

ECAHO TITLE SHOWS SEASON STARTED!



1ST PRINCE SULTAN BIN ABDULAZIZ INTERNATIONAL ARABIAN HORSE FESTIVAL IN SAUDI ARABIA

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European Conference of Arab Horse Organizations uniting the breeders from European and some Middle Eastern member countries under one flag of ECAHO, has already started its most prestigious, title show season with the old-new event held at Al Khalediah Farm by Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

The old – well known by many Arabian horse enthusiasts from all around the world was the place – wide, open desert located Al Khalediah Farm, that has been hosting the Arabian horse show both national and international level since 2008 already to promote and develop the equestrian disciplines in which this extraordinary horse breed competes. Now the pure bred Arabian horse international ECAHO title show was held under the new name and patronage of HRH PRINCE SULTAN BIN ABDULAZIZ, a great cavalier, a horse and its culture lover and supporter. The international show competition was a part of the great International Arabian Horse Festival being under the patronage of His Royal

Highness, Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Bin AbdulAziz Al Saud as a Chairman of Organizing Board. The Festival, lasting for 5 days, that introduces equestrian disciplines and the importance and significance of the Arabian horse as part of the Saudi nation's history. And so it started with endurance meeting on the first day with competition FEI CEI ** for 120 km, then 5 races on the second day, open for Purebred Arabian horses from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, while the final three days - the pinnacle of the Festival was International Arabian Horse Show under the rules of ECAHO, displaying the true beauty and elegance of these majestic animals. The entire Festival was attended by Their Royal Highnesses, Crown Princes, Sheikhs, Ambassadors, Consul Generals, and key people in the business community across the Gulf Region as well as owners, breeders, key association members, international media representatives, and personalities from all around the world – being invited to this elegant „week with Arabian horse” on the desert heartland of Arabian Peninsula. The organizers took care about honouring the best breed



The grand stand, in the first row:
 HRH Prince Khaled bin Sultan bin Abdulaziz Al Saud (middle)
 James B. Smith - US Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (right)
 HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Ahmed bin Abdulaziz Al Saud (left)

representatives with not only prizes, rosettes and garlands but also with prize money and so the total of 6,000,000 SAR (close to 1 million 200 thousands Euro) was dedicated for ECAHO classes only.

It's a tradition of the show that the selected, top horses from Europe, usually those who were awarded with a Champion medals from national or international shows are being invited by the show organizers to compete at Al Khalediah with the kind return of the trip cost. This is why it's a great honor for any Arabian horse and its owner to compete at the Festival. This year the organizing team intended to have the representatives of over 20 countries representatives at the competition. The show was judged by the prestigious panel of jury: Christiane Chazel, (FR); Irina Stigler, (RUS); Cristina Valdes y Colon de Carvajal, (ES); Deidre Hyde, (UAE); Francesco Santoro, (IT); Tommy Huseby, (NO) and Ali Shaarawi, (EGY).

To the international ECAHO Title show over 180 horses arrived so most of the classes were tough competition with more than 10 horses in each age group. Looking

through the catalog was a promise of superb interesting event with some of 2012 European show season leaders as well as some past, famous come backs, bred both outside and inside Middle East. Yearling classes as well as the championships were led by the Arabian countries with Qatar and Saudi Arabia sharing the medals in the fillies. The hard battle just with one point leading was won by Zenat Al Shaqab (by Khalil Al Shaqab) bred and owned by AL SHAQAB STUD in front of AL MUAWD STUD bred and owned, very sire-like Ryaanh Al Muawd (by Stival). Bronze medal was taken by Salmah Al Shgair, owned by SHEIKH ABDUL MOHSEN BIN ABDULMALIK AL SHEIKH, a lovely daughter of F Shamaal, popular champion sire in the Middle East now debuting in Europe being available there in 2013. Also the yearling colts gold medal went to the breeders from Qatar – Al Shaqab, for Ghalib Al Shaqab (by Kahil Al Shaqab) in front of Miglad Al Mohamadia (by Shannan El Madan) from AL MOHAMADIA STUD in Saudi Arabia – as Silver; and the third place with Bronze medal went to Europe – GESTUT OSTERHOF who brought Mistral RTA by Marajj as well as few other horses and it was just the beginning of their successful trip to Saudi this year.



