



AUSTRIAN NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL ARABIAN ECAHO B-SHOW

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Nine years ago, in 2006, the late Mrs. Izabella Pawelec-Zawadzka, Honorary President of PAHBS, wrote on polskiearaby.com: "Wels – a small village in the foothills of the Alps, near Linz in Austria. During the third weekend of May this charming place transforms into an equine capital. The event in Wels is definitely the most significant show in this part of Europe, beginning the season of European shows of the highest rank". Since that time a lot of things have changed in Wels, mainly the organizer, but it is still a show gathering high quality horses from the leading European stables. The show's main organizers this year were Mrs. Anne Heiloo, the President of the Austrian Arab Horse Society (VVÖ) and the Vice-President, Mrs. Susanne Werth, who have dealt with this task very well. In terms of organization the show was perfect. The date remained almost the same: the 16th-17th. The show, as always, took place on the premises of the Pferd Wels fair.

90 horses were entered (together with the entries for the Austrian National Show, not counting the foal classes), 75 actually arrived, including 18 from Poland. This year there was even a special award for the best horse from Poland, to emphasize the significant participation of Polish breeders. The absence of Reinhardt Sax's (Germany) horses was evident, as he usually sent a strong representation from his stud. However this year after the tragic road accident that his horse trailer suffered upon returning from the Berlin show, this breeder did not show up in Austria.

The greatest successes befell the contestants from Dubai Stud. All three horses with names beginning with "D" that were present in Wels took high places on the podium. The title of Best in Show went to Ajman Stud. The Polish team returned home with six medals of the silver and bronze colors. The Austrian National Show was held simultaneously with the international one. The Austrian horses simply competed in classes together with the foreign ones, after which they qualified for one of two finals: the international or only the Austrian one. The championships were held separately. Thanks to that instead of drawing the event out to three days, all the classes (except two) were held on Saturday, while the finals took place on Sunday. The show was fantastic and the tribune were full. Many visitors, breeders and vips worldwide arrived to see one of the best show of the year. The AHO sponsored the Austrian National show. For the international show each class and championship had different sponsors.

The speaker for the occasion was Jaroslav Lacina, the President of Ecabo. The group of judges did a very good job.

The classes consisted of 2 to 9 participants. The most horses were presented in the 3 year old fillies class (9), the least in the 11 year old and older mares, 4-6 year old stallions and 11 year old

stallions (2 each). The show was judged by Gianmarco Aragno (Italy), Koenraad Detailleur (Belgium), Manfred Hain (Germany), Bruce McCrea (Saudi Arabia), Renata Schibler (Switzerland) and Marc Veray (France).

The youngsters move shyly indoors

The show began with the yearling fillies of series A (6 participants) on a loud note, because the first to enter the arena was the daughter of Emandoria, AJ Eman (by AJ Mardan) from Ajman Stud. Immediately the first "20" was awarded – for head and neck. The petit, foaled late in the year (July) filly placed third with a score of 90 pts. She is very promising! The second spot belonged to the Polish Westura (Eden C – Wieżycza/Ekstern), bred and owned by Waldemar Bąk (91,13). The class was won by D Safana (Marajj – FT Shaella/Shael Dream Desert) from Dubai Stud (91,16). Both of the fillies that qualified for the finals received 18,5 for movement from all the judges and this turned out to be a good mark.

In the B series of the yearling fillies (7 participants) victorious again was a representative of Dubai – D Heba (SG Labib – Hudha/Gazal Al Shaqab, 90,0) before the Polish Ginessa (Shanghai EA – Ginerva/Werbum), also bred and owned by Waldemar Bąk (89,5). So we had a sort of repeat from series A. Next to enter the arena were the yearling colts. Both series saw 3 contestants each. The A series was won in great style by the Ajman Stud representative AJ Azzam (AJ Mardan – Ysadora/Marean Al Shaqab), with an impressive result of 92,63, including three "20s" for type and two "20s" for head and neck. He also received extremely high marks for movement: four "19s". The second series belonged to a colt from Dubai, D Karrar (Gazal Al Shaqab – D Noor/DA Valentino) – 91,63. Seven 2 year old fillies entered the arena without lingering – it has to be said that we could not complain about the rhythm and pace of the show. This group had two clear favorites, known not only from last year's shows but also this year's April Tulip Cup. AJ Barari (Vervaldee – La Bella Versa FR/Versace), a champion from Holland, this time yielded to the Tulip Cup's Reserve Champion, Sylvatica K.A. (QR Marc – Sharm DS/Royal Colours) from Knocke Arabians (Belgium). The judges evaluated the latter at 91,38 pts, whereas AJ Barari received 91,0.

