

# Impressing and fair-play

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**T**wo past, first editions of Prague Intercup B-International show in Czech Republic were welcomed with a lot of emotions and discussions. This show, as well as most of the events in Europe and not only is being sponsored by Middle Eastern and leading big European stud farms, that, of course wants to participate in the events as well. Without a doubt the horses of these participants are of the best quality and deserve the highest trophies, although the strong competition is not always without a lot of emotions especially from the side of those less lucky ones. Also the new Prague Intercup event had to face those kind of situations. But in my opinion this edition of 2012 event was warmly welcomed and left many positive memories in all minds both spectators and international participants. The show being held under the patronage of Minister of Agriculture of Czech Republic and the Ambassadors of Saudi Arabia and South Korea present personally, it has started traditionally with Czech National Show judged by Anna Stojanowska (Poland), Ali Sharaawi (Egypt) and Mohamed Machmoum (Morocco).

The show was a kind of interesting test of the main organizer – Jaroslav Lacina (current ECAHO President) of splitting the head and neck as well as trot and walk scores apart. In many judges opinion that way gives a possibility of more precised scoring. In Czech National Show also traditionally the leading positions were taken by imported horses but their quality seem to better every year. 2012 Czech National Junior Champion Mare was the favorite, highest scored (including 10 for head and neck) Ametista Al Jade owned by Suweco Stud. This mare just came from Brazil and Prague Intercup was her show debut in Europe as well as at indoor arena. At the end of the whole event she got the trophy for the Best Czech Horse of Prague Intercup as well. Czech National Reserve Champion became Polish bred Ektesa (Assal AA x Eklemira/Emigrant) imported over one year ago by Radka Vacirova and the podium with bronze medal was completed by Polish-bred Erapani (by Emodróns Psyche) born at Stanred Arabians and owned by K.Chrysta. In the colts the Gold medal went to very pretty chestnut German-bred SAKaisal by Massai Ibn Marenga out of Kais daughter born at Schwarz Arabians, owned by J. Rusnakova, and the Silver and Bronze went to Czech-bred this time – as follows: Habibi Bint Qahira (by Marduk Quasime) b/o. M. Osmerova and yearling Baysan Mahra (by The Versict HG) b/o. Mahra Arabians. In seniors the entries were limited so the class winners automatically became champions. In mares section, gold medal to Czech-bred Arista (by Emigrant) bred by

Doubravsky Arab and owned by Regutec, silver to exotic purchase from US – Shakiraa (by Al Adeed Al Shaqab) bred by Michael Byatt and owned by AQ Arabians and bronze – to Shat Al Arab (by Semiramis B) bred in Slovakia by B. Sablatura and owned by B. Kahoumova. In senior stallions only two entries participated so the gold went to Hassan B (by El Nabila B) bred at well known maternal place of El Nabila- Babolna Stud, Hungary and silver was taken by Czech shows veteran – Sharm El Shaklan (by Sanadik el Shaklan) bred and owned by Suweco Stud. Although not big in quantity, Czech Nationals show us the more interesting quality of bloodlines owned by Czech breeders every year. We wish them a lot of patience and good luck in successful continuation of those imported pedigrees.

After end of the national show on Saturday the spectators and participants still had a long day upcoming with junior classes of international show and evening competition of Prague European Cup. It was a debut of nice addition to ECAHO affiliated shows in Czech Republic. Although without the affiliation the show gathered good number of horses due to prize money of 20 000 Euro total to be divided between all Top Five qualified horses in four groups – junior and senior mares and junior and senior stallions. This show happened to be especially lucky for Polish breeders who took the biggest amount of money – the half of the total prize (10 000 Euro). And so Polish-bred Junior Champion Mares were – silver: Palatina by QR Marc from Janów Podlaski, bronze – her stud mate Euzona by Om El Belissimo and Top Five Esima (by Altis) from Falborek Arabians. The podium was completed by Gold Champion Magenta KA by QR Marc from Knocke Arabians and Eshhija Bint Esteema by Khidar out of Triplecrowned in the past Esteema, being one of the large group from Sax Arabians in Prague this year. They had also its representative in awarded junior colts – Top Five Al Marid (by Al Milan) bred by Tomas Holubec and owned by Sax Arabians. The gold went to Czech Republic (Suweco Stud) thanks to cute Aja Justified son Gzavi having just perfect topline, just purchased from Belgium, silver – to Knocke Arabians with Panthos by QR Marc and bronze to very interesting and correct son of Triplecrowned Abha Qatar – Primanus Qatar from Zalia Arabians in Poland. Top Five was also joined by Polish Espimar (by Marajj) from Falborek Arabians. In senior mares Knocke Arabians was again successful with its wonderful purchase from Poland – Polonia (by Ekstern) bred at Michalów Stud, Poland. Silver went to another representative of Sax Arabians – Amrya Bint Khidar (by Khidar) and bronze as well as other two Top Fives went to