Platinum in Paris 2012

In juniors the groups of competitors were more multi-continental. The winner in fillies was Nastya OS – another offspring of Marajj bred by Gestut Osterhof but owned by AJMAN STUD (UAE). She was the class winner of fillies 2 years old. Silver medal went to darkbay Ghanadir Al Zobair (by MCA Magnum Gold), bred and owned by AL ZOBAIR STUD (UAE), placed second in the class after Nastya OS. Bronze medal went to UL Sid Parma (by El Sid). We could have seen this filly, bred by Ulrichsdal Arabians in Denmark, competing successfully across 2012 under the flag of her home farm. Although she changed the ownership end of last year and since 2013 she is winning (also the class of 3 years old fillies at Al Khalediah) for the new owner – HRH Prince Saud Bin Sultan Bin Saud Al Saud. In junior males the interesting competition took place between three Middle Eastern owned colts – the entitled AJ Mardan (by Vervadee) from Ajman Stud, UAE – class winner of 2 years old colts, Design For Life (by Designed) from AL MUAWD STUD (Saudi Arabia) – who took third place in the same class and the representative from Qatar – Ghasham Al Shaqab (by Al Adeed Al Shaqab), bred by Al Shaqab Stud, winning the

older class of 3 years old. This beautiful, exotic colt happened to be strong favorite for the judges and he won gold medal for Qatar with the majority of votes. Silver went to young but already show veteran – AJ Mardan and bronze – to Al Muawd Stud with Design For Life. Senior classes were the real collection of past show winners. Such names as FT Shaella, El Dorada, Venetia, Emandoria, SF Shaklina – in the top fives of mares classes and all of them in very good condition, was just a part of the entries so everybody were impatiently waiting for the final order for the medals. Although the judges seemed to have this order well precised as the medals were given with majority of votes in the senior females. The gold went to FT Shaella (by Shael Dream Desert) bred by Flavia Torres in Brazil and owned by DUBAI STUD, UAE, class winner of mares 4-6 years old who collected 21 points in the championship voting. The silver, and 13 points went to class winner of mares 10 years and older class – beautiful El Dorada (by Sanadik El Shaklan), bred by Michalów Stud Poland and on lease to ATHBAH STUD, Saudi Arabia since last year. The last show season was a hard battle between those two mares at several high

Yearling Females



GOLD ZENAT AL SHAQAB

(KAHIL AL SHAQAB x ZT MAGHAN)
AL SHAQAB (QA)

rank shows. Bronze medal went this time to another mare bred in Poland and another multichampion – Emandoria (by Monogramm) bred by Michalow Stud, on lease to Ajman Stud, UAE, class winner of mares 7-10 years old, who collected 11 points in the championships. If the podium would have 4 places instead of 3 we would also see in this group the beautiful Venetia (by Versace) coming back to the show rings from Al Shaqab Stud, who also collected some votes for the champion title.

The classes of senior stallions gathered horses bred in

Middle East, Europe and USA. Probably the most entitled in the favorites group was former World Champion Escape Ibn Navarrone-D (by AS Sinans Pacha), bred by Dion Arabians and owned by Ajman Stud, who used to win almost every show he appeared at. His winning of the eldest group of stallions, again with Frank Spoenle on the lead was a big promise of another success. Although the tough rival he met in the 7-9 old stallions – in Al Khatab Al Thani (by Al Batran). This stallion bred and owned by AL SAWARY FARM, Saudi Arabia, and standing in Europe for 2012 show

Yearling Females



SILVER RYAANH AL MUAWD

(STIVAL X BLUE FIRE LADY)

AL MUAWD STUD - ABDULLAH BIN MUAWD AL SUBAIE & SONS (KSA)



BRONZE SALMAH AL SHGAIR

(F. SHAMAAL X
JAWHARAH AL RABIA'S)
SHEIKH ABDUL MOHSEN
BIN ABDULMALIK AL SHEIKH (KSA)

Yearling Males



GOLD GHALIB AL SHAQAB

(KAHIL AL SHAQAB x GAZALA AL SHAQAB)
AL SHAQAB (QA)

season collected a lot of trophies across the last year and he came back to his homeland with strong plan to win. Indeed loudly cheered by spectators he made the plan – very well prepared to his best by Tom Oben, winning the class as well as the gold medal with 18 point votes against 15 for Escape Ibn Navarrone! The happiness of the owners, trainers and all his fans from Saudi and Europe seemed to be endless. The bronze medal was completed by the chestnut Master Design GA (by Versace) bred in USA by Bentley family and currently owned by Al Muawd Stud in Saudi Arabia.

