



EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS *Lier*

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Every other year, the European Championships for Arabian horses are being held in Belgium. This year, the organization chose for the brand new Azelhof in Lier. A fantastic place with a beautiful arena and a nice foyer. Although the arena was big, it was still very cozy with stands around the Arena representing not only horse shops and artists, but also some of the participating farms. As always, the atmosphere was amazing, all seats were packed with visitors, the quality of horses incredible and the organization did a perfect job. It was clear to see a lot of energy and effort went into the organization of this show.

Over 230 horses were entered. Judges for this event were Mr. Urs Aeschbacher, Mr. Cedes Bakker, Mrs. Claudia Darius,

Mrs. Deirdre Hyde, Mr. Holger Ismer, Mr. Murillo Kammer and Mrs. Renata Schibler.

The show started on Saturday with the junior classes. The yearling filly classes were divided into two sections. Twelve beautiful fillies of the A section entered the arena. Fantastic quality and all capable of winning their class. However, the show is just a momentum and the one that seizes the moment, wins. The first placed filly did just that. With her beautiful type she brought her total score to a 91.50 which made her the clear winner of the class. Mounira J (Emerald J x Magnificent Lady J) – bred by Jadem Arabians and owned by Al Muarwd Stud from Saudi Arabia was also chosen as favorite in the final Yearling filly championships where she took the Gold Medal. At the second place with 90,80 points was Ceranova (Kabil al





Shaqab x Cerinola – bred and owned by Janow Podlaski Stud from Poland.

The B section of yearling fillies was another high quality class. Two fillies scored very close in points. However, it was the striking *Pustynia Kabila* (*Kabil al Shaqab x Pustynia Malkwa*) – bred and owned by Michalow Stud from Poland who took the lead with a total of 92.80 points, leaving the second place to her fantastic half sister *Al Jazeera* (*Kabil al Shaqab x Alhasa*) – bred and owned by Janow Podlaski from Poland with a total of 92.70 points. In the final championships *Pustynia Kabila* took the Silver Medal and *Al Jazeera* settled for Bronze.

Two big groups of yearling colts were up next. Young colts who are already looking like matured Arabians. All very proud of themselves and ready to claim their throne. *Gallardo J* (*Emerald J x Gomera J*) – bred by Jadem Arabians and leased by *Al Muawad Stud* from Saudi Arabia – took the lead with 91.90 points. This beautiful typy colt has remained unbeaten this show season and also here he took the Gold Medal in the final yearling championships. Second in this class with 90.20 points was the pretty *Calateon* (*Vitorio TO x Calatea*) – bred and owned by Mark Arabians from Poland.

The B section of the yearling colts was another class of good quality. Winner with 92.40 points and later Silver Medal champion was *Marion* (*Kabil al Shaqab x Mesalina*) – bred and owned by Michalow Stud from Poland. Second with

91.60 points was the big moving *Shiraz de Lafon* (*Shanghai EA x Diacira de Lafon*) – bred by de Lafon family and owned by *Equus Arabians* from Spain. At the third place with 91.40 points and later climbing up to Bronze Medal champion was the ultra typy *GT Shardh* (*WH Justice x TF Shabraaz*) – bred and owned by *GT Arabians* from Sweden.

The show continued with the two years old fillies. Another big group and divided into two sections. The first group was a group of six high quality fillies. Beautifully balanced with fantastic movement and an exotic type to match! Winner of this class with 92.70 points and later Gold champion with the junior fillies was *Piacolla* (*Enzo x Polonica*) – bred by Michalow Stud and owned by *Athbah Stud* from Saudi Arabia. Second in this class with 92.50 points was *Patria* (*Eden C x Palmeta*) – bred and owned by Janow Podlaski from Poland.

The second group of two years old fillies was another nice group and lead by the pretty *Penelope KA* (*QR Marc x Polonia*) – bred by *Knocke Arabians* and owned by *Al Thumana Stud* from Qatar, scoring a total of 91.90 points. At the second place with just 0.10 points less was *DA Magic Moment* (*WH Justice x DA Enfidha*) – bred and owned by the *Kolnberger family* from Austria.

During the lunch break, the ridden classes were performed. Winner of the class and Gold Medal winner was *AR Sinan Azim* (*AR Siwmayall x Chantals Aziza*) – bred by *Arabian Ranch*, owned by *AJ de Bruin-Teijgeler* from The Netherlands



and ridden by Ilona Bax. Second was Prince Psyche (Psyches First Edition x Bint Shatera R) – bred and owned by Ess Jay Arabians and ridden by Stacey Harworth from the UK.

