al Muawd Stud,

Mohammed bin Abdulla Mohammed Al Subaie / Saudi Arabia





## Special Awards

### The President Cup

Awarded to the best UAE bred horse at the show  
with the highest score in the show

AJASYAD

(Marwan al Shaqab x Aja Angelica)  
Ajman Stud

### The best breeder/owner award

Awarded to the horse with the highest score in the qualifying classes  
which is bred by the same owner

MASHOOR AL MOHAMMADIA

(Abha Qatar x Abha Palma)  
HH Prince Abdullah bin Fahad bin Abdulla al Saud / Saudi Arabia



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