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European Championships of Arabian Horses

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On the 3th and 4th of Novembre, the European Championships for Arabian Horses took place at the Equestrian centre 'Zilveren Spoor' in Moorsele, Belgium. A record number of 210 entries, divided between the in hand classes and the ridden classes. A great job of the organizers, Christine Jamar and Carl van Roosbroeck. Judges for this event were Mr. Urs Aeschbacher and Mrs. Renata Schibler from Switzerland, Dr. Gianmarco Aragno from Italy, Mr. Scott Benjamin from Canada, Mrs. Christiane Chazel from France, Mrs. Deirdre Hyde from the UAE and Mrs. Christina Valdes from Spain.

As introduces in Menton and followed in Aachen, also at this show the yearlings had their own championship and top five. Four large classes of yearlings were held, to begin with the yearlingfillies. Winner of this class was the very showy Aja Europa (Aja Justified x HB Marais) with a total of 91.20 points. Later in the junior championships, this filly achieved the Gold medal for her breeder and owner Aja Arabians from

England.

2nd in class was FM Dohaa (Ajman Moniscione x FM Gloriaa) with 90.80 points. Later in the yearling filly championships she achieved a bronze medal for her breeder and owner James Swaenepoel from Belgium.

At the 3th place and later Top Five winner was My Fair Rose-D (Marajj x WH Marissa Rose) with a total of 90.70 points – bred by Dion Arabians and owned by Johann van Oostenrijk from Belgium.

The second class of yearlingfillies had again a lot of entries, all of superb quality. Winner of this class was Euzona (Om el Bellissimo x Euzetia) with a total of 91.50 points. Euzona was bred and owned by Janow Podlaski Stud from Poland and later achieved the Silver medal in the yearling filly championships. 2nd in class was the beautiful ASH Mariella (Monther al Nasser x Alishya) with a total of 90.70 points – bred by Ingrid Bentchikou and owned by Tabori BKV Partner from Israel. This filly later took the Top Five title in the final year-





ling filly championships.

The show continued with the yearlingcolts. Winner of this class with a total of 92.30 points was the big moving Design for Life (Designed x Liana) – bred by Miss Jones and Mr. Howells from the UK and owned by Al Muawd Stud of Saudi Arabia. 2nd in class with a total of 91 points was Sultan al Shagab (Amir al Shagab x Abha al Shagab) – bred by Ses Planes and owned by Al Shagab stud from Qatar. This colt later took the Bronze medal in the final yearling colt championships. 3rd in this class with a total of 90.90 points was SG Karabin (Ajman Moniscione x Wiolet) – bred and owned by Scuderia Groane from Italy. This colt later took the Top Five honour in the final yearling colt championships.

The second class of yearlingcolts was again a tough class. Won by the big moving Ascot DD (Glorius Apal x Lady Nina DD) – bred by DD Arabians from Belgium and owned by Athbah Stud from Saudi Arabia. This colt scored a total of 92.60 points and was named Gold Medal winner in the final yearling colt championships. 2nd in class with a total of 91.60 points was the beautiful Sharaam el Chique (Redwoon Lodge Artique x LH Gina Lola Bridgeta) – bred and owned by Redwood Lodge Arabians from France. This colt later took the Top Five honour in the final yearlingcolt championships.

In between the classes, ridden classes for mares, geldings and stallions were held. First to start was the ridden class mares, won by Stephanie Turner with Silvern Moonlight (Silvern Sceptre x PHA Silver Heart) from the United Kingdom. The

ridden class of the geldings was won by Louise Maryon of the United Kingdom with her Ibn Djammal (Djammal x Pjatakova). The ridden class of the stallions was a big class with nine entries. Won by Karolina Mikkonen from Belgium with Kadars Echoo (Padrons Kadar x MB Fantasiaa). 2nd in this ridden class stallions was Ilona Bax with AR Sivmayall D (Sivmen B x Zolitha). 3rd in class was Nadine Koo with Najjar (Khidar x Narada DA). Both coming from The Netherlands.

