



Pianissima  
(Gazal Al Shaqab x Pianosa)

## AROUND THE GLOBE WITH POLISH ARABIAN HORSE SUMMARY OF 2012 SHOW SEASON

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**W**ith World Arabian Horse Championships held several weeks ago the 2012 show season in Europe ended. It was very lucky for Polish-bred horses. Let's have a look back what successes horses of Polish State and private studs achieved during the last show season proudly bringing the fame of Polish outstanding quality bloodlines across the world!

### Middle East

Due to the climate conditions, each show season begins in the Middle Eastern countries. The first good news for Polish breeders were those from non ECAHO affiliated international show in Abu Dhabi early February where with Bronze Medal the Middle Eastern career of young Egema (Esparto x Egira) has started. This 2 years old filly followed the footsteps of her sire – Esparto who was also beginning his successful Middle Eastern career during the lease to Ajman Stud in 2007 and at Abu Dhabi Show he became Senior Champion Stallion. Egema was purchased by Sudan-originated breeder Hassan Idriss who decided to invest a lot in Polish horses and Egema is one of his recent purchases from Bialka State Stud. She will bring him also some more joy later in the season...

One month later under the patronage of HH Sh. Hamdan bin

Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai, and UAE Minister of Finance, the 2012 Dubai International Arabian Horse Championships were held. It was memorable and emotional event to all Polish Arabian horse fans around the world due to one very special and very last appearance. The unquestionable queen and icon for Arabian horse breed – immortal, unbeaten at any of her long list of shows – Pianissima (Gazal Al Shaqab x Pianosa) on her way back from the lease to USA she „dropped over” to UAE of course... to win! With great style and with no chances given to the others the Queen from Janów Podlaski Stud won the title of Dubai International Senior Champion Mare - very last trophy of her most spectacular career one may imagine. She entered the show arena once more, at her home stud in Janów Podlaski during 2012 Polish Nationals, greeted with standing ovations. She didn't take part in the competition this time but she appeared to honor the international guests of Arabian Horse Days in Poland and the stud director – Marek Trela, during this moving moment announced that this is the last public appearance of Pianissima and starting from now she will enjoy her peaceful role of the mother to future generations.

At the end of the season, the Egyptian shows hosted some further Polish bred fillies winning the trophies – at C national rank show in Rabab with Noumea (Ekstern x Noc) bred by Marek Kondrasiuk and owned by Omar Stud - Junior Female Gold





**Emira**  
(Laheeb x Embra)



**Albano**  
(Enzo x Alena)



**Altis**  
(WH Justice x Albia)



**Zigi-Zan**  
(Padrons Psyche x Zagrobła)

Champion, and later at ECAHO B international championships in El Zahraa, Cairo with the same filly taking International Bronze Medal and Bialka Stud bred Pelgrima (Emigrant x Perfazja) owned by Khattab & El Tahany Stud – as Bronze in Senior Mares.

## Europe

In Europe the first Polish bred horse entitled at International ECAHO B rank show in Albi in March was the stallion Piwosz (Arbil x Piwnica) bred by Bełzyce Stud in Poland and sold to France to Savenier family. This correct and good moving horse not only won his class but also became International Reserve Senior Champion.

Polish Arabian horses were very frequent entries at French shows last season. At the next competition in April - C show in Chazey sur Min both the horses imported from Poland like beautiful black Elwinga (HS Pirandelo x Elekcja) bred by Janów Podlaski Stud and owned by Lutetia Arabians as well as those being in Polish ownership – like Pia El Ali (Alishaar El Bri x Pandozja) bred by Monika Lufi and owned by Salima Arabians competed with success. The first one, Elwinga became Senior Female Bronze Champion and the second one – won her class.

Beautiful meeting place for Arabian horses that managed again to gather 65 horses for B International show is Tulip Cup in Deurne/Holland. And the best from all the great senior mares

group as well as from all the horses entered became Polish-bred (Michałów Stud) Emira (Laheeb x Embra) competing now for Athbah Stud. This famous mare, former Polish National and All Nations Cup Champion and European Reserve added to her trophies the Senior Champion Mare and Best in Show at Tulip Cup. At the same class her country mate Euskara bred by Bialka State Stud and owned now by Agmal Arabians RPA was 3rd in the class.