The ridden class stallions was won by AR Sivmayall (Sivmen B x Zolitha) – bred by Arabian Ranch and owned and ridden by Ilona Bax from The Netherlands. The Silver Medal was for Najjar (Khidar x Narada DA) – bred by Janet vd Let and owned and ridden by Nadine Koo from The Netherlands.

The show continued with the two years old colts. Beautiful young colts who are getting ready for their first breeding season. The exotic grey RP Burj el Arab (WH Justice x Pamira bint Psytadel) – bred by Di Grazia Arabians and owned by Agmal Arabians from South Africa – won his class with 91.40 points and also claimed the Silver Medal at the final junior colt championships. Second with 90.90 points was Equiborn KA (QR Marc x Espadrilla) – bred and owned by Knocke Arabians from Belgium.

A huge group of three years old fillies was next and was again divided into two sections. The first group showed a good number of high quality fillies. The first three scoring very near. Winner of this class with 92.30 points and Silver Medal champion was Mississippi J (QR Marc x Magnificent Lady J) – making her a half sister to the Gold champion with the yearling fillies. Mississippi J was Bred and owned by Jadem Arabians from Belgium. The next to fillies scored the same total of 92.10 points. It was the ultra typy Aja Europa (Aja Justified

x HB Marais)– bred by Aja Arabians and owned by the Royal Cavalry of Oman – who scored more in type, leaving the third place to Inspired Najla (Ajman Moniscione x Natalia) – bred by the Schik family and owned by Ajman Stud from the UAE. Later in the championships, Aja Europa took the Bronze Medal.

The show continued with a very exciting class of three years old colts. Clear winner of this class with a total of 93.10 points was the big moving Excalibur EA (Shanghai EA x Essence of Marwan) – bred by Equus Arabians and owned by Princess Leatitia D'Arenberg from Uruguay. After his great victory in Aachen, Excalibur kept his honor and took the Gold Medal in the final championships. Second in this class with 92.40 points and later Bronze Medal champion was Ascott DD (Glorius Apal x Lady Nina DD) – bred by Dejonckheere Family and owned by Athbah Stud from Saudi Arabia.

The most adorable class of the day was up next; the foal classes. Some shown at their mothers side and others already bravely alone. The filly foal class was won with 91.10 points by the lovely Carmine al Khaled (Glorius Apal x Cosmopolitan J) – bred and owned by Al Khaled Farm from Saudi Arabia. Second with 90.30 points was Gilly Galaa (AJ Mardan x Felicja Galaa) – bred by Elisa Grassi and owned by DC Invest from Belgium.

The colt foals had nine entrees. Chosen as the best colt foal of the group, scoring a total of 92.50 points was Masoun al Adeyat



(Ajman Moniscione x Maryah OS) – bred and owned by the Royal Cavalry of Oman. At the second place with 90.40 points was Matador el Jamaal (Psytadel x Mahity el Jamaal) – bred and owned by the Mattens family from Belgium.

The last two classes of Saturday was for the liberty classes. Always great fun to see the beautiful Arabian horse present itself in freedom. Winner of the mare class was Alabama (Gazal al Shaqab x Altona) – bred by Janow Podlaski and owned by Al Thumana Stud from Qatar. The liberty class of the stallions had only one participant and was won by Sharahm (Gharam x Sorella) – bred by the Strangas family and owned by GT Arabians from Sweden.

The evening program was sponsored by Athbah stud, Ecpah VZW and Al Muaww Stud which was a reception with drinks and fun and a beautiful show of the Mysterious Arabian Nights.

On Sunday the day started with the gelding class. Winner with 92 points was the big moving Polmir (Om el Shahmaan x Pohulanka) – bred by Janow Podlaski and owned by Flaxman Arabians from Belgium. 2nd in this class with 91.70 points was Prince Psyche (Psyches First Edition x Bint Shatera R) – bred and owned by Ess Jay Arabians from the UK.

The show continued with the mare class aged four and five. The Polish mares dominated the Top three positions, all full of power and beauty. Winner with 92.40 points and later Unanimous Gold Medal winner was the ultra typy Primera (Eden C x

Preria) – bred by Janow Podlaski and owned by Al Muaww Stud from Saudi Arabia. 2nd in this class with 91.80 points was the moving machine Zigi Zana (QR Marc x Zagrobła) – bred and owned by Michalow Stud from Poland.

The next group of mares, aged six to seven years was won with 92 points by the beautiful Al Princess Aliha (WH Justice x Al Aliha) – bred by Al Hembra Arabians and owned by the Royal Cavalry of Oman. Second with 91.40 points was the ultra typy Alma al Tiglio (Ajman Moniscione x Amanda al Tiglio) – bred by Il Tiglio Sauro and owned by the Buzzi family from Italy.