In the meantime of International Arabian Horse Show also the Desert Bred horses – being a big piece of Saudi Arabian breeding culture had its competition day as well.

It was very successful for KING ABDUL AZIZ ARABIAN HORSES CENTER AT DIRAB – with the winner of Fillies section: Asalat Dirab, in front of Badweah Al Thalithah representing STABLES OF KING ABDULLAH BIN ABDULAZIZ & SONS and Felwah Athbah from Athbah Stud as third. Athbah Stud was also

Yearling Males



SILVER MIGLAD ALMOHAMADIA

(SHANNAN EL MADAN X LAYAN AL MOHAMADIA)

AL MOHAMADIA STUD / HH PRINCE ABDULLAH BIN FAHAD AL SAUD (KSA)



BRONZE MISTRAL RTA

(MARAJJ X MARAA)

FAM. Stöckle -

GESTÜT OSTERHOF (DE)

Junior Females



GOLD NASTYA OS

(MARAJJ x AB NASTRAPSY)
AJMAN STUD (UAE)

extremely lucky in the Colts competitions, as the final two first places were grabbed by the stud mates bred by the same stud – Kheraisan Athbah as first and Fahad Athbah as second, both horses owned by H.R.H.P. AHMED BIN ABDULAZIZ AL SAUD. The top three was completed by the representative of KING ABDUL AZIZ ARABIAN HORSES CENTER AT DIRAB as breeder – Laith Dirab, owned by MAJED BIN HASSAN AL GHESHYAN. In the mares section the judges panel – Cristina Valdes Y Colon, Deidre Hyde and Ali Sharaawi made the unanimous decision choosing Wassayef Al

Thalitha by STABLES OF KING ABDULLAH BIN ABDULAZIZ & SONS as the winner, in front of Al Direyah Al Thaniya – also bred and owned by the same farm! For the third place, also unanimous, another offspring from Dirab Center was elected – the only chestnut in this competition - Hassnaa Dirab. In the senior stallions again the KING ABDUL AZIZ ARABIAN HORSES CENTER was successful, this time taking the leadership with very typey Khaleel Dirab, in front of Drea Al Thani by STABLES OF KING ABDULLAH BIN ABDULAZIZ & SONS. All the rest of

Junior Females



**SILVER
GHANADIR AL ZOB AIR**
(MCA MAGNUM GOLD x THORAYA AL ZOB AIR)
AL ZOB AIR STUD (UAE)



**BRONZE
UL SID PARMA**
(EL SID X CA KUPONA)
HRH PRINCE
SAUD BIN SULTAN BIN SAUD AL SAUD
(KSA)

Junior Males



GOLD GHASHAM AL SHAQAB

(AL ADEED AL SHAQAB x GAZALA AL SHAQAB)
AL SHAQAB (QA)

top five places in the senior stallions were completed also by the males brought by Dirab Center – with Altaj, placed as third, Nashmi Dirab, fourth and Jamran Dirab – fifth! Congratulations to such great success in breeding this national treasure!

The Arabian horse had played a big role in the history and development of the Arabian culture, and is held in high regard by all who chose to become part of this amazing equestrian world. And this event that we had a pleasure to be a part of, can certainly be considered as

the only one of its kind in the Arabian Peninsula and, more particularly, in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. With its quality of participants, elegance of organization it can be called a horse lovers paradise focusing on the heritage of the Arabian horse, its preservation and development throughout the ages in Saudi Arabia – and you could have felt it in every moment of the Festival. We hope to meet the great horses and the great culture at Al Khalediah also next year!

Junior Males



**SILVER
AJ MARDAN**
(VERVALDEE x FELICIA RLC)
AJMAN STUD (UAE)



**BRONZE
DESIGN FOR LIFE**
(DESIGNED x LIANNA)
AL MUAWD STUD
ABDULLAH BIN MUAWD AL SUBAIE
& SONS (KSA)

Senior Females



GOLD FT SHAELLA

(SHAEL DREAM DESERT x SOUL PRETTY TGS)
DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD (UAE)



Senior Females



SILVER EL DORADA

(SANADIK EL SHAKLAN x EMIGRANTKA)

ATHBAH STUD / H.R.H.P. ABDULAZIZ BIN AHMED BIN ABDULAZIZ AL SAUD (KSA)



BRONZE EMANDORIA

(GAZAL AL SHAQAB x EMANDA)

AJMAN STUD (KSA)

Senior Males



GOLD AL KHATAB AL THANI

(AL BATRAN x HANAN AL THANIYAH)
SONS OF SHEIKH HUSSAIN MOHAMED BASHA (KSA)



