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The 18th Junior Spring Arabian Horse Show in Białka

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Spring did not pamper us this year. First it fought a battle with the forever lasting winter and when the snow melted and everyone looked to the sky for a bit of sunshine - it gave us rain. The rain poured for more than a month. And then came the beginning of June and the anxiety associated with the organization of the Junior Spring Show in Białka. Like all championships held outdoors, Białka is dependent on the weather. A wonderful atmosphere can quickly deteriorate due to a sudden downpour. But the sun can make the event absolutely unforgettable. Just two days before the show the arena reminisced a swimming pool with 15 cm of water and the organizers looked at the roads, which turned into streams, in despair. But on Saturday, June 8th,

the clouds parted and the sun came out, welcoming almost 120 yearling, two and three year old colts and fillies.

This incredible sunny weather accompanied the Arabian horses throughout the entire show. Together with it came several novelties. First of all the stud has gone through a transition at the beginning of the year and is now part of the Małopolska Hodowla Roślin (Plant Production of the Lesser Poland region), a large and economically strong state company. The fusion has had a positive impact on Białka's overall condition.

The show itself has been enlarged for the first time with an





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additional championship for yearling horses. The idea, initiated last year by Christiane Chazel, is becoming more and more popular and exhibitors and show organizers alike have only good things to say about it. Due to the larger amount of awarded medals the additional titles of Top Five have been given up. Also the characteristic Bialka statuette received a new look, more adequate to the event's new image. But most importantly there was a plethora of superb horses, attesting to the great condition of Polish breeding.

The competition began with the yearling colts, divided into two series. Such a diversity in pedigrees has not yet been seen at Polish shows. It is clear that breeders are reaching

more and more for proven, fashionable sires and their choices have no boundaries. The get of WH Justice, QR Marc, Khidar, Ajman Moniscione, Abha Qatar and Ekstern is present not only at international shows, but also in our own backyard. The quality of the presented yearlings allows to look with hope to the future. Several of them is surely to become valued stallions in the years to come.

During the Sunday finals the judging panel consisting of Annette Dixon from the UK, Claudia Darius from Germany, Ali Sharaawi from Egypt and Fausto Scanzi from Italy was enamored by the QR Marc son born in Michałów, ZŁOTY MEDAL out of Złota Orda by Pesal. A very correct and





Yearling Female Championship Gold



PIACOLLA

(Enzo (US) x Polonica / Ekstern)
Michałów Stud / Michałów Stud



balanced colt, obliged by his own name (meaning "Gold Medal"), did not let go of the victory neither in his class nor in the finals of the yearling championships. The silver medal went to Janów Podlaski for the superbly moving ANKOR by Ekstern out of Anarchia by Gazal Al Shaqab, who took second place in class due to better type than his stablemate - EBENOS by Om El Bellissimo out of Enaam by Ekstern. Both colts had the same total score. The awarding of the bronze medal was rather exotic. Its recipient and winner of the class' B series was the lovely, refined EUROGRANT OZ

by Ajman Moniscione out of Eksplacja by Emigrant, bred in Israel by Ofer Meiri and Yzhak Dror.

EUROGRANT OZ arrived at Białka Stud in January in order to spend his junior days on our green pastures. It turned out that the Polish climate suits him very well, just as the company of his peers, and the show successes are a pleasant addition to a difficult rearing period.

It has already become a tradition of the Białka show, a very

pleasant tradition, that the yearling fillies' classes are numerously entered. The tradition continued this year, with 36 high quality participants performing in three series. They represented the very essence of femininity, charm and grace. Selecting a winner in such conditions is a difficult and thankless task. The bar has been raised extremely high and the point differences between individual fillies were very small. Victorious in all three series was Michałów Stud with the robust grey EMANDORISSA by Abha Qatar out of Emanda by Ecaho, the stylish PUSTYNNA NOC by WH

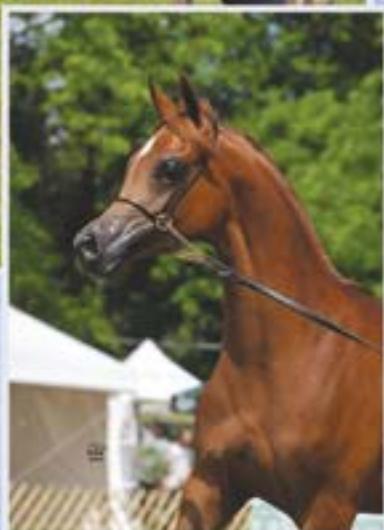
Kaneko MC out of Pustynna Rosa by Ekstern and the ethereal PIACOLLA by Enzo out of Polonica by Ekstern, owner of a magnificently shaped head. It is not easy to stand up to such a giant as Michałów, but some did and lived to tell the tale. The finals were not so one-sided. The gold medal and title of Yearling Champion Mare did not omit PIACOLLA, whose beauty speaks for itself. The Junior Spring Show is a debut in her career and she is sure to acquire many more successes. But the silver went to a holder of a second place in class, the breathtaking PATERNA by

Yearling Female Championship Silver



PATERNA

(Eden C (US) x Pinga / Gazal Al Shaqab (QA))
Janów Podlaski Stud / Janów Podlaski Stud





Yearling Female Championship Bronze



KALAHARI

(Ajman Moniscione (IT) x Kashira / Magnum Psyche (US))
Andrzej Wójtowicz / PPH Parys Sp. z o.o.

