





An Impressive Show in Fabulous Moscow

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Moscow – a habitat of Tsars, oligarchs, multimillionaires, outstanding artists and writers. An exceptional and unique city with its architecture, museums, theaters, numerous monuments, bridges, luxury trade centers; famous for its Royal Circus, excellent food, strong drinks, caviar and champagne. Almost every year Moscow is placed first in the Forbes ranking of towns, regarding populations of multimillionaires, as well as in every year's Top Five of the Most Expensive Cities of the World. Its impressive city center, the Kremlin and Red Square with its surroundings, in 1990 were enrolled to the UNESCO World Heritage list.

In the last week-end of August, the capital of Russia, a city with more than 12 millions of dwellers, attracted the Arabian horse lovers to the 13th National Arabian Horse Show, held in KSK "Bitza" Equestrian Club. As every year, the show was organized by National Arabian Horse Society of Russia. Its Organizing Committee has for many years led by Igor Bochkarev – the Chairman – and Dr Irina Stigler, who is responsible for international relations. At the same time a great equestrian fair took place within a huge sports center. This year's Arabian show was judged by a board including: Marianne Tengstedt (Denmark), Tamas Rombauer (Hungary) and Rob Den Hartog (Holland). As a ringmaster worked Daniel Souppat from France, whereas a DC member was Mateusz Jaworski from Poland.

A day before the show, all VIPs and invited guests had a chance to take part in a guided tour around the city. For people from the Western Europe, used to other reality, such trip to the East, including sightseeing of orthodox and "exotic" Moscow, seemed to be a unique event.

In the one-day-long National Show participated 24 horses, brought not only from the closest surroundings of Moscow, but also from a two-thousand – kilometers-long distance, in order to compete for Champion titles. Emotions caused by the competition couldn't, however, spoil a homely atmosphere, permeating the whole show. In pedigrees of the competing horses appeared imported ancestors, not only from the Western Europe, but also from Israel. It seems promising for the further development of the Russian market for purebred Arabian horses in the coming years.

Below we are introducing the gallery of champions, elected in 6 age groups. Among the Junior Mares distinguished herself a correct, sizeable, 3-y.o. grey filly Miracle, a paternal granddaughter of Marwan Al Shaqab. She was also claimed the Best In Show horse. Junior Mares were divided into two age groups: 1) yearlings and 2) 2-3-y.o. fillies. The Silver Medal was granted to a yearling, very typey, refined and feminine Equitana, by ASH Dream of Glory, sired by WH Justice. Her dam was the bay mare, known from many Russian shows – a great mover Edith Piaf, classified as



the best Russian Horse in the 1st St. Petersburg Int. Cup 2015. The Bronze Medal went to the 2-y.o. stablemate of the Silver Medal winner – Napoleonika, by Ghazal Al Hummar (a Senior Stallion Championship contender), bred at Valentina Farm.

Among the colts, as well the Junior Champion Stallion, as the Silver Medal winner, were yearlings. The Gold was granted to the grey, typey colt Dominik MT, sired by Nubiec – one of the most renowned producers in Russia, a son of Balaton. The Silver went to Nabokov, picked from the second place in the yearlings' class, out of Nixsa by Karat. Like the Junior Reserve Champion Mare, he was also a son of the International Champion, ASH Dream of Glory (by WH Justice). Young horses mostly had Polish – Russian blood in maternal sides of their pedigrees, whereas their sires more and more often came from such countries, as Italy, Belgium, Israel, Jordan, Germany or Qatar. The Bronze Medal in Junior Colts got to 2-y.o. Esenin, with an interesting pedigree. He was sired by the already mentioned Nubiec (by Balaton), whereas his dam was Ezabella (Lumiar Amadeus (BR) – Epifraza (PL)). Esenin was the last year Junior National Champion Stallion of Russia.

For me, the most satisfying view in the most shows are the Senior Mare classes. This year I wasn't disappointed, either. Thanks to the infusion of stallions from the Western Europe, the level in Junior classes increased a lot. I only missed those Russian mares absent in this show – correct, strong and fantastic movers. Unfortunately, entered was only one age-group of 4-y.o and older mares. So the Senior Champion Mare claimed was grey, 14-y.o. Gabriel (Bolid – Goryanka), bred by Kushumsky Stud, owned by Fenix Stud. The Silver Medal was given to the bay mare Nadobnost

(Belfast – Nilgau), placed second in the same age group, bred by Veles Stud, owned by E. Kirova. The Bronze Medal got to the winner of 3rd place in the class – grey, 16-y.o. Eovin (Vergini – Esmeralda), bred by I. Pleskanovsky, owned by O. Bogdanova.

Russia surely needs initiatives of organizing international shows, including entries from Europe and even the Middle East. It can't be any more isolated from world breeding, feeding, show training and handling techniques. Necessary would be an influence of events exceeding the close Russian circle. Those are the aims of the renowned breeder and judge of Russian origin, born in Moscow, whereas resident in Italy – Irina Stigler. That's why for May 2016 prepared is the second edition of the International Show at St. Petersburg.