Senior Males



**SILVER
ESCAPE IBN NAVARRONE-D**
(AS SINANS PACHA x NAVARRONE "P")
AJMAN STUD (UAE)



**BRONZE
MASTER DESIGN GA**
(VERSACE x BEA SOCIETY BELLE)
AL MUAWD STUD
ABDULLAH BIN MUAWD AL SUBAIE
& SONS (KSA)

Desert Bred – Fillies



**GOLD
ASALAT DIRAB**
(KHALEEL DIRAB x AZBAT DIRAB)
KING ABDUL AZIZ
ARABIAN HORSES CENTER AT DIRAB (KSA)

SILVER BADAWEAH AL THALITHAH

(DREA AL THANI x NOURAH AL SABIAA)
STABLES OF
KING ABDULLAH BIN ABDULAZIZ
& SONS (KSA)



BRONZE FELWA ATHBAH

(NAMAR x MANDOUBA)
H.R.H.P. AHMED BIN ABDULAZIZ AL SAUD
(KSA)



Desert Bred – Colts



GOLD KHERAISAN ATHBAH

(DREA AL THANI x MANDOUBA)

H.R.H.P. AHMED BIN ABDULAZIZ AL SAUD
(KSA)

SILVER FAHAD ATHBAH

(NAMAR x MANDOUBA)

H.R.H.P. AHMED BIN ABDULAZIZ AL SAUD
(KSA)



BRONZE LAITH DIRAB

(REZAIQ x LAYAN DIRAB)

MAJED BIN HASSAN AL GHESHYAN
(KSA)

Desert Bred – Mares



GOLD WASSAYEF AL THALITHA

(NADER x EL BARSAA)

STABLES OF

KING ABDULLAH BIN ABDULAZIZ
& SONS (KSA)



Desert Bred – Mares



SILVER AL DIRIEYAH AL THANIYA

(KAYID AL THANI x GHAZWA AL THANIYA)

STABLES OF KING ABDULLAH BIN ABDULAZIZ & SONS (KSA)



BRONZE HASSNAA DIRAB

(REZAIQ x LAYAN DIRAB)

KING ABDUL AZIZ

ARABIAN HORSES CENTER

AT DIRAB (KSA)

Desert Bred – Stallions



GOLD KHALEEL DIRAB

(REZAIQ x KHUZAMAH)
KING ABDUL AZIZ ARABIAN
HORSES CENTER AT DIRAB (KSA)

Desert Bred – Stallions



SILVER DREA AL THANI

(KAYID AL THANI x ALYAA AL THANIYA)

STABLES OF KING ABDULLAH BIN ABDULAZIZ & SONS (KSA)



BRONZE ALTAJ

(AL WADAH x KHUZAMAH)

KING ABDUL AZIZ

ARABIAN HORSES CENTER

AT DIRAB (KSA)



Sheikh Ahmed bin Humaid Al Nuaimi (UAE)
on Bellawonqara H Sulieman (1st place)



Ahmed Ali Al Sabousi (UAE)
on Norwest (2nd place)



Rashed Almazrooei (UAE)
on Ainhwa Zilzakh (3rd place)

Italian Team



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HRH Prince
Khaled bin Sultan bin Abdulaziz Al Saud
at the endurance awarding

Racing



Race 1: 18. Al Fareed Mudhafar (the winner) and 4. Hafeed Dorman Al Baijan (4th)



Race 2: 1. Louran (the winner) finishing



Race 3: 15. Al Hur Al Thani (winner)



Race 4: 17. Ghadjani (winner)



Race 5: 11. Husam El Sahraa (winner)



Race 6: 18. Nabegh Al Khalediah (winner)

DCs and judges

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POST SHOW WELCOME IN SAUDI ARABIA