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Poland, as follows: *Florencja* (by *Oset*) bred and owned by *Bełzyce Arabians* (bronze), *Europesa* (by *Psytadel*) b/o. *Wojciech Parczewski*, and *Antalya Bey DD* (by *El Amin*), bred at *DD Arabians Belgium* and owned by *Wojciech Parczewski* as well. Long evening ended up at 11:30pm with senior stallions championships when the gold went to *Janów Podlaski Stud Poland* for amazing mover *Poganin* (by *Laheeb*). The same farm took also Top Five with *Equifor* (by *Gazal Al Shaqab*) while silver went to *Al Milan* (by *Al Lahab*) from *Sax Arabians*, bronze to *GT Arabians* from *Sweden* with *Sharahn* (by *Gharam*) and one more Top Five to *Hannibal* by *Gioia* (by *SDP Taylor*) who came a long way from *Arabian Stars* by *Rome* in *Italy*.

It is significant that the current *ECAHO* President recognizes the important factors supporting also smaller farms for whom the 1000 Euro won as prize money was important reason to enter the horse and celebrate the success that helped to pay the costs of sometimes a long travel to *Prague* back. Even if the competition was non-*ECAHO* one it may be held within one event with *ECAHO*-one upon everybody's acceptance.

Sunday was the last day full of emotions with the highest international trophies and special awards for some really great horses competing at *Prague Intercup* that started with junior classes on Saturday.

According to the number of medals won at this *ECAHO* B-international show *Europe* and *Middle East* shared the victory almost half go half. If there would be „nations cup” held on that show it would go to *Poland* with four medals: *Gold* Champion Filly for *Palatina* (by *QR Marc*) from *Janów Podlaski* and bronze for *Wabia* (by *Al Lahab*) from *Falborek Arabians* then in Senior Mares – bronze taken by *Pilarosa* (by *Al Adeed Al Shaqab*) from *Janów Podlaski* who competed in the championships replacing class winner *Juwanda OS* that was withdrawn due to health problems... The third medal for *Janów Podlaski Stud* and fourth for *Poland*- silver this time went to the unbeaten mover *Poganin* (by *Laheeb*). The second, according to the medals taken was *Saudi Arabia*. To this *Middle Eastern* country went: *Gold* and *Silver* in *Junior Colts* – for the exciting new purchase to *Athbah Stud* – handsome and huge *EKS Alihandro* by *Marwan Al Shaqab* born at *Elkasun Arabians* in *Africa* and silver went to *Al Khalediah* for *Fakhr Al Khalediah*, interesting show appearance of *Marquis CAHR* son. The same *Saudi Arabian* farm was also successful with *Gold Senior Stallion* – typey darkbay *Moutaz Al Biwabiya* (by *Aja Sangali*), well known from *Middle Eastern* rings. Although *Juwanda OS* was withdrawn from *Junior Mares Championships*, her owner – *Dubai Stud* from *UAE* took silver medal in this category with the owner of amazing neck – *Lumiar Bint Balzac* (by *Lumiar Balzac*) bred in *Brazil*. So there were 4 more medals that went to *European* bred and owned horses. They were given to different countries representatives: *Gold* in *Senior Mares* to probably the best of *Sax Arabians* group – *Lamana* (by *Laman HVP*) who also was decorated with special award for *Highest Score* of the