Having a quick look at British Islands – at the same days The Spring All Breeds In Hand Festival ECAHO C national show took place where Janów Podlaski bred Euza (Etogram x Eura) owned by family Holloway became Senior Female Gold Champion!

Very high quality competition took place one week later, mid May at L'Arte Del Cavallo, B-Show in Italy. Amongst some very entitled Italian and foreign stars the class winner and Junior Female Silver Champion became beautiful Ekstern daughter Gizelda (Ekstern x Ginerva) bred by Czeple Arabians and owned by Salima Arabians. We will hear about this mare quite often later on – she did a big journey around Europe in 2012 bringing several trophies home!

Coming back to the North of Europe, beginning of June, the Danish National Show took place with their 2012 National Reserve Champion Stallion being Polish bred Albano (Enzo x Alena) born at Janów Podlaski Stud and owned by Anette Siren.

In another competition taking place in this country, at Vilhelmsborg – ECAHO B internationals Michałów Stud bred





**Abbar**  
(Salar x Abba)



**Palatina**  
(QR Marc x Palmeta)



**Wabia**  
(Al Lahab x Wasa)



**Pilarosa**  
(Al Adeed Al Shaqab x Pilar)

*Emira by Laheeb added another cup: Senior Champion Mare for her current owner Athbah Stud!*

*And so we arrived to the hot summer time with Polish Arabian horses spread around Europe in different rank competition. At 9-10 June at beautiful Chateau d'Ittenwiller in French St. Pierre the C international show took place with as many as over 70 horses entered. In quite strong team representing Polish breeding, the Bronze medal at the colts was taken by the full brother to entitled Gizelda – Gardens (Ekstern x Ginerva), a lovely chestnut sired by Triplecrowned Ekstern is bred and still owned by Czeple Arabians His country mate Ehla (Gazal Al Shaqab x Eheria) bred by Michalów State Stud but sold to Sh. Mohammed Al Qassemi/UAE was Senior Female Silver Champion.*

*On 23-24 June, when most of the Arabian horse show community was watching prestigious Mediterranean Championships in Menton, an interesting show - Bairactar Memorial, C internationals took place in historical for horse breeding – Marbach, Germany. The big success of Poland were Erabea (Piber x Erlanda) bred by Michalów Stud and Euskara mentioned above. Both mares owned in RPA by Agmal Arabians – first took Senior Female Gold Champion and the second one – Silver!*

*Beginning of July Europe said good bye to one of most famous B international shows – Scandinavian Open at beautiful Blommerod, Sweden was held in 2012 for the last time. Not without the success of some Polish bred competitors – Altis (WH Justice x Albia) bred by Falborek Arabians and owned by the partnership Ismer, Edress and Siren took Senior Male Silver*

*Champion while royally bred Michalów Stud bred Zigi-Zan (Padrons Psyche x Zagrobla) owned by family Obrink in Sweden was Bronze. Nice accent for the last time at Blommerod where Polish breeding played the foundation role in establishing its famous farm.*

*In Belgium, the Emerald Trophy ECAHO show was split into B and C rank events. The second one, although rather small with entries had also its small Polish accent with Bialka Stud bred stallion Abbar (Salar x Abba) owned by family Pattyn in Belgium – Senior Male Gold Champion. He will also join the Bronze medal of another C national show in Zottegem, Belgium in August.*

*Second part of July is reserved for C international show in Lamballe – small but very nice event that Tutto Arabi always follows with reportages. Breizh Arabian Horse Show, as the official name of the event says, was a victory place for Michalów Stud bred fantastic mover Epicentrum by Ekstern out of Escalona owned by family Harrouet, France. The stallion took Senior Male Bronze Champion trophy.*

*July, the month busy with shows, ended up for Polish breeding with new, small show in active Sweden. The country resigned from Blommerod show, but continue with keeping Arabian horse breeders busy with new – Midnightsun International, C internationals where two Janów Podlaski bred horses owned by the same farm of Lindfors & Nord won the medals: Polifonia (Primo x Pepesza), coming back to her sire homeland became Senior Female Silver Champion and her stud mate Etman (Gil x*





Poganin  
(Laheeb x Pohulanka)



Wilda  
(Gazal Al Saqab x Wilga)



El Dorada  
(Sanadik El Shaklan x Emigrantka)



Wieża Mocy  
(QR Marc x Wieża Marzeń)

*Etruria*) too Silver in the stallions! Good choice of the Swedish farm while buying from Poland!