AL FALA & AL MUAWD STUDS PRESENTATIONS AND ATHBAH STUD EVENING DINNER

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The Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Arabian Horse Show ended up on Friday 25th January in early evening hours, but it was not the end of „1001 attractions” prepared by the Saudi Arabian hosts to the international guests. Just upon leaving the showground they met the luxury coaches ready to depart for the welcome dinner hosted by HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Ahmed Al Saud and attended by him personally as well as the Royal Family members, judges, all leading Arabian horse community members including the President of ECAHO – Jaroslav Lkacina with wife and the crowds of the VIP show attendants. The evening party held in traditional Saudi style was a nice breather after the long days of watching a horse show. Organized in the non-horse dedicated part of Athbah Farm, in the charming oasis under the palms with traditional fireplace arranged into modern tea & coffee bar offering warming up ginger tea, the Bedouin-like tents serving dates and mint tea and the dancers playing and performing live music after the guests arrival. After the personal welcome and short talk with every guest by the host - HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Ahmed Al Saud, the attendants were delighted by the rich tables of delicious international cuisine catering arranged by Four Seasons Hotel. Many of Arabian horse lovers were seen while coming back to the open bar tables several times as nearly no one could help of taking an extra course by this delightful food! For the brave

ones the Athbah staff gave a chance to try themselves in riding beautifully decorated camels – many of those usually seen in the horse surroundings decided to mount those graceful animals, taking a good example from ECAHO President Jaroslav Lkacina!

And after the evening had finished with the guest charmed by the hospitality, beauty of the place and taste of the food – Athbah Stud surprised them again by bringing huge bags of elegant Athbah gadgets to everyone! The amount of the gifts inside was enough to keep the visitors busy during almost all the way from „Athbah oasis” back to the hotels!

Alfala Stud is located in Alamariyah, Saudi Arabia, 30 km from Riyadh. This certainly one of most beautiful farms in Arabian horse world, owned by Abdul Rahman Altobaishi, Rakan Altobaishi and managed by Enrique Castillo is well known by ownership of the unique Straight Egyptian horses collection in Saudi Arabia. The huge facility of around 70 000 square meters is located in an irrigated valley renowned for growing palm dates. Great care has been taken here to provide an efficient environment for breeding and enjoying Arabian horses – so with indoor arena providing seating for 60 guests, outdoor exhibit arena with seating for 30 guests, stalls for 60 horses with stallion barn accommodating five stallions, a suitable



Al Fala Stud - one of most impressive equine facilities in the world

clinic for veterinary and quarantine needs, as well as a pool and walking facilities for conditioning. Mares and foals enjoy roomy paddocks for grouping young stock by ages and gender. Irrigation in the region allows for enjoying lush green with the traditional desert surroundings beyond the property that is also well known for its mini zoo with wild species of animals and lovely guest area by the lake being a lunch meeting place at each Open House. This 2013 one after the Al Khalediah show contained 5 strains of Straight Egyptian mares and their offsprings presentation – that enabled the guests to follow the progress in Al Fala breeding program. The special affirmation of the spectators was given to such beauties as Aliah Bint Al Adeed and Maysouna Guasimo (both by Al Adeed Al Shaqab), the Egyptian Event Champion – Jumeira by Phaaros and the lovely group of his young fillies followed of course by the great, famous sire himself – that is a cherry on the cake of every Al Fala horse presentation. The new addition to this year Open House weretwo non-Egyptian fillies – Cartajena Alfabia (by Marwan Al Shaqab) and Signorita Alfabia (by ZT Magnanimus)

the horse preserves in Saudi Arabia established to follow the most important Arabian horses lines from around the world. Its horses had already achieved over 30 champion titles in different countries including the 2013 show at Al Khalediah that has been so successful for al Muawd with RYAANH AL MUAWD



During the evening dinner at "Athbah oasis"

being Yearling Female Silver Champion, DESIGN FOR LIFE - Junior Male Bronze Champion and MASTER DESIGN GA - Senior Male Bronze Champion. Its not a surprise then, that many of the VIP show guests joined its horse presentation on Saturday afternoon to enjoy the other horses from Al Muawd collection. The interesting preview included the daughters of such international and various leading sires as Don El Chall, Galba, Ekstern, Gazal Al Shaqab, Ajman Moniscione, Kubinec as well as the youngest by Vervaldee and Trussardi – so it was very interesting close look for the international visitors at the breeding in Saudi Arabia! During the nice walk around Al Muawd facilities after the presentation, the guests had a chance to see all the horses gathered in the farm – both the champions, the broodmares and the future promossing offsprings as well as the modern horse-pool, the lab



Modern horse pool at Al Muawd

– being a gift to the father of the owners - Mohammed Altabaishi. Great new steps into the future of Al Fala to be followed next year at another presentation!

Al Muawd Stud owned by Abdullah Al Muawd & Sons is one of

and the beautiful buildings kept in traditional Saudi Arabian style. The day ended with charming evening meal served by hosts under the raising moon and stars amongst the desert hills surrounding Al Muawd. It was really hard to leave Saudi Arabia this February!