Eden C out of Pinga by Gazal Al Shaqab from Janów Podlaski. Eden C received a once in a lifetime opportunity in Janów Podlaski, covering the best mares such as Pinga and Palmeta. The confidence which the breeders placed in him paid off, because the results of Eden's activities fulfilled even the highest expectations. The bronze medal was awarded to the elegant KALAHARI by Ajman Moniscione out of Kashira by Magnum Psyche, bred by Andrzej Wójtowicz and owned by PPH Parys Ltd.

The separation of the yearlings from the two and three year olds on one hand allowed the judges to avoid having to assess almost mature horses with foals and on the other increased the chances of thoroughly evaluating each horse and selecting the really good ones, which sometimes were lost in the overall quantity. Of course such divisions can be made under the condition that there is a sufficient number of registered participants. Thankfully Bialka doesn't have that problem. The least contenders were seen in the three year olds' class. As far as the two year old colts were presented in

two A and B solid-cast series, the three year olds class consisted of just three participants. The winner of the A series of 2 year olds - the chestnut GAJMAN PS by Ajman Moniscione out of Gracja-Bis by Monogramm, bred by Przemysław Sawicki and owned by Al Safinat Stud (Nashaat Hegazy) from Egypt, turned heads with perfect, ground covering movement. His trot led him to the top of the podium and earned him the title of Junior Champion Stallion. The silver medal went to the hard-working and promising BAROK by Om El Bellissimo out of Baida by Balon from

Janów Podlaski, who placed second in class. The bronze was awarded to another two year old, the winner of the B series, the tall and athletic PRIMANUS QATAR by Abha Qatar out of Pogoria by Ekstern, bred and owned by Katarzyna Dolińska-Witkowska

Truth be told it is the three year olds that have it the hardest, for many reasons. They lack the freshness and allure of the yearlings, they enter the difficult maturing period and it's hard to say how they should be treated - as adults or unruly