And so we arrived to August when most of Polish horses are involved into their famous National Show, but their relatives sold abroad continue the promotion of Polish breeding outside the country.

Michałów Stud bred Edin (Laheeb x Edina), sold some years ago to Joseph Geenen in France became Senior Male Silver Champion of C national rank show in Caillac. He repeated the same result 2 weeks later at International B-Show in Vichy.

Polish Arabian horses travelled from their homeland to compete at every corner of Europe last season. Good but worth of efforts of long trip example was ECAHO International C Show Forssa in Italy – where show entitled Ekstern daughter Gizelda mentioned above took the Junior Female Gold Champion cup and her stable mate and paternal half sister Figurantka (Ekstern x Firosetta) also bred by Czeple Arabians and still owned there was Senior Female Gold Champion!

September opens the season of most important shows in Europe. On 1st day of this month the successful and getting more and more beautiful, popular and prestigious Prague Intercup took place in historical Czech capital city. As usual the big number of entries were the neighbours from Poland who grabbed two medals in junior females – Gold for beautiful Palatina (QR Marc x Palmeta) from Janów Podlaski and Bronze for Wabia (Al Lahab x Wasa) from Falborek Arabians, as well as Bronze for Senior Mares – with Pilarosa (Al Adeed Al Shaqab x Pilar) and Silver in

Senior Stallions with Poganin (Laheeb x Pohulanka) - both from Janów Podlaski Stud. Nice Polish accent was also at Czech National Show the day before where Silver Junior Champion Mare became Ektesa (Al Assal AA x Eklemira) bred by Lech Błaszczuk and owned by Radka Vacirova, and Bronze went to another Polish bred filly Erapani (Etnodrons Psyche x Erudytką) bred by Stanred Arabians and owned by Mrs Chrysta.

Mid of September the last qualifications before big autumn events take place. At one of last shows of this kind one of the most busy show mares from Poland this season – Gizelda by Ekstern from Salima Arabians gained another success – winning the class and Junior Female Bronze Champion trophy at Arabische Pferde in Westfalen, C international Show in Germany. It was the last Polish success before the European shows Triple Crown opening – All Nations Cup in Aachen last week of September. This one of most prestigious Arabian horse events in the world, popular amongst spectators and breeders, gathered large number of entries from all the countries this time for jubilee 30th time. In the tough competition of wonderful 120 horses Polish participants left with 4 medals - Junior Female Silver Champion for Primera (Eden C x Preria) from Janów Podlaski, Senior Female Silver Champion for Michałow Stud bred beautiful El Dorada (Sanadik El Shaklan x Emigrantka) on lease to Athbah Stud, and two bronzes – for Junior Male – Equator (QR Marc x Eklipyka) from Michałow and his stable mate – Wilda (Gazal Al Saqab x Wilga) in senior mares. Its also worth to mention that as many as 25 Polish horses bred by both Polish private and state studs were





**Euzona**  
(Om El Belissino x Euzetia)



**Equator**  
(QR Marc x Ekliptyka)



**Chaos Persefona**  
(Poganin x Ceres)



**Pinga**  
(Gazal Al Shaqab x Pilar)

placed at classes top fives and so there was no big surprise that the The Major T.W.I. Hedley Memorial Trophy – All Nations Cup went in 2012 to Poland!

Great warming up before the upcoming European Championships in Moorsele, Belgium end of October where Polish team continued the successful battle for medals. And they came back with 7 of them including 3 gold! The most prestigious colors went to Michałów State Stud bred: Wieża Mocy (QR Marc x Wieża Marzeń) - Junior Female Gold Champion, Equator (QR Marc x Ekliptyka) - Junior Male Gold Champion, and Senior Female Gold Champion for Pinga (Gazal Al Shaqab x Pilar) from Janów Podlaski. Three silver medals went to: Yearling Female Silver Champion - Euzona (Om El Belissino x Euzetia) from Janów Podlaski, Senior Female Silver Champion – to beautiful El Dorada (Sanadin El Shaklan x Emigrantka) on lease to Atbah Stud and her stable mare Michałów bred Esparto (Ekstern x Ekspozycja) - Senior Male Silver Champion. Junior Female Bronze Champion medal was added for Diara (Eryks x Diaspora) also from Michałów. To enlarge the Polish domination at 2012 European Championships, 3 other horses – Emandilla (Om El Shahmaan x Espadrillaa) from Michałów Stud and two from Janów Podlaski – Pilarosa (Al Adeed Al Shaqab x Pilar) and Poganin (Laheeb x Pohulanka) completed the overall result with Top Five titles. Could it have been better? Well...- yes! World Championships in Paris were in front of them still...

