ARABIAN HORSE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2018

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The Arabian Horse World Championship at the Salon Du Cheval, Paris is a permanent date in many diaries! As ever, it provided a cliff hanging end to the 2018 European show season as outstanding horses from 15 different countries came to compete for the medals and titles of World Champion. The Organizing Committee of Paris World Championship, Mme Jessica Gordon and Mme Marion Gouarin as the Show Managers and the Technical Advisors Mme Christiane Chazel and Mme Dominik Briot, spearhead the organisation with an outstanding team and never fail to provide a memorable occasion. This year for the first time Arion Concierge was at the disposal of the guests for organizing and taking care of all details offering a made to measure high quality service.

Of course, it is the horses we come to enjoy and there is no doubt that the quality continues to rise as was reflected in the very high scores, many horses received over 92 points!

Sponsorship has become essential and this show attracts great generosity from many owners whose banners and short publicity videos on screen add colour and style to the atmosphere. Thanks to Al Sheikh Stud a very welcome innovation for those watching on line was the lively commentary throughout the three days by Greg Knowles and Rory O'Neil. They did a great job and it is to be hoped this will be continued in the future.

One thing that is apparent is the dominance of the Middle East, with UAE leading the way taking 7 out of a possible 18 medals including 4 golds, of which 3 went to Ajman Stud for AJ Samara (AJ Mardan – Sama AM), HDM Maria Apal (RFI Farid – WW Imania Apal) and Admiraal (Emerald J – Haniyyah). For AJ Samara and Admiral and their owner this was an amazing year as by adding the Paris World Championship to their championships in the All Nations Cup, Aachen and the European Championship they take the coveted title of Triple Crown Winner

Ajman Stud also took "Farm of the Year" closely followed by Dubai Stud named "Best Breeder of the Year" with their gold winner D Seraj (FA El Rasheem – Lady Veronika) and silver winners D Ajayeb (RFI Farid – Lady Veronika) and D Shihanah (FA El Rasheem – D Shahia). Buying a winner is one thing, but consistently breeding successful horses as these studs now do is quite another and must be saluted. In addition Dubai Stud's Fa El Rasheem was nominated Best Sire, he is proving a remarkable breeding champion.

For once there were quite a few relatively unexposed horses forward, adding excitement to the competition. It was also good to see three handlers, much respected for their sympathetic handling and ability to show movement, win their first Gold Medals. These were Rod Jones with Admiraal, the Yearling colt Champion who also won the Best Movement Award following 20's across the board. Raphael Curti who presented Equator (QR Marc – Ekliptyka) to Stallion Champion and the Highest Score of the Show with 93.67, whilst Glenn Shoukens presented Anood Al Nasser (Ashaal Al Rayyan – Aleysha Al Nasser) to Mare Champion, this beautiful mare was bred in Qatar by Al Nasser Stud but has been sold to Akmal Stud of Saudi Arabia. She should prove an exceptional foundation mare for HRH Prince Abdulmajid Bin Sultan Al Saud's new farm. HRH Prince Abdulmajid also has strong claims to be the youngest ever owner of a Gold winner at the Championship.

Al Jassimya Stud which does so much to support Amateur programmes around Europe was crowned with silver, their lovely mare Om El Aisha Aljassimya (WH Justice – Om El Aliha) was not only Silver Mare Champion and winner of the most beautiful head in her class, but also dam of the Silver Champion Filly, Arraab Al Jassimya by Al Ayal AA. They also had a Bronze medal with the colt Balada Al Fabia (EKS Alihandro – ZT Magna Psyche).

Equator received four out of seven nominations for Stallion Champion, which put him clearly in the lead bringing the first World Championship for Al Sheikh Stud of Israel who had this handsome stallion on lease this year. Equator, owned by Michalow Stud, has now returned to Poland. The silver winner E.S. Harir (AJ Dinar – TF Magnums Magic) bred by Emirates Stud in UAE and now owned by Al Saqran Stud of Kuwait, took the Silver, he had been 2nd to Equator in the qualifying class with a point more for type, but 4 points less in movement. He did not appear for the medal presentation which caused some confusion. Meanwhile the Bronze presentation went to Al Ayal AA (Al Ayad – The Vision HG) owned and bred by Ariela Arabians of Israel, who also took the Best Egyptian Male and the Best Head in his class.

The final presentation of Platinum Champions Emandoria and Kahil Al Shakab who are familiar to all. Kahil was presented by the free moving Sheikh Hamid Bin Al Thani, who seldom misses an opportunity to show the passion we all share for these beautiful horses. Kahil brought another great title to Al Shaqab Stud. Emandoria after an amazing year leased to Al Baydaa Stud closed her career with her long time handler from Michalow Stud, Mariusz Liskiewich. With the support of the public from all round the arena they brought home a Platinum Trophy for Michalow Stud and Poland.