More mare power in the next class, mares aged eight to ten years old. Another Polish line up in the top three. It was difficult to choose your favorite! The incredible moving Wilda (Gazal al Shaqab x Wilga) – bred and owned by Michalow Stud from Poland took the lead with a fantastic score of 93.80 points. Second with 93.50 points was Pepita (Ekstern x Pepesza) – bred and owned by Janow Podlaski Stud from Poland. Pepita stole the heart of many with her ultra exotic type and her flying movements, getting her a Silver Medal in the final championships! This whole class was fantastic and even the 6th placed mare was still eye candy.

The last class of senior mares was just as beautiful. Eleven years and older mares all at the prime of their lives. The eldest horse Georgia (Monogramm x Gizela) – bred and owned by Michalow Stud from Poland – still rocked the place with her



twenty years of age, resulting in a score of 92.70 points. Just as high as the first placed horse, but placed second as she had less score on type. The first placed horse and Bronze Medal winner was Emira (Laheeb x Embra) – also bred and owned by Michalow Stud from Poland. It is great to see that mares born years ago can still compete with the modern Arabian horse that we see today and I think they are all favored by many!

After the mare classes it was time for the stallions. A great class of four and five years old stallions. The fantastic stallion Equator (QR Marc x Eklityka) – bred and owned by Michalow Stud from Poland – had no stallion even near him. Scoring 94.20 points, he was without doubt the best of the class and the best of all Senior stallions, winning the Gold Medal unanimously. Second with 91.70 points was Expressivo (QR Marc x Emocja) – bred and owned by Knocke Arabians from Belgium.

Another fantastic class was up next – stallions aged six and seven years old. A small group with only four participants. A class won with 92 points by the overall very nice stallion Roe Lateef (Gazal al Shagab x ZT Ludjbroasia) – bred and owned by Talal Omar Aggad from Great Britain. Second with 91.10 points was the ultra typy and good moving Moubeh (WH Justice x Morning Breeze J) – bred by Klarenbeek Arabians and owned by Afifi Arabians from Israel.

The show continued with the stallions aged eight till ten years old. All big moving machines in this class! Beautiful, powerful

stallions that have rocked the show scene before. Winner with 92.70 points was Palatino (Pesal x Palmeta) – bred and owned by Janow Podlaski from Poland. Later in the championships, he achieved the Bronze Medal. Second with 91.20 points was Altris (Wh Justice x Albia) – bred by Falborek Arabians and owned by Turban Stud from Denmark.

The last class of the day was of the senior stallions aged eleven years and older. A small group of three stallions, won by former World champion F Shamaal (Maysoon x Sarameena) – bred the Friedmann family and owned by Al Khalediah Stables with a total score of 92 points. Later in the championships, he achieved a Silver Medal. Second in this class with 90 points was Oryons Prince (Orayan x Crown Princess) – bred and owned by the Parfitt family from the UK.

During the afternoon, the organizers of the European Championships booked a very special act. The flying French man as he has been called did a special appearance with his twelve beautiful grey Camargue horses. Lorenzo amazed his crowd and gave a spectacular performance. It is beautiful to see how all these horses are following him without the usage of a halter or reigns.

This edition of the European Championships was a great success and I would wish to have it organized in Europe every year! Also the return of the foal classes and the big filled gelding classes were a great addition to the show! A big compliment to all the people involved! □



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CARMINE AL KHALED

Gold Medal Foal Fillies

(GLORIUS APAL x COSMOPOLITAN J)
B: AL KHALED FARM (BE) / O: AL KHALED FARM (KSA)



GILLY GALAA
Silver Medal Foal Fillies
 (AJ MARDAN x FELICJA GALAA) B: GRASSI ELISA (DE) / O: DC INVEST (BE)



ALIA AM
Bronze Medal Foal Fillies
 (VAN GOGH AM x ABHA SABIYA) B: AL MOHAMADIA STUD (KSA) / O: AL MOHAMADIA STUD (BE)



YEARLING FILLIES CHAMPIONSHIP SPONSORED BY ECAHO & ALBIDAYER STUD



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MOUNIRA J
Gold Medal Yearling Fillies

(EMERALD J x MAGNIFICENT LADY)
B: C. JAMAR-DEMEERSSEMAN (BE) / O: AL MUAWD STUD (KSA)



PUSTYNIA KAHILA
Silver Medal Yearling Fillies
(KAHIL AL SHAQAB x PUSTYNNNA MALWA) B/O: MICHALOW STUD (PL)



AL JAZEERA
Bronze Medal Yearling Fillies
(KAHIL AL SHAQAB x ALHASA) B/O: JANOW PODLASKI (PL)