In October also the finals of the new 1st European Breeders Cup (non ECAHO) show took place in beautiful spa town of

Deauville, North of France. It gathered a lot of good quality horses, many of them from Europe as well as from Middle East. The most successful Polish horse happened to be Chaos Persefona (Poganin x Ceres) bred and owned by Chrcynno-Palace Stud. This 2007 correct and great moving mare became class winner and Senior Female Gold Champion grabbing 4500 Euro in prize money.

The great final of European show season takes part in the capital city of world's fashion – Paris. Would it direct the world's fashion for Arabian horse into Poland? At this show the quality is always so high that everyone's expectations are also big. But the number of medals is also – always limited... And I think that if someone would say before the competition that 4 medals including 2 gold from that most tough of world's shows will go to Poland, I guess even Polish breeders would hardly believe. But Arabian horse shows are like football match -until the ball is in the game, don't speak about result. The first gold went to 2012 European Gold Champion – Wieża Mocy from Michałów, who added the trophy for World Junior Female Gold Champion to her spectacular 2012 career. The same happened to Pinga from Janów Podlaski, now 2012 European and World Gold Champion Mare. Silver medal in very tough competition of Junior Stallions went to Equator – Gold at European Championships this year as well! His stud mate El Dorada was one of the favourites and high hopes for Paris show for her leaser Athbah Stud. She has just been beaten by Pinga and beautiful FT Shaella presenting her best, so Bronze medal from World Championships can not be





**Primero Marc**  
(QR Marc x Poruta)



**Egema**  
(Esparto x Egira)



**Epicentrum**  
(Ekstern x Escalona)



**Zigi Zana**  
(QR Marc x Zagrobła)

considered as disappointment. Besides of „standart“ medal trophies Polish horses brought back from Paris several special ones – including best moving female (Pinga) and male (Palatino), best breeder and owner – for Janów Podlaski Stud.

### **Across the Ocean**

Europe is not the only show ground for successful Polish horse. Since late '60 ties Polish Arabian horse is one of the foundation line for US breeding. In 2012 the spectacular appearance in USA was Janów Podlaski bred and owned Pogrom (QR Marc x Pętle) on lease to Midwest and Sloan Arabians and highly promoted by Midwest Training Center. Besides the busy duties of leading sire over there he became Region XI Champion at Springfield, IL. Bialka bred Hun (Gazal Al Shaqab x Hula) residing since a few years at Hun Partnership, USA became Region I Stallion Champion at Del Mar, California. In Canada, the flying Monogrammm-son Empres (out of Empressa) bred by Michałow Stud competed in hand and under the saddle gaining the Gold Medal Stallion Championships Halter and Top Ten Stallions under the saddle in Brandon, Canada.

### **Brasil & South Africa**

Even in exotic, far countries Polish Arabian horses are setting the breed's standards and leading at the show ranks. At 13th Expogrande Arabian Show on 21-22 April the show debut of one

of Polish-bred exciting sons of QR Marc took place. Primero Marc (out of Monogrammm daughter – Poruta) bred by Zalia Arabians and on lease to Haras Engenho became Unanimous Champion Colt and the Most Classic Head winner. Looking forward for his bright future in Brazil and after his come back to European shows!

Bigger group of Polish horses appeared also at South African National Show in Parys. The National Senior Champion Stallion and Overall Stallion Reserve Champion in halter became Georgetown (Gazal Al Shaqab x Georgia) born at Michałow Stud. He was also National Champion Stallion in Show Hack. Born at the same Polish state stud mare – Eloida (Laheeb x Ekspedycja) became National Top Five Senior Mare and Top Five Overall Mare of the show.

This article is not only the proof for the worldwide success of Polish bred Arabian horses around the world. It also shows the important factor – the variety and growing number of shows, especially in Europe, where during last seasons the community was concerned about the raising pressure for the highest rank competition and lack of support for the lower rank events. Let's hope that in the current 2013 season the show organizers will take all efforts to run the events of all the ranks, for both big and small, and that we will see Polish horse' triumphant march at all of them again!