The 2 year old colts class had 5 contestants. It was won by the Austrian Al Nadir (Ajman Moniscione – Al Dafina/Mahadin) with 90,5, bred by Al Hambra Arabians and owned by Gerhard Huber. The Polish Cetulion (Kabil Al Shaqab – Cetula/El Nabila B), bred and owned by Waldemar Bąk, placed second with a score of 89,13.

The most numerous class of the 3 year old fillies was won by a Polish participant. This feat was accomplished by Wersa (Ekstern – Wasa/WH Justice), bred and owned by Falborek Arabians, presented by Gerald Kurtz. With a score of 91 pts (including a very rare in Wels "20" for movement!) she bested the Austrian DA Jakarta (Lawrence El Gazal – DA Juss Diva/WH Justice, 90,88), bred and owned by Cornelia Kolnberger. DA Jakarta later had her five minutes in the finals

of the Austrian Nationals where (apart from a bronze medal) she also received the Best Mover and Best Austrian Bred Mare award (due to the highest score among Austrian contenders). Third (90,75), with two "20s" for movement, was the Polish El-Schanel (Ekstern – Entorja/Gazal Al Shaqab), bred and owned by Wojciech Parczewski. Right after Poland greeted another class winner from the same country. It was the 3 year old Fair (AB Jamil La Piana – Fila/Oset), bred by ZPH Parys and owned by Idris Hassan. In a group of 4 contestants with a score of 90,5 he bested the also Polish Eternis (Bint Matis – Eksterna/Ekstern, 89,63), bred by Falborek Arabians and owned by Mohammed Rouimi.

Senior horses. Austria, Belgium and Poland stand out

We only saw three 4-6 year old mares on the arena in Wels, but the winner, the Austrian Wadad Zamani (Laheeb – Zena Al Burraq/Al Manar), bred by Osman Al Kasasi (Israel) and owned by Hanaya Arabians, collected as many as 92 pts. Second came the Polish Espina (Ekstern – Estrala/Werbum), bred by Kurozwęki Stud (J.M. Popiel) and owned by Idris Hassan (90,5). But the 7-10 year old class consisted of as many as 8 mares and clearly standing out among them was Chaos Persefona (Poganin – Ceres/Ganges) from Chrcynno-Palace Stud, later awarded as the Best Horse from Poland thanks to the highest score among Polish representatives: 91,75. Yet in class she had to yield to Bint Tabanie (Suhail Al Nasser – Tabanie/Ibn Morafic, 91,88), bred by Linda Lashley (USA) and owned by Hanaya Arabians. Out of the two 11 year old and older mares the better (90,75) proved to be NA Liliara (Nagadir – Lilia/Narav Ibn Aswan), bred by Nasir A. El Allam and owned by Silvia Garde Ehler.

Competing in the 4-6 year old stallions class were the Belgian Espresso (QR Marc – Emocja/Monogramm), bred and owned by Knocke Arabians with the Polish Echo Mars (Ajman Moniscione – Echo Kirke/Ecabo) from Chrcynno. Victorious was the first one with a score of 91,75. A Chrcynno graduate took second place also in the next class of 7-10 year old stallions (4 participants). Echo Adonis (Al Maraam – Echo Kallisto/Pamir), as that's who we are talking about, received 90,5 pts, while his rival Marjan Albidayer (Marajj – Pustynna Droga/Laheeb), bred by Albidayer Stud (UAE) and owned by Marjan Syndicate (Austria), gained 91,25. And so in both of these classes foreign horses out of Polish dams bested their cousins registered in the PASB. The last class of 11 year old stallions was won by the Austrian Al Espri (Mahadin – Al Aliha/DWD Tabasco), bred by Al Hambra Arabians and owned by VA-Gestüt Barta, who needed just 88,5 to accomplish this feat.

