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*The twenty-first edition of Spain's most important international show, the Arabes&Co, took place past 13th and 14th June at the Centro Equestre La Gerencia premises in Mioño, in Cantabria, North of Spain. The combined show & sport Arabes&Co Trophy 2015 went to Laura Farrés and NARYM, while France and Spain captured each two of the Championship Gold Medals. France with mare NEILA CHANEL and colt TCHAATA INIZIATO, and Spain with stallion ADAM EL QAAIS and filly ADOS FAMA.*

*The XXI Arabes&Co 2015 show made it again as Spain's most important arabian horse show for both halter and sport, and confirmed it's leading position as Europe's most unique arabian sporthorse show. This year the ECAHO-B halter show was judged by Renata Schibler from Switzerland, Cristina Valdés from Spain and Marco Pittaluga from Italy, and Griselda Cristófol was the president of the sporthorse competition jury. The last-minute date change of the Menton Show to be held the same weekend certainly harmed the Arabes&Co entries, but nonetheless they were 83, with 63 of them for the halter show, 42 for the sport competition and 22 who did both to try to win the prestigious Arabes&Co Trophy.*

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**International Show & Sport in Mioño (Spain)**



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### SENIOR HALTER CLASSES

The halter show started at 09:00 on Saturday morning with the adult classes, geldings, mares and stallions, as several of these horses also were to compete in the ridden classes that started the same afternoon. The gelding classes were the first to enter the ring, with URKIOLA (Pekos x Ghorak; Flor de Lis) winning the A class, while PUSKIN (Fiolek x Finkara; Amaia Palmero) won the B class and subsequently the Champion Gelding Gold Medal, despite the fact Schibler and Valdés gave URKIOLA higher points. Then the Silver Medal went to ZOKALO (Unikornio x Paskua; Flor de Lis), who was second in the A class and finally URKIOLA was given the Bronze. All these medals were awarded by unanimity of the judges.

Next came the mares, 21 of them in three classes, some very handsome, truly feminine and elegant. Schibler decided the winner NEILA CHANEL (MF Aryan El Thessa x Bleven Milin Avel; Jean-Jacques & Félicité Savenier) in the 4 to 6 years old mares class, while Pittaluga preferred second placed AB YADTH PALMIRA (WH Justice x Abba Hasini; Lucus Arabians), too much penalized by Schibler, and while Valdés gave the same total to all the entries of this class. Next class, mares 7 to 9 years old, and again Schibler who decided the winner, the pure-spanish VER BAHIA (Titanic x Val Poltava; Las Veras) while Pittaluga tied her with second

placed ZANKADILLA (Fiolek x Urraka; Flor de Lis).

The winner of the 10 years and older mares class ABHA KATMANDOU (El Perfecto x Abba Yamir; Juan Pedro Mardaras & Campo San Andrés) was decided by unanimity of the judges who gave her a grand total of 281 points, the highest female score of the show. Second place went to NOA VIZANO (Al-Vilanova x Rachidia; Pedro Gandara) with the points of Schibler while Pittaluga and Valdés tied her with third placed PIKARA (Fiolek x Zoska; La Gerencia). These top three mares all got three very generous 20 points scores for Movements, and then to resolve this tie these mares came back to show their great movements and now Best Movements Trophy was awarded to ABHA KATMANDOU.

In spite of her Best Mares Movements Trophy and her Highest Mare Score, ABHA-KATMANDOU didn't get the Champion Gold Medal at the Mares Championship. Mares Gold Medal went to NEILA CHANEL, by unanimity of the judges, the same ones who gave her 270 points in her class vs the 281 points won by ABHA KATMANDOU who got Silver, and Bronze went to AB YADTH PALMIRA. All by unanimity of the judges. Somewhere there must be a unperceivable but serious loophole within the actual point system used at the halter shows who produce these unexplainable and self-contradictory facts just within a few

minutes. And although most judges exhibit a bitter laugh when they hear comments about this particular question, the general public still doesn't understand the mysterious mind settings that do produce these results.

The stallions were only 10, in two classes. Valdés and Pittaluga decided the winner ADAM EL QAAIS (Abha Qatar x Buisa; José Antonio González) in the 4 to 6 years old stallions class, while Schibler gave her highest score to BADI LS (Da Vinci FM x MC Amsi; Josep Mestres), second placed, followed by IBAR EL JUSTICIERO (WH Justice x Abha Katmandou; Juan Pedro Mardaras & Campo San Andrés). Next class, 7 to 9 years old stallions, was won by the handsome grey GAYTAN DE ABACH (Abha Midas x AB Bazagona; Ramón Cerdeiras) and by unanimity of the judges. Second place went to FER SOL MAGICO (Abbas el Dine x Ma Lara; Jacinto Vela) and third to ARMAÑAK (Fiolek x Daikiri; Flor de Lis). And again unanimity for the medals: Champion Gold for ADAM EL QAAIS, Silver to GAYTAN DE ABACH and Bronze to BADI LS.