After the ridden classes it was time for the first class of two years old filly class. Again a big class won with a total of 92 points by the Polish Diara (Eryks x Diaspora) – bred and owned by Michalow Stud. This filly later took the bronze medal in the final junior filly championships. 2nd in class with 91.80 points was Orfa d'Arab KA (QR Marc x Oso Axotica) – bred and owned by Knocke Arabians from Belgium. This filly later was named the best Belgian participant of the entire show. 3rd in the class with a total of 91.70 points and later Top Five in the final junior championships was Ul Sid Parma (El Sid x CA Kupon) – bred and owned by Ulrichsdal Arabians from Denmark.

Another big class of two years old fillies followed. Winner of the class with 92.80 points was the typey Wieza Mocy (QR Marc x Wieza Marzen) – bred and owned by Michalow Stud from Poland. This filly later claimed the Gold medal in the final junior filly championships. 2nd in class with a total of 92 points was her stable mate Emandilla (Om el Shahmaan

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x Espadrilla) – taking the top five honour in the final junior championships.

The show continued with a small class of two years old colts. Though maybe a small class, also here the quality was excellent. Winner of the class with 92.10 points and later Gold medal winner with the junior colts was Equator (QR Marc x Ekliptyka) – bred and owned by Michalow Stud from Poland. 2nd in class was the well known Calypso OS (Ajman Moniscione x AB Nastrapsy) – scoring a total of 91.70 points, earning a bronze medal in the final championships for owner Sabankaya Select of the USA. Calypso was bred by Gestut Osterhof from Germany.

Next to go was again a very large class of three years old fillies. Clear winner of the class was the spectacular AV Dalia (Ajman Moniscione x AV Dalimba), scoring a massive 93.30 points for her breeder and owner Fransesco Sanchi from Italy. In the final junior championships she was awarded with the Silver medal. 2nd in this class with 91.10 points was the black beauty Ava (Vervaldee x Aziza) – bred and owned by Pat Hannay from the United Kingdom.

The last junior class was the one of the three years old colts. Again a strong class, won with 91.90 points by Mascot des Alpes (Marwan al Shaqab x EAMT Marijuana) – bred by the Berg family and owned by Al Nayfat Stud from Saudi Arabia. This colt continued his victory, claiming the Silver medal with the junior colt championships! 2nd in class with 91.70 points was the exotic Aja Angelo (WH Justice x Aja Aaisha) – bred and owned by Aja Arabians from the United Kingdom. This colt stayed strong in the junior colt championships, claiming the Top Five honours! 3rd in this class with 91.30 points was Dream Design (Master Design GA x Psyannah) – bred by the Jones family and owned by Al Muawd Stud from Saudi Arabia. At the 4th position with 91.10 points and also claiming a Top Five title in the final championships was Espresso (QR Marc x Emocja) – bred and owned by Knocke Arabians from Belgium.

Before the first show day came to an end, two more liberty classes were held, one for the mares and one for the stallions. Winner of the mares liberty was Kyjarra (Balaton x Koronacia) – bred by Tersk and owned by Wenche Roefs from Belgium. Winner of the stallion liberty was Profender KA (QR Marc x Palanga) – bred by Knocke Arabians and owned by Sargaert-Philippe from Belgium.

In the evening there was a reception offered by Athbah Stud and Ecpah VZW, followed by a beautiful presentation organized by Ecpah vzw with the support of Al Nayfat Stud, Albidayer Stud, Al Baydaa Farm and Black Arabians of Sweden,

showing some interesting horses that already deserved their place in either the showing or the breeding barn.

The party organized after the presentation lasted until the early hours of the following day.

On Sunday the classes started with the geldings. With the geldings coming mainly from the UK, it was a shame not more were entered as also the winner of this class can name itself the European Champion of 2012! Claiming this title with 91.3 points was Pikasso (Final Shadow x Pikirovka) – bred by Mr and Mrs Atkin and owned by Miss Bethell from the UK. 2nd in class with 90.5 points and with this reserve European Champion was Palermo DD (Justify x Lady Aymona) – bred by DD Arabians and owned by Charlotte Bowskill from the Netherlands.