The Austrian Nationals. Hanaya Arabians takes (almost) all

The Sunday finals, as we mentioned, had an international and local version. The Austrian Nationals were dominated by the horses from the collection of Mrs. Nayla Hayek of Hanaya Arabians. It has to be said that thanks to the purchases of the

owner, the quality of the Austrian finals visibly increased. The Junior Champion Mare title went to Hanaya Farfoura (Kenz Albaydaa – Bint Fariha Magidaa/Thee Desperado), before her stablemate Hanaya Jaseebah by the same sire, but out of Imhajaa/Immel. The bronze was awarded to the afore mentioned 3 year old DA Jakarta.

Another graduate of Mrs. Nayla Hayek, the colt Hanaya Labid (Labeeb Al Nasser – ZT Assfasikha/Assad) received the junior silver medal. He was bested by Al Nadir, honored also with the award for best Austrian-bred stallion. The third on the podium was Scabrteyn Ara (ZT Maruteyn – AV Scabrlett/Om El Bahreyn), bred and owned by A. Krösbacher. In the senior mare category all the winners came from Hanaya Stud, the Israeli and American bred: Wadad Zamani (also The Best Egyptian Horse of the show), before Bint Tahanie and Alia Lahab RSA (Al Lahab – Alia Valentino/Thee Desperado). The Senior Champion Stallion was awarded to Marjan Albidayer before Al Hambra's Royal (WH Justice – Al Dafina/Mahadin), bred by Michael Huber and owned by Al Hambra Arabians (silver) and Al Espri (bronze).

International finals: Dubai, Ajman, Austria, Poland and Belgium on the podium

There was an interesting situation in the yearling fillies championship. Of the four that qualified for the finals two belonged to Dubai Stud and two to Waldemar Bąk from Poland. Therefore the Polish breeder already had at least one medal in his pocket. In the end two of Dubai's representatives stood on the podium – D Safana and D Heba, with Westura taking the bronze. Among the yearling colts AJ Azzam was unconditionally the best, chosen later as Most Classic Head Stallion and Best in Show. The silver went to D Karrar from Dubai, the bronze to the Belgian (Dion Arabians) Iconycc-D (Ajman Moniscione – Khabala/Nagadir). Honored as Junior Champion Mare was, as expected, Sylvatika K.A. (also the winner of Most Classic Head Mare). A really pleasant surprise was delivered to Polish supporters by Wersa (silver), who bested the favorite AJ Barari (bronze). In the junior stallions category two medals went to Poland due to Fair and Eternis. The gold was taken by Al Nadir. Among the senior mares, behind the Hanaya Stud mares – Wadad Zamani and Bint Tahanie, placed Chaos Persefona with a bronze medal. Her stablemate Echo Mars repeated this success in the senior stallions category, yielding to Espresso (gold) and Marjan Albidayer (silver). This time of year – in the spring and in this part of Europe, we have two important shows today, Berlin and Wels, a sort of warm-up arena, especially for young horses, before the autumn title shows. The central European climate determines that horses are not able to compete earlier with contestants from Italy or France who are fortunate to spend the winter in a more friendly aura. That's why it would be good if both of these shows, also in the years to come, gave younger horses a chance to present themselves before the judges and gain experience in the show arena. □

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GOLD CHAMPION JR. FILLIES



HANAYA FARFOURA

KENZ AL BAYDAA X BINT FARIHA MAGIDAA
BREEDER: HANAYA STUD - OWNER: HANAYA STUD



SILVER CHAMPION JR. FILLIES HANAYA JASEEBAH

KENZ AL BAYDAA X IMHAJAA
B&O: HANAYA STUD



BRONZE CHAMPION JR. FILLIES DA JAKARTA

LAWRENCE EL GAZAL X DA JUSSDIVA
B&O: CORNELIA KOLNBERGER

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GOLD CHAMPION JR. COLTS



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AL NADIR

AJMAN MONISCIONE X AL DAFINA

BREEDER: AL HAMBRA ARABIANS - OWNER: HUBER GERHARD



SILVER CHAMPION JR. COLTS HANAYA LABID

LAHEEB AL NASSER X ZT ASSFASIKHA

B&O: HANAYA STUD



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BRONZE CHAMPION JR. COLTS SCAHRTEYN ARA