## JUNIOR HALTER CLASSES

On Sunday morning the halter show continued with the junior classes: 9 fillies in two classes and 11 colts in three classes. AVALON PESENKA (Inizio x Avalon Mesfaidy; Arabians des Lys) was the first winner, 1 year old fillies, with the vote of Schibler, while Valdés and Pittaluga tied the winner with second placed IBAR EXOTIC STAR (Shanghai EA x Abha Katmandou; Juan Pedro Mardaras & Campo San Andrés). Next class, 2 and 3 years old fillies, the two top positions went to two SHANGHAI EA daughters: winner ADOS FAMA (x Ordazia; Yeguada A2), preferred by Schibler and Valdés, and second placed TX GINA (x Abha Mysia; Txema Llamosas), tied with the winner by Pittaluga. At the Fillies Championship Valdés and Pittaluga gave the Champion Gold Medal to ADOS FAMA and then the Silver to IBAR EXOTIC STAR, whereas Schibler voted every time for AVALON PESENKA who finally got Bronze with the vote of Pittaluga when Valdés preferred TX-GINA. Unanimity returned with the yearling colts, and again lots of 20s for Movements, with winner TCHAATA INIZIATO (WW Inizio x Avalon Just My Wenn; Arabians des Lys) and second placed TX HOLLYWOOD (Kanz Albidayer x Abha Mysia; Txema Llamosas). The Jordan owned MILLIAR

(Monarcos DD x Drops of Jupiter; Madros Stables) won the 2 years old colts class with the points from Valdés and Pittaluga, with second place for LF IQBAL (Shanghai EA x Isolda; Laura Arabians). And unanimity again in the last class of the halter show, 3 years old colts, for winner DZHARI NUNKI (Piwosz x Solvia de Prazilia; Jean-Jacques & Félicité Savenier), with second place going to the handsome and interesting grey SG HASH (Abha Hahash x Isleta; Sierra Gorda). For the Colts Championship each judge voted for a different colt so the Champion Gold Medal went to TCHAATA INIZIATO because of his higher total score in his class victory. MILLIAR, preferred by Valdés, got Silver with the vote of Schibler, and then Schibler and Valdés gave the Bronze to LF IQBAL, while Pittaluga's choice DZHARI NUNKI got no medal at all but won the Special Trophy for Junior Best Movements.

## ARABES&CO SPORT

The sport competition started on Saturday afternoon, right when the halter show finished, with Dressage where URKIOLA, ridden by Jacobo Torralbo, and GAYTAN DE ABACH, ridden by Álvaro Blanco-Traba, captured the first positions, and as GAYTAN DE ABACH got better points in the halter show he was the provisional leader of the combined rankings. In the afternoon the Steeple at the Brazomar Beach in nearby Castro-Urdiales brought no changes, but confirmed the general public's preference for the competition classes compared to halter show, even when the weather was clouded and some rain announced, as it was at this year's Arabes&Co. Rain however waited until the Steeple was finished.

On Sunday morning, at the Cross-Country stage, Laura Farrés and NARYM (Abha Xarif x Hulama) recovered the first place they lost the day before in Halter and Dressage. Finally, on Sunday afternoon the Showjumping stage didn't modify the final results, and Laura Farrés and NARYM won their fifth Arabes&Co Trophy, with two Flor de Lis horses, URKIOLA, ridden by Jacobo Torralbo, and ZANKADILLA, ridden by Jaime López de Arce, respectively second and third. Amongst the other special trophies Txema Llamosas won the Handler's Trophy, and Flor de Lis the Breeder's Trophy. □



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## GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION FILLIES



**ADOS FAMA**

Yeguada A2



**SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION FILLIES**  
**IBAR EXOTIC STAR**

Campo San Andrés



**BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION FILLIES**  
**AVALON PESENKA**

Arabians des Lys



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## GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION COLTS



**TCHAATA INIZIATO**

Arabians des Lys



**SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION COLTS**

**MILLIAR**

Madros Stables



**BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION COLTS**

**LF IQBAL**

Laura Arabians



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## GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION MARES



**NEILA CHANEL**

Jean-Jacques et Felicit  Savenier





**SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION MARES**  
**ABHA KATMANDOU**  
Campo San Andrés



**BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION MARES**  
**AB YADTH PALMIRA**  
Lucus Arabians

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## GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION STALLIONS



**ADAM EL QAAIS**

José Antonio González





**SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION STALLIONS**  
**GAYTAN DE ABACH**

Ramón Cerdeiras Checa



**BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION STALLIONS**  
**BADI LS**

Josep Mestres Vidal

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**BEST MOVEMENTS JR**

**DZHARI NUNKI**

Jean-Jacques et Félicité Savenier



**SHOW & SPORT TROPHY WINNERS**

**NARYM**

Llaura Farrés Corell



**BEST MALE**

**PURE SPANISH SPORT**

**URKIOLA**

Flor de Lis



**BEST FEMALE**

**PURE SPANISH SPORT**

**ZANKADILLA**

Flor de Lis



## SPECIAL AWARDS

### BEST MOVEMENTS SR

#### GAYTAN DE ABACH

Ramón Cerdeiras Checa

### BEST MOVEMENTS SR

#### HIGHEST SCORING MARE

### BEST FEMALE PURE SPANISH SHOW

#### ABHA KATMANDOU

Juan Pedro Mardarás & Campo San Andrés

### BEST BREEDER SHOW

Trofeo Seraffín Pinedo - Yeguada Flor de Lis

### BEST BREEDER SPORT

Trofeo Ainhoa - Yeguada Flor de Lis

### FILLY WITH HIGHEST SCORE

#### ADOS FAMA

Yeguada A2

### FOAL WITH HIGHEST SCORE

#### TCHAATA INIZIATO

Arabians des Lys

### HIGHEST SCORING STALLION

#### ADAM EL QAAIS

José Antonio González

### BEST HANDLER

#### “FERNANDO MORENO DE BORBÓN” TROPHY

Txema Llamosas

### BEST MALE PURE SPANISH SHOW

#### VER INVICTUS

Las Veras