

Zottegem Arabian Cup

ECAHO NATIONAL C-SHOW

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On the 19th of August, the Zottegemse paarden-happening took place in Zottegem, Belgium. An event dedicated to all horsebreeds. Within this event, an Arabian cup was organized as an Ecaho C-show. Organized since 2009, the show now became quite popular among the Belgian breeders and could welcome as much as 70 entrees!

Judges for the event were Mrs. Patricia Borstel from Belgium, Mrs. Verena Egli from Switzerland and Mr. Peter Birch from Denmark.

As most editions of the Arabian Cup, the temperatures were tropical and the horses and handlers were pushed to the limit at 36 C.

Despite the weather, there were quite a lot of spectators and a good atmosphere.

The show started with the foal classes. The filly foals was won by the exotic Al Gamila (Al Khatab al Thani x Gabriella) – bred and owned by the Roelandt family. Silver medal winner was Madheeba d'Apdeco (Marhaabah x Elba I) – bred and owned by Apdeco Arabians. Bronze medal winner was her stable mate D'Jazzmeena d'Apdeco (Jazzmeen x Mendruta).

The colt foals didn't have many participants. Gold medal was the exotic and good moving Don Angelo SL (Hasan Ashiraf x Mata Hari HY) – bred and owned by Leo Arabians.

With the overall championships, the judges choose Al Gamila as the overall foal champion, with Don Angelo SL being Reserve. Bronze was for Madheeba d'Apdeco.

The show continued with the yearling fillies. A big class of

7 participants won with a total of 91.33 points by Circe de Croissant (QR Marc x Anastacia Bay DD) – bred and owned by Haras de Croissant, scoring a 20 in type and head & neck. She was later named silver medal winner in the final junior championships. 2nd in class with 90.33 points was Eureka KA (QR Marc x Espadrilla) – bred and owned by Knocke Arabians.

The yearling colt class was won by Mabrouk al Jassimya (Shagran al Nasser x Om el Sanadiqa) with 90 points, bred by AV Arabians and owned by Al Jassimya farm. This flashy colt later took the golden medal in the junior championships. 2nd in class and later bronze medal winner with 89.33 points was MR Ataullah (Dakota x Catinia de Saile) – bred and owned by the Galle-Wynant family.

The fillies of 2 and 3 years old were grouped together in one class which was won with 91.33 points by the exotic Rectors Carmelita (QR Marc x Essita) – bred and owned by Rector Arabians. This filly later took the golden medal in the final junior championships. 2nd in class with 90.33 points and bronze medal winner was Primera Marc (QR Marc x Polenta) – bred and owned by Knocke Arabians.

The 2 and 3 years old colts were also grouped together. This class was won by MM Sergio (WH Justice x Sarah el Bey) – bred by Mario Matt and owned by Flaxman Arabians. This colt also took the silver medal with the junior championships. 2nd in class with 88 points was Dahab al Khaled (MCA Magnum Gold x Donatella) – bred and owned by Al Khaled Farm.

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The gelding class was won with 89.33 points by AM Picasso (Shamael Apal x AM Rih Zara) – bred by Silverstar and owned by Lies van den Busschen.

The show continued with the 4-6 years old mares. Only two participants in this class and won with 89.33 points by Psyada (Psytadel x Psaida) – bred and owned by Somar Arabians, that later became silver medal in the final senior mares championships. 2nd in class with one point less was Josephs Nashmiyah (Emrod x Noora) – bred by Joseph Arabians and owned by Suzanne Patijn.

The 4-6 years old stallions was an exciting class with two stallion thigh for the first position. Both scoring 91 points, it was Dakota (Psytadel x Ibara) that won on type for owner Gala Arabians. This stallion later became gold medal winner with the senior stallions. 2nd in class was Abbar (Salar x Abba) – bred by Bialka Stud and owned by Suzanne Patijn, scoring two 20's in movement and was later named bronze medal winner.