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PIACOLLA

Gold Medal Fillies

(ENZO x POLONICA)

B: MICHALOW STUD (PL) / O: ATHBAH STUD (KSA)



MISSISSIPPI J

Silver Medal Fillies

(QR MARC x MAGNIFICENT LADY J) B/O: GUY & CHRISTINE JAMAR - DE MEERSSEMAN (BE)



AJA EUROPA

Bronze Medal Fillies

(AJA JUSTIFIED x HB MARAIS) B: AJA ARABIANS - MR & MRS HICKFORD (GB) / O: ROYAL CAVALRY OF OMAN (OM)



MARES CHAMPIONSHIP SPONSORED BY ECAHO & ALMUAWD STUD



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PRIMERA *Gold Medal Mares*

(EDEN C x PRERIA)
B: JANOW PODLASKI STUD (PL) / O: AL MUAWD STUD (KSA)



PEPITA
Silver Medal Mares
 (EKSTERN x PEPESZA) B/O: JANOW PODLASKI STUD (PL)



EMIRA
Bronze Medal Mares
 (LAHEEB x EMBRA) B/O: MICHALOW STUD (PL)



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MASOUN AL ADEYAT
Gold Medal Foal Colts

(AJMAN MONISCIONE x MARYAH OS)
B/O: ROYAL CAVALRY OF OMAN (FR)



MATADOR EL JAMAAL
Silver Medal Foal Colts
(PSYTADEL x MAHITY EL JAMAAL) B/O: JEAN MATTENS (BE)



FORELOCK'S VOLTAIRE
Bronze Medal Foal Colts
(PSYTADEL x VEKAISA F) B/O: FORELOCKS ARABIANS (NL)



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GALLARDO J

Gold Medal Yearling Colts

(EMERALD J x GOMERA J)
B: C. JAMAR-DEMEERSSEMAN (BE) /O: AL MUAWD STUD (KSA)



MORION
Silver Medal Yearling Colts
 (KAHIL AL SHAQAB x MESALINA) B/O: MICHAŁÓW STUD (PL)



GT SHARDH
Bronze Medal Yearling Colts
 (WH JUSTICE x TF SHAHRAAZ) B/O: GT ARABIANS (SE)



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EXCALIBUR EA *Gold Medal Colts*

(SHANGHAI EA x ESSENCE OF MARWAN)

B: EQUUS ARABIANS - SORROCA, ALBERT (ES) / O: LAS ROSAS ARABIANS - PRINCESS LEATITIA D'ARENBERG (UY)



RP BURJ AL ARAB

Silver Medal Colts

(VH JUSTICE x PAMIRA BINT PSYTADEL) B: GESTÜT DI GRAZIA (DE) / O: AGMAL ARABIANS - LIEZL ELS (BE)



ASCOTT DD

Bronze Medal Colts

(GLORIUS APAL x LADY NINA DD) B: DD ARABIANS, DIRK DEJONCKHEERE (BE)
O: ATHBAH STUD / H.R.H.P. ABDUL AZIZ BIN AHMED BIN ABDULAZIZ AL SAUD (KSA)



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EQUATOR
Gold Medal Stallions

(QR MARC x EKLIPTYKA)
B/O: MICHALOW STUD (PL)



F SHAMAAL

Silver Medal Stallions

(MAYSOUN x SARAMEENA) B: FAM. FRIEDMAN (DE) / O: AL KHALEDIAH STABLES (KSA)



PALATINO

Bronze Medal Stallions

(PESAL x PALMETA) B/O: JANOW PODLASKI (PL)



Most Beautiful Head



MOUNIRA J Yearling Fillies A



ORLA TURNIA Yearling Fillies B



GALLARDO J Yearling Colts A



SHIRAZ DE LAFON Yearling Colts B



PIACOLLA Two Years Old Fillies A



Most Beautiful Head



DA MAGIC MOMENT *Two Years Old Fillies B*



EQUIBORN KA *Two Years Old Colts*



MISSISSIPPI J *Three Years Old Fillies A*



BADWI DE CARTHERY *Three Years Old Fillies B*



ASCOTT DD *Three Years Old Colts*



Most Beautiful Head



GILLY GALAA *Fillies* 2014



MASOUN AL ADEYAT *Colts* 2014



PRIMERA *4-5 Years Old Mares*



ALMA AL TIGLIO *6-7 Years Old Mares*



JALICIA DE NAUTIAC *8-10 Years Old Mares*



Most Beautiful Head



ATHENAA 11 Years and Older Mares



EQUATOR 4-5 Years Old Stallions



ROE LATEEF 6-7 Years Old Stallions



ALTIS 8-10 Years Old Stallions



F SHAWAL 11 Years and Older Stallions