During the National Show, held in August, elected were also Senior Champion Stallions. This class included only one age group, 4-year-olds and older ones. The Gold was won by grey, 5-y.o. Glavk (Vong – Gunta), bred by P. Mahinenko, owned by A. Akopyan. The same point score was gained also by the Silver Medal winner, Ghazal Al Hummar, who sired a high number of progeny in Russia. He got the same point score for type, as the winner, who, in turn, revealed better movement. Ghazal Al Hummar is a son of Qatar-bred Shamekh Al Shaqab, with an Egyptian pedigree, whereas his dam, also descending from Qatar, has both Egyptian and Polish ancestors. The Bronze went to the bay, 4-y.o. Vin Disel (Pobeditel – Vendetta), bred at

Tiersk, owned by A. Avtorhanov. The Special Prize was, for that time, awarded not to the best horse, but to the best handler. Its winner, traditionally awarded by Jan Celis, became Julia Dudkova. □





Gold Medal Junior Filly (named also Best in Show)

Miracle (HK Marcello (US) - Medyanica)

bred&owned: Tatiana Kosolapova

Silver Medal Junior Filly

Equitana (ASH Dream of Glory - Edit Piaff)

bred&owned: Valentina Farm

Bronze Medal Junior Filly

Napoleonika (Ghazal Al Hummar - Niksa)

bred&owned: Valentina Farm

Gold Medal Junior Colt

Dominik MT (Nubiec - Medyanica)

bred&owned: Tatiana Kosolapova

Silver Medal Junior Colt

Nabokov (ASH Dream of Glory - Niksa)

bred&owned: Valentina Farm

Bronze Medal Junior Colt

Esenin (Nubiec - Ezabella)

bred: Valentina Farm - owned: O. Gaiduk

Gold Medal Senior Mare

Gabriel (Bolid - Goryanka)

bred: Kushumsky Stud, owned:

O. Bogdanova, Fenix Stud

Silver Medal Senior Mare

Nadobnost (Belfast - Nilgau)

bred: Veles Stud, owned: E. Kirova

Bronze Medal Senior Mare

Eovin (Vergini - Esmeralda)

bred: I. Pleskanovsky - owned: O. Bogdanova

Gold Medal Senior Stallion

Glavk (Vong - Gunta)

bred: P. Mahinenko - owned: A. Akopyan

Silver Medal Senior Stallion

Ghazal Al Hummar (Shamekh Al Shaqab - Reem Al Nasser)

bred: Royal Stables (Jordan)

owned: Valentina Farm

Bronze Medal Senior Stallion

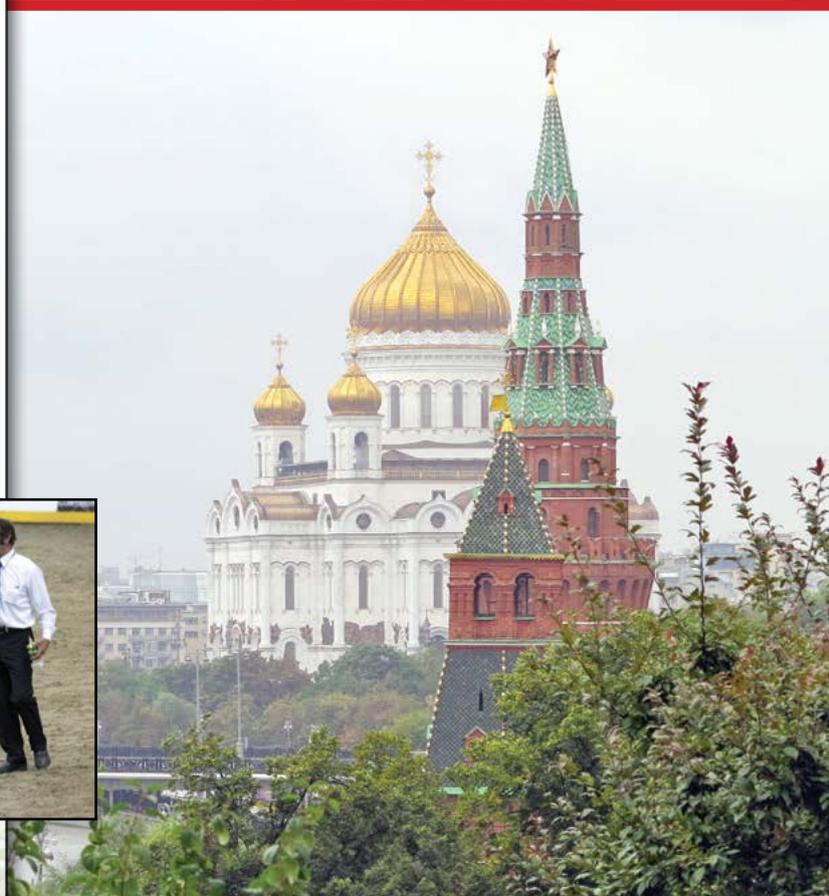
Vin Diesel (Pobeditel - Vendetta)

bred: Tersk Stud

owned: A. Avtorhanov

Julia Dudkova

winner of the Best Handler Trophy
which is traditionally
awarded by Jan Calis





Miracle

Gold Medal
Junior Filly
and Best in Show

HK Marcello US x Medyanica
bred&owned: Tatiana Kosolapova

Dominik MT

Gold Medal Junior Colt

Nubiec x Medyanica
bred&owned: Tatiana Kosolapova





Gabriel

Gold Medal
Senior Mare

Bolid x Goryanka
bred: Kushumsky Stud
owned: O. Bogdanova
Fenix Stud

Glavk

Gold Medal
Senior Stallion

Vong x Gunta
bred: P. Mahinenko
owned: A. Akopyan



Equitana

Silver Medal Junior Filly

ASH Dream of Glory x Edit Piaff
bred&owned: Valentina Farm



Nabokov

Silver Medal Junior Colt

ASH Dream of Glory x Niksa
bred&owned: Valentina Farm



Ghazal Al Hummar

Silver Medal Senior Stallion

ASH Dream of Glory x Niksa
Shamekh Al Shaqab x Reem Al Nasser
bred: Royal Stables (Jordan)
owned: Valentina Farm



Napoleonika

Bronze Medal Junior Filly

Ghazal Al Hummar x Niksa
bred&owned: Valentina Farm

Esenin

Bronze Medal Junior Filly

(Nubiec - Medyanica)
bred&owned: Tatiana Kosolapova