The next class, 7-10 years old mares, had only two participants, but both of high quality. Winner of the class with 90.67 points was Kemara (Fantast x Kemani) – scoring 20's in both type and movement. Kemara was bred by Sylvia Garde-Ehlert and in ownership of Atbah Stud and was named bronze medal winner in the final senior mare championships. 2nd with 90.33 points was Catinia de Saille (JK Catalyst x Sternia de Saille) – bred by Annie Elias and owned by the Galle-Wijnant family.

The stallions 7-10 years old had only one participant.

This was the stallion Najjar (Khidar x Narada DA) – bred by J. van de Let and owned by Koo Arabians. Scoring 20's in type and head and neck, this stallion scored a total of 90.67 points and was later named silver medal winner.

The 10 years and older mares had two strong participants. Classwinner and later gold medal champion was the mare Okidah (Khidar x Ghadira) who with 93 points scored the highest score of the day, scoring 20's on both type and movement. Bred by Rick verrijdt and owned by Peter Coppens, this mare was later named Best in show as well! What a great success.

2nd in class with 89.33 points was Kalira A (Liryk x Amira) – bred by Amira Stud and owned by Al Chranas Arabians.

Next to go was the ridden class. Despite the hot weather, the horses kept performing! Big winner of the ridden class was LM Lamee (Essteem x Lilyh el Jamaal) – bred by La Movida and owned and ridden by Marianne Cornelisse.

Last class of the day was the Native costume class which had only one participant. This was Simons-Michiels met Irada (Padrons Kadar x NA Impala).

Due to the hot weather, some horses were withdrawn from participation, which was a shame, but perfectly understandable. Nevertheless, the show was a success and can look back at a nice day full of quality Arabian Horses, proving that Belgium is definitely at one of the higher levels when it comes to breeding and owning Arabian (show)horses!! □



Gold Medal Filly Foals **AL CAMILA**

AL KHATAB AL THANI x GABRIELLA - B&O: FAM. ROELANDT



Gold Medal Colt Foals **DON ANGELO SL**

HASSAN ASHIRAF x MATA HARI HY - B&O: LEO ARABIANS



Gold Medal Fillies
RECTOR'S CARMELITA

QR MARC x ESSITA - O&B: HUBERT RECTOR



Gold Medal Colts
MABROUK AL JASSIMYA

SHAGRAN AL NASSER x OM EL SANADIQA - B: AV ARABIANS - O: AL JASSIMYA FARM



Gold Medal Mares & Best in Show **OKIDAH**

KHIDAR x GHADIRA - B: RICK VERRIJDT - O: PETER COPPENS



Gold Medal Stallions **DAKOTA**

PSYTADEL x IBARA - B: NOËL - VERHOFSTADT - O: GALA ARABIANS



Silver Medal Fillies **CIRCÉ DE CROISSART**

QR MARC - ANASTACIA BAY DD - B: HARAS DE CROISSART - O: FAM. FOCKE-DUMONT



Silver Medal Colts **MM SERGIO**

WH JUSTICE x SARAH EL BEY - B: MARIO MATT - O: FLAXMAN ARABIANS



Silver Medal Mares **PSYADA**

PSYTADEL x PSAIDA - B&O: SOMAR ARABIANS



Silver Medal Stallions **NAJJAR**

KHIDAR x NARADA DA - B: J. VAN DE LET - O: NADINE KOO



Bronze Medal Fillies
PRIMERA MARC

QR MARC x POLENTA - O&B: KNOCKE ARABIANS



Bronze Medal Colts
MR ATAULLAH

DAKOTA x CATINIA DE SAILE - O&B: FAM. GALLE-WYNANT



Bronze Medal Mares **KEMARA**

FANTAST x KEMANI - B: SILVIA GARDE EHLERT - O: ATBAH STUD



Bronze Medal Stallions **ABBAR**

SALAR x ABBA - B: SK BIALKA - O: SUZANNE PATTIJN