ZT MARWTEYN X AV SCAHRLETT

B&O: A. KRÖSBACHERLPRAUSCH ARABIANS

GOLD CHAMPION SR. MARES



WADAD ZAMANI

LAHEEB X ZENA AL BURAQ

BREEDER: OSMAN AL KASASI - OWNER: HANAYA ARABIANS



SILVER CHAMPION SR. MARES BINT TAHANIE

SUHAL AL NASSER X TAHANIE

BREEDER: LINDA LASHLEY

OWNER: HANAYA ARABIANS



BRONZE CHAMPION SR. MARES ALIA LAHAB RSA

AL LAHAB X ALIA VALENTINO

BREEDER: MICHAEL & LESLIE NORD

OWNER: HANAYA STUD

WELS AUSTRIAN NATIONAL

GOLD CHAMPION SR. STALLIONS



MARJAN ALBIDAYER

MARAJI X PUSTYNNNA DROGA

BREEDER: ALBIDAYER STUD - OWNER: MARJAN SYNDICATE



SILVER CHAMPION SR. STALLIONS AL HAMBRA'S ROYAL

WH JUSTICE X AL DAFINA

BREEDER: MICHAEL HUBER

OWNER: AL HAMBRA ARABIANS



BRONZE CHAMPION SR. STALLIONS AL ESPRI

MAHADIN X AL ALIHA

B: AL HAMBRA ARABIANS

O: VA-GESTÜT BARTA, MANUELA BARTA

GOLD CHAMPION YEARLING FILLIES



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D SAFANA

MARAJJ X FT SHAELLA

B&O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD



SILVER CHAMPION YEARLING FILLIES

D HEBA

SG LABIB X D HUDHA

B&O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD



BRONZE CHAMPION YEARLING FILLIES

WESTURA

EDEN C X WIEZYCA

B&O: WALDEMAR BAK

GOLD CHAMPION YEARLING COLTS



AJ AZZAM

AJ MARDAN X YSADORA
B&O: AJMAN STUD



SILVER CHAMPION YEARLING COLTS D KARRAR

GAZAL AL SHAQAB X D NOOR
B&O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD



BRONZE CHAMPION YEARLING COLTS ICONYCC-D

AJMAN MONISCIONE X KHABALA
B&O: MRS. MARTINE VAN HEE, DION ARABIANS

GOLD CHAMPION JR. FILLIES



SYLVATICA K.A.

QR MARC X CHARM DS
B&O: KNOCKE ARABIANS



SILVER CHAMPION JR. FILLIES VERSA

EKSTERN X WASA
B&O: KRZYSZTOF GOZDZIALSKI



BRONZE CHAMPION JR. FILLIES AJ BARARI

VERVALDEE X LA BELLA VERSA FR
B&O: AJMAN STUD

GOLD CHAMPION JR. COLTS



AL NADIR

AJMAN MONISCIONE X AL DAFINA

BREEDER: AL HAMBRA ARABIANS - OWNER: HUBER GERHARD



SILVER CHAMPION JR. COLTS FAIR

AB JAMIL LA PIANA X FILA

B: WOJCIECH PARCZEWSKI - O: IDRIS HASSAN



BRONZE CHAMPION JR. COLTS ETERNIS

BINT MATIS X EKSTERNA

B: KRZYSZTOF GOZDZIALSKI - O: MOHAMED ROUMI

GOLD CHAMPION SR. MARES



WADAD ZAMANI

LAHEEB X ZENA AL BURAQ

BREEDER: OSMAN AL KASASI - OWNER: HANAYA ARABIANS



SILVER CHAMPION SR. MARES BINT TAHANIE

SUHAL AL NASSER X TAHANIE

BREEDER: LINDA LASHLEY

OWNER: HANAYA ARABIANS



BRONZE CHAMPION SR. MARES CHAOS PERSEFONA

POGANIN X CERES

B&O: KRZYSZTOF POSZEPCHYNSKI

CHRCYNNO-PALACE STUD

GOLD CHAMPION SR. STALLIONS



ESPRESSIVO

QR MARC C EMOCJA
B&O: KNOCKE ARABIANS



SILVER CHAMPION SR. STALLIONS MARJAN ALBIDAYER

MARAJI X PUSTYNNA DROGA
BREEDER: ALBIDAYER STUD
OWNER: MARJAN SYNDICATE



BRONZE CHAMPION SR. STALLIONS ECHO MARS

AJMAN MONISCIONE X ECHO KIRKE
B&O: KRZYSZTOF POSZEPCHYNSKI
CHRCYNNO-PALACE STUD