Junior Female Championship Gold / Best in Show



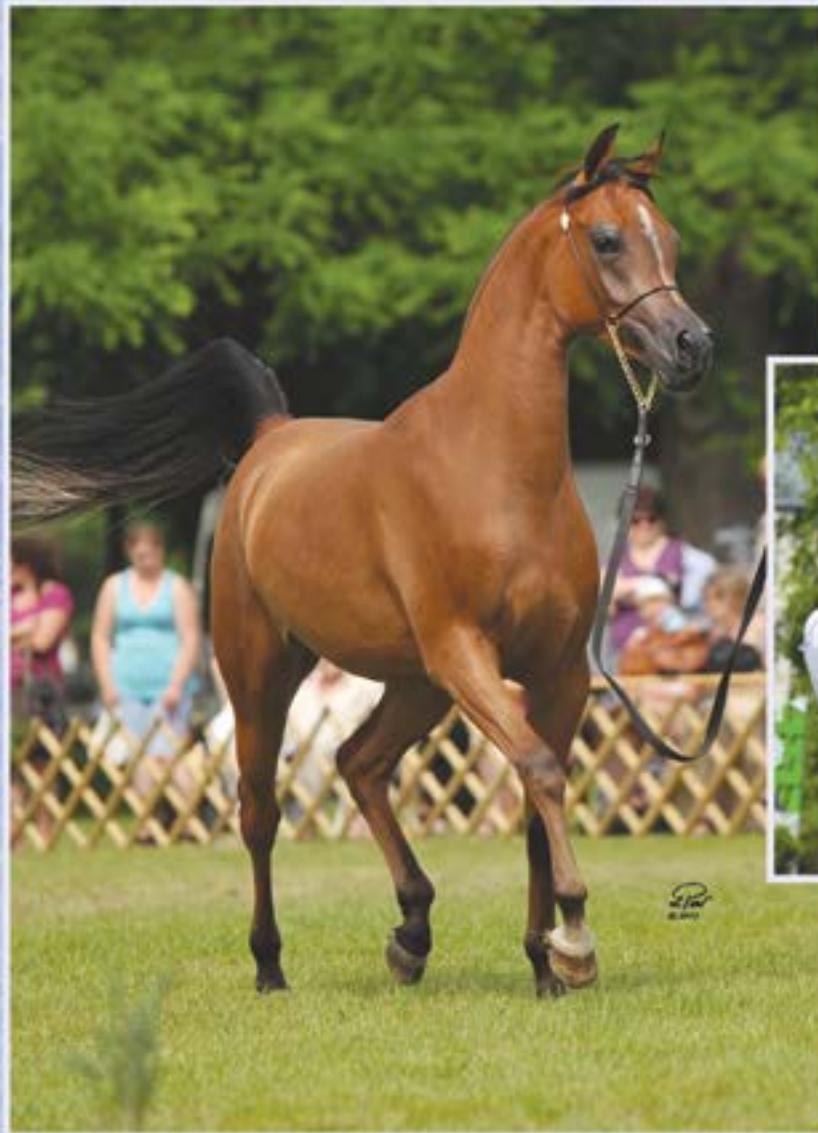
EUZONA

(Om El Bellissimo (US) x Euzetia / Etogram)
Janów Podlaski Stud / Janów Podlaski Stud





Junior Female Championship Silver



EL SIENA

(HDB Sihr Ibn Massai (DE) x El Aria / Ararat)
ZPH Strusinianka Ltd. / ZPH Strusinianka Ltd.

teenagers. Their growing teeth often spoil even a flawless outline of the head and finally - the expectations towards them are much greater. This comparison is especially unfavorable for the colts, but it is not an easy period for the fillies as well. That's why it was the more pleasant to welcome a three year old on the championship podium. The 2 year old fillies, presented in two series, drew attention with their high quality. The first series was won by the electrifying POTENTILLA by Ekstern out of Panonia by Eukaliptus from Janów Podlaski, who bested the very typey EL SIENA by

HDB Sihr Ibn Massai out of El Aria by Ararat bred by ZPH Strusinianka Ltd. The second series also belonged to Janów Podlaski thanks to the extremely feminine and majestic EUZONA by Om El Bellissimo out of Euzetia by Etogram. The class competition ended with the three year old fillies, among which the best was the fully grown ECHO AURORA by Eternity Ibn Navarrone out of Echo Afrodyta by Piaff, bred and owned by the Pozzepczyński Family of Chrcynno-Palace. And it was Echo Aurora that restored the faith of the three year olds, gaining a bronze medal. The tough fight for

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the title of Junior Champion Mare was won by Euzona, who half an hour later was also honored as Best in Show. Whereas the silver medal adorned the neck of the perfectly show El Siena, confirming that a valuable trophy can be acquired even from a second place in class.

The Białka show is extremely difficult for both judges and exhibitors. From the judges it requires knowledge, experience, a skilled eye and an imagination which allows to select the best out of a large group. Over two days these

people inspect not mature, ready-made horses, but a group of unruly kids, still undergoing a transformation. The exhibitors and trainers need patience, tolerance, the ability to react quicker than their charges and be aware that everyone can make mistakes. But perhaps that's why this championship is so unique. Difficult, but allowing to quickly and objectively assess the current crop, gain knowledge about what sires proved successful and whether our breeding choices met with acknowledgement. This event is the only one of its kind in the world.

Junior Female Championship Bronze



ECHO AURORA

(Eternity Ibn Navarrone-D (BE) x Echo Afrodyta / Plaff)
Chrcynno-Palace Stud / Chrcynno-Palace Stud





Yearling Male Championship Gold



ZŁOTY MEDAL

(QR Marc (US) x Złota Orda / Pesal)
Michałów Stud / Michałów Stud



During the two days of the championships no raindrop fell on Białka, though the neighboring villages were shrouded in dark clouds and abundant rainstorms. Only when the last horse trailers departed from the stud and the tired organizers went home, the weather used up all its good will and it began to rain. Dark clouds, a strong wind and rain took over the

Białka skies for the next couple of hours. The fields and paddocks turned into fish ponds and the small ditches into torrents.

It was almost as though during this one weekend Białka became an island of weather among the clouds.

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Yearling Male Championship Silver



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(Ekstern – Anarchia / Gazal Al Shaqab (QA))
Janów Podlaski Stud / Janów Podlaski Stud

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Yearling Male Championship

Bronze



EUROGRANT OZ

(Ajman Moniscione (IT) x Ekspiacja / Emigrant)
Yitzhak Dror & Ofer Meiri / SO Biatka, O. Meiri, Y. Dror

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GAJMAN PS

(Ajman Monisclone (IT) x Gracja-Bis / Monogramm (US))
Przemysław Sawicki / Al Safinat Stud

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Junior Male Championship

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Silver



BAROK

(Om El Bellissimo (US) x Baida / Balon)
Janów Podlaski Stud / Janów Podlaski Stud

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PRIMANUS QATAR

(Abha Qatar (ES) x Pogoria / Ekstern)

Zalia Arabians / Zalia Arabians

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