When most people found their places again, it was time for the most exciting classes of the show, starting with the mares aged 3–5 years old. Happy to not be in the judges' shoes, I fully enjoyed each and everyone of them. Difficult to make a choice, but in the end it was the incredible moving Pilarosa (Al Adeed al Shaqab x Pilar) who took the lead with an impressive score of 93.70 points, scoring full 20's on the movement. Bred and owned by Janow Podlaski stud from Poland, this lady also achieved the Top Five honour in the final senior mare championships. 2nd in class, scoring full 20's as well, earning a total of 93.50 points was El Saghira (Galba x Emira) – bred and owned by Michalow Stud from Poland. 3rd in class with still a score of 93 points was her stable mate Parmana (Al Maraam x Palmira). 4th in class and later Top Five winner was the exotic Juwanda OS (WH Justice x Shak Lavanda) – scoring a 92.90 points for her owner Dubai Arabian Stud. Juwanda was bred by Gestut Osterhof.

A small class of 6–7 years old mares was up next. Only three competitors but of amazing quality. The class was won with 92.50 points by the Polish Altamira (Ekstern x Altona) – bred and owned by Janow Podlaski Stud. Beating the overall successful Abha Palma (Marwan al Shaqab x Abha Ghazali) with 0.30 points. Abha Palma was bred by Marieta Salas and is in ownership of Al Mohamadia Stud from Saudi Arabia.

The icing on the cake was the class that was up next – 8–10 years old mares. This class was the creme de la creme, no where else to be seen in the Arabian horse world. Primary dominated by the Polish breed. Winner of the class was Pinga (Gazal al Shaqab x Pliar) – scoring a total of 94.20 points, resulting in winning the Gold medal in the final senior mare championships as well. Pinga was bred and owned by Michalow Stud from Poland. 2nd in class and later bronze medal winner with a total of 93.80 points was her half sister Magora. Sired by



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Gazal al Shagab as well and coming out of Margotka. Bred by Blommerod Stud and owned by HRHP Khalid bin Sultan from Saudi Arabia. 3rd in class with 92.20 points was Wilda. Again sired by Gazal al Shagab out of Wilga. Bred and owned by Michalow Stud from Poland.

When you thought it couldn't get any better than this, the senior mares aged 11 years and older made their entrance. Underlining once again the quality of this show. Winner of this class with a total of 94.10 points was El Dorada (Sanadik el Shaklan x Emigrantka) – bred by Michalow Stud and owned by Athbah Stud from Saudi Arabia. This mare continued the succes by receiving the best head trophy as well as the Silver medal in the final senior mare championships. 2nd in class with 93.60 points was the 17 years old Palmira (Monogramm x Palestra) – bred and owned by Michalow Stud and the mother of the previously top five winning Parmana. 3rd in this class with 93.50 point was Lady Psyche (Psytadel x Ibara) – bred by the Noel family and owned by the Royal Cavalry of Oman.

After the mare classes, it was time for the stallions aged 4-5 years old. Winner of this class with 93.70 points and later named the Unanimous senior champion stallion was Abba Qatar (Marwan al Shagab x ZT Ludjkalba) – bred by Marieta Salas and owned by Al Mohamadia Stud from Saudi Arabia. 2nd in class was Roe Lateef (Gazal al Shagab x ZT Ludjbroasiaa) – bred and owned by Mr. Aggad from the United Kingdom.

Next to go were the stallions aged 6-7 years old. Winner with 93.40 points was Palatino (Pesal x Palmeta) – bred and owned by Janow Podlaski from Poland. 2nd in class with 93 points was Kabsztad (Poganin x Kwestura) – bred and owned by Michalow Stud from Poland. Both stallion entertaining the crowd with their almost perfect scores in movement!