*Show* (93,00 pts). Great come back of *Sax Arabians* to top show rings! *Silver* in *junior fillies* went to very exotic *QR Marc* daughter *WW Indih* bred and owned at *WW Arabians*, *GB*, and the further bronzes were won by *Italy* – for interesting *Gazal Al Shaqab* grandson colt – *Dali* (by *Lazaal*) bred and owned by *Giorgio Virga* and by *Sweden* – for *Sharahn* (by *Gharam*) from *GT Arabians* in *senior stallions*. Before announcing the winners of this category special trophiers were presented to international horses.

The trophy for the *Best Czech Horse of Prague Intercup* went to *Ametista Al Jade* from *Suweco Stud* mentioned above, *The Best Straight Egyptian* became the beautiful *Yakoutah Al Shaqab* by *Al Adeed Al Shaqab* from *Qatar*, and *The Best Movement* got, deservedly *Polish* bred and owned *Florencja* (*Oset* x *Florena*) of *Andrzej Wójtowicz*. She was the only horse scored with 3 x 20 for movement.

The perfect organization, nice and helpful staff taking personal care of every detail with charismatic leader – *Jaroslav Lacina* present on every stage of running the show including the impressive opening of international competition while he entered the arena standing on the roof of new produced model of *Hummer* car (one of the sponsors) driving him into the middle of the ring! *Prague* show should without a doubt be the example for other organizers to follow. One should not forget to mention another charismatic person who came as far as from his new home – *Saudi Arabia* to support the show with his professionalism – the *belgian* ringmaster *Ronny Vosch* but also *Ludvik Jandourka* who took fantastic care about the music for the event with full of energy *rock'n'roll* for stallion classes and even popular *Italian* songs when *Italian* handlers were entering the arena! But the most important is that both spectators and participants from all countries could feel the atmosphere of fair-play. It is also thanks to the professionalism of international jury: *Claudia Darius* (*Germany*), *Gianmarco Aragno* (*Italy*), *Marianne Tengstedt* (*Denmark*) and *Ann Norden* (*Sweden*). Both in the national and international shows the ties in the scores from all judges were not rare that is a proof of the full objectivity and professionalism of the judges, so welcomed nowadays. Many participants, especially from *Poland* commented that its a fantastic show when your horse can be well and objectively scored even if it wouldnt take the highest place at the end. Maybe it will be one of the reasons why we may see more *Polish* participants in *Prague* than at *Polish Nationals* next year?

And how about big international leaders of breeding and showing? For sure they deserved their trophies and I think no one doubted in type and beauty of their horses. For all those who still doubt if they should participate at *European* shows we still leave the question – would our *European* show and breeding market exist at all and so well without those or any other leaders? Would we have such great shows as the one in *Prague*? I think this question will still remain rather rhetorical...



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# NATIONAL CHAMPIOSHIPS - JUNIOR FEMALES