Also the stallions aged 8-10 years old brought excitement as they where all show winners competing for the first position which ended in a tie between Esparto (Ekstern x Ekspozycja) and IM Bayard Cathare (Padrons Immage x Shamilah Bagheera), both scoring a massive 93.50 points. In the end it was Esparto that took the lead as he was scoring higher in type.



Esparto was bred and owned by Michalow Stud from Poland. In the final championships he claimed the Silver medal. Im Bayard Cathare got the Bronze medal in the final senior championships. He was bred by Mr. Roques from France and owned by the Royal Cavalry of Oman.

As the time was flying by with all the superb quality of competitors, the last class was already in sight. Four stallions aged 11 years and older kept the atmosphere warm, fighting for that first position which was claimed by the Polish stallion Poganin (Laheeb x Pohulanka), scoring a total of 93.40 points. Poganin also claimed the Top Five honour in the final championship, is bred and owned by Janow Podlaski and is also the sire of Kabsztad who was competing in the previous class. 2nd in this senior male class was the reigning Straigh Egyptian World champion stallion F Shamaal (Maysoun x Sarameena) – bred by the Friedmann family and owned by HRHP Khalid Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz from Saudi Arabia, claiming a well deserved Top Five honour in the final senior male championships.

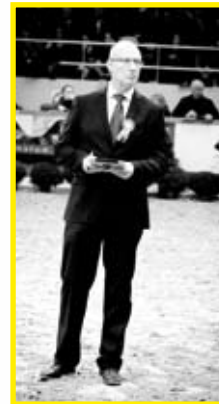
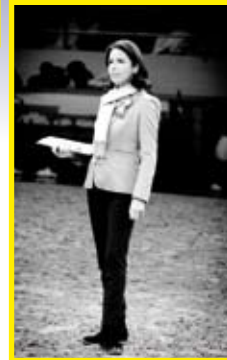
With this the final European Championships came to an end. In my opinion one of the best editions of the Europeans in years. Large classes with the best quality the world has to offer. An interesting sneak preview of the upcoming world championships, which are being held in Paris. With the quality being this high, all options are open and we are looking forward to seeing them back in the Arena! a

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People

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Gold Medal Yearling Fillies



- AJA EUROPA -

(AJA JUSTIFIED/HB MARAIS)

B&O: HICKFORD/GB

Gold Medal Yearling Colts



- ASCOT DD -

(GLORIUS APAL/LADY AYMONA DD)

B: DEJONCKHEERE/BE - O: ATHBAH STUD/KSA

Gold Medal Fillies



- WIEZA MOCY -

(QR MARC/WIEZA MARZEN)

B&O: MICHALOW/PL

Gold Medal Colts



- EQUATOR -

(QR MARC/EKLIPTYKA)

B&O: MICHALOW/PL

Gold Medal Mares



- PINGA -

(GAZAL AL SHAQAB***/PILAR)
B&O: JANOW PODLASKI/PL

Gold Medal Stallions



- ABHA QATAR -

(MARWAN AL SHAQAB*/ZT LUDJKALBA)
B: SES PLANES/ES - O: AL MOHAMADIA STUD/KSA

Silver Medal Yearling Fillies



- EUZONA -

(OM EL BELLISSIMO/EUZETIA)
B&O: JANOW PODLASKI STUD/PL

Silver Medal Yearling Colts



- DESIGN FOR LIFE -

(DESIGNED/LIANNA)

B: JONES/GB - O: AL MUAWD STUD/GB

Silver Medal Fillies



- AV DALIA -

(AJMAN MONISCIONE**/AV DOLIMHA)

B&O: SANCHI/IT

Silver Medal Colts



- MASCOT DES ALPES -

(MARWAN AL SHAQAB*/EAMT MARIHUANA
B: BERG/FR - O: AL NAFYAT STUD/USA

Silver Medal Mares



- EL DORADA***-

(SANADIK EL SHAKLAN**/EMIGRANTKA)
B: MICHALOW/PL - O: ATHBAH STUD/KSA

Silver Medal Stallions

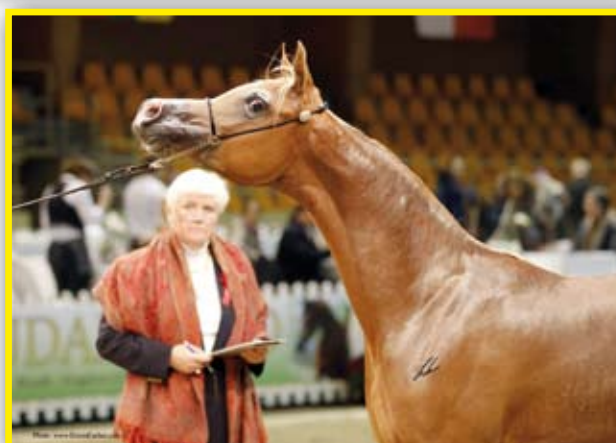


- ESPARTO -

(EKSTERN**/EKSPOZYCJA)

B&O: MICHALOW/PL

Bronze Medal Yearling Fillies



- FM DOHAA -

(AJMAN MONISCIONE**/FM GLORIAA)
B&O: SWAENPOEL/BE

Bronze Medal Yearling Colts



- SULTAN AL SHAQAB -

(AMIR AL SHAQAB/ABHA AL SHAQAB)

B&O: AL SHAQAB/QAT

Bronze Medal Fillies



- DIARA -

(ERYKS/DIASPORA)
B&O: MICHALOW/PL

Bronze Medal Colts



- CALYPSO OS -

(AJMAN MONISCIONE**/AB NASTRAPSY)
B: STÖCKLE/DE - O: SABANKAYA SELECT/USA

Bronze Medal Mares



- MAGORA -

(GAZAL AL SHAQAB***/MARGOTKA)

B: BLOMMERÖD/SE - O: AL KHALIDIAH STUD/KSA

Bronze Medal Stallions



- IM BAYARD CATHARE -

(PADRONS IMAGE***/SHAMILAH BAGHEERA)

B: ROQUES/FR - O: ROYAL CAVALRY/OMA

Top Five Yearling Fillies



- MY FAIR ROSE D -

(MARAJJ/WH MARISSA ROSE*) - B: DION ARABIANS/BE - O: VAN OOSTENRIJCK/BE



- ASH MARIELLA -

(MONTHER AL NASSER/ALISHYA) - B: BENTCHIKOU/BE - O: TABORI BKV PARTNERSHIP/IL



Top Five Yearling Colts



- SG KARABIN -

(AJMAN MONISCIONE**/WIOLETT) - B&O: SCUDERIA GROANE/IT



- SHARAAM EL CHIQUE -

(REDWOOD LODGE ARTIQUE/LG GINA LOLO BRIDGETA) - B&O: PATRICK/AUS

Top Five Fillies



- UL SID PARMA -

(EL SID/CA KUPONA*) - B: ULRICHSDAL ARABIANS/DK - O: OELENSCHLAEGER/DK



- EMANDILLA -

(OM EL SHAHMAAN/ESPADRILLA*) - B&O: MICHALOW/PL



Top Five Colts



- ESPRESSIVO -

(QR MARC/EMOCJA) - B: GHEYSENS/BE - O: KNOCKE ARABIANS/BE



- AJA ANGELO -

(WH JUSTICE***/AJA AAISHA) - B&O: HICKFORD/GB

Top Five Mares



- PILAROSA -

(AL ADEED AL SHAQAB****/PILAR) - B&O: JANOW PODLASKI/PL



- JUWANDA OS -

(WH JUSTICE***/SHAK LAVANDA) - B: STÖCKLE/DE - O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD/UAE



Top Five Stallions



- POGANIN -

(LAHEEB**/POHULANKA) - B&O: JANOW PODLASKI/PL



- F SHAMAAL* -

(MAYSOUN**/SARAMEENA) - B: FRIEDMANN/DE - O: AL KHALIDIAH STUD/KSA