# Gold



**AMETISTA AL JADE**  
(Mirage LM x Tahyla HVP)  
Suweco Stud/CZ



**SILVER**  
**EKTESA**  
(Ostragon x Pogoria)  
Radka Vacirova/CZ



**BRONZE**  
**ERAPANI**  
(Etnodrons Psyche x Erudytko)  
K. Chrysta/CZ

National Championships

# NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - JUNIOR MALES

# Gold



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## SA KAISAL

(Massai Ibn Marenga x Kiara)  
J. Rusnakova/CZ



## SILVER

## HABIBI BINT QAHIRA

(Marduk Quasime x El Qahira Bint Farida)  
M. Osmerova/CZ

## BRONZE

## BAYSAN MAHRA

(The Verdict HG x Kabaz)  
Mahra Arabians/CZ



National Championships

# NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - SENIOR FEMALES

## Gold



**ARISTA**

(Emigrant x Aris)  
Regutec s.r.o./CZ



**SILVER**

**SHAHKIRAA**

(Al Adeed Al Shaqab x Al Ghbra)  
AQ Arabians/CZ



**BRONZE**

**SHAT AL ARAB**

(Semiramis B x Sejla)  
B. Kahounova/CZ

National Championships

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - SENIOR MALES



# Gold

**HASSAN B**

(El Nabila B x 229 Hadiya B)  
Vrabel/CZ



# SILVER

**SHARM EL SHAKLAN**

(Sanadik El Shaklan x Umbertina)  
Suweco Stud/CZ, s.r.o./CZ

National Championships



# PRAGUE EUROPEAN CUP - JUNIOR FEMALES

## Gold



**MAGENTA K.A.**  
(QR Marc x Migracja)  
Knocke Arabians/BE



**SILVER**  
**PALATINA**  
(QR Marc x Palmeta)  
SK Janów Podlaski/PL



**BRONZE**  
**EUZONA**  
(Om El Bellissimo x Euzetia)  
SK Janów Podlaski/PL

Prague European Cup

# PRAGUE EUROPEAN CUP - JUNIOR MALES

## Gold



**GZAVI**

(Aja Justified x Gwandolyn)  
Suweco Stud/CZ



**SILVER  
PANTHOS**

(QR Marc x Palanga)  
Knocke Arabians/BE

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**BRONZE  
PRIMANUS QATAR**

(Abha Qatar x Pogoria)  
Zalia Arabians/PL



# PRAGUE EUROPEAN CUP - SENIOR FEMALES

## Gold



**POLONIA**  
(Ekstern x Pasja)  
Knocke Arabians/BE



**SILVER**  
**AMYRA BINT KHIDAR**  
(Khidar x Al Amrya)  
Sax Arabians/DE



**BRONZE**  
**FLORENCJA**  
(Oset x Florena)  
Beżyce Arabians/PL

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PRAGUE EUROPEAN CUP - SENIOR MALES

Gold



**POGANIN**

(Laheeb x Pohulanka)  
SK Janów Podlaski/PL



**SILVER**

**AL MILAN**

(Al Lahab x Milena)  
Sax Arabians/DE

**BRONZE**

**SHARAHM**

(Gharam x Sorella)  
GT Arabians/SE



Prague European Cup

# III<sup>rd</sup> PRAGUE INTERCUP - JUNIOR FEMALES

## Gold



**PALATINA**  
(QR Marc x Palmeta)  
Janów Podlaski/PL

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**SILVER**  
**WW INDIH**  
(QR Marc x Ivernah)  
WW Arabians/GB



**BRONZE**  
**WABIA**  
(Al Lahab x Wasa)  
Falborek Arabians/PL

# III<sup>rd</sup> PRAGUE INTERCUP - JUNIOR MALES

## Gold



**EKS ALIHANDRO**

(Marwan Al Shaqab x  
OFW Pshhouette)  
Athbah Stud/KSA



**SILVER**

**FAKHR AL KHALEDIAH**

(Marquis x Barah Al Khalidiah)  
Al Khalidiah Stud/KSA

**BRONZE**  
**DALI**

(Lazaal x Elektra)  
Giorgio Virga/IT



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## III<sup>rd</sup> PRAGUE INTERCUP - SENIOR FEMALES

# Gold



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**LAMANA**  
(Laman HVP x Miriam II)  
Sax Arabians/DE

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**Silver**

**LUMIAR BINT BALZAC**  
(Lumiar Balzac x Supreme Focus)  
Dubai Arabian Horse Stud/UAE

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**BRONZE**  
**PILAROSA**  
(Al Adeed Al Shagab x Pilar)  
Janów Podlaski/PL



## III<sup>rd</sup> PRAGUE INTERCUP - SENIOR MALES

# Gold

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**MOUTAZ AL  
BIWAIBIYA**  
(Aja Sangali x FS Premirra)  
Al Khalidiah Stud/KSA

## III<sup>rd</sup> PRAGUE INTERCUP - SENIOR MALES



# Silver

**POGANIN**  
(Laheeb x Pohulanka)  
Janów Podlaski/PL

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**BRONZE**  
**SHARAHM**  
(Gharam x Sorella)  
GT Arabians/SE