Make sure that Paris is in your diary for next year, we will see you there. \Box





KAHIL AL SHAQAB Platinum Medal Senior Male

MARWAN AL SHAQAB | OFW MISHAAHL O/B: AL SHAQAB STUD

PLATINUM MEDAL





EMANDORIA Platinum Medal Senior Female

GAZAL AL SHAQAB | EMANDA O: MICHALOW STATE STUD IN LEASING TO AL BAYDAA STUD





AJ SAMARA Gold Medal Yearling Females

AJ MARDAN | SAMA AM O/B: AJMAN STUD

GOLD MEDAL





ADMIRAAL Gold Medal Yearling Males

EMERALD J | HANIYYAH O: AJMAN STUD - B: AL MUAWD STUD





HDM MARIA APAL Gold Medal Junior Females

RFI FARID | IMANIA APAL O: AJMAN STUD - B: ELEONORE MERTENS

GOLD MEDAL





D SERAJ Gold Medal Junior Males

FA EL RASHEEM | LADI VERONIKA O/B: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD





ANOOD AL NASSER Gold Medal Senior Females

ASHAAL AL RAYYAN | ALEYSHA AL NASSER O: AKMAL STUD - B: AL NASSER STUD

GOLD MEDAL





EQUATOR Gold Medal Senior Males

QR MARC | EKLIPTYKA O: MICHALOW STATE STUD IN LEASING TO AL SHEIKH STUD

SHOWS AND EVENTS











































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D SHIHANAH Silver Medal Yearling Females

FA EL RASHEEM | D SHAHLA O/B: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD

SILVER MEDAL





ARRAAB ALJASSIMYA Silver Medal Yearling Males

AL AYAL AA | OM EL AISHA ALJASSIMYA O/B: ALJASSIMYA FARM





D AJAYEB Silver Medal Junior Females

RFI FARID | LADI VERONIKA O/B: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD

SILVER MEDAL





AJ KAFU Silver Medal Junior Males

SHANGHAI EA | AJ KAHAYLA O/B: AJMAN STUD





OM EL AISHA ALJASSIMYA Silver Medal Senior Females

WH JUSTICE | OM EL ALIHA O: AL JASSIMYA FARM - B: OM EL ARAB INTERNATIONAL

SILVER MEDAL





E.S. HARIR Silver Medal Senior Males

AJ DINAR | TF MAGNUMS MAGIC O: AL SAQRAN STUD - B: EMIRATES STUD

































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ISRAA AH Bronze Medal Yearling Females

WADEE AL SHAQAB | ZHARED DREAMZ JTA O: AL ORASIA STUD - B: BSOUL SAID

BRONZE MEDAL





DUKE SANTONIO DMC Bronze Medal Yearling Males

SANTORINI | AMALIAA O: MESHAAL ALMESBHA - B: DAWN CASCOE





BALADA AL ALFABIA Bronze Medal Junior Females

EKS ALIHANDRO | ZT MAGNA PSYCHE O: ALJASSIMYA FARM - B: ALFABIA STUD

BRONZE MEDAL





GABEL ATHBAH Bronze Medal Junior Males

EKS ALIHANDRO | MEQBILAT ATHBAH O/B: ATHBAH STUD





WADAD ZAMANI Bronze Medal Senior Females

LAHEEB | AK LATIFA O: HANAYA STUD - B: ZENA AL BURAQ

BRONZE MEDAL





AL AYAL AA Bronze Medal Senior Males

AL AYAD | THE VISION HG O/B: ARIELA ARABIANS



CHAMPIONNAT DU MONDE DU CHEVAL ARABE

SPECIAL AWARDS

Sponsor	Al Shaqab Stud, Qatar					
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/1	POTENTILLA	POL				
Best Straight Egyptian Female						
Sponsor:	El Farida Stud, Egypt					
66	WADAD ZAMANI	SWI				
Trophée Cou	ipe de France					
Sponsor:	ACA, France					
	JAHAMAL DE CARTEREY					
	STYX KALLISTE					
	SANIA DU CAYRON					
	BO AS PRINCE SHAKAR					
	BENJHY					
Best Straight	Egyptian Male					
Sponsor:	Hanaya Stud, Switzerland					
148	AL AYAL AA	ISR				
Best Movement Male						
Sponsor :	Orrion Farms, USA					
99	ADMIRAAL	UAE				
Best Breeder in the show						
	Al Mazrouei Stud, UAE					

Best Breeder / Owner							
Sponsor:	Al Khashab Stud, Kuwait						
	Ariela Arabians	ISR					
Sultan Al Zobarra Trophy							
Sponsor :	Abhaa Stud, Kuwait						
80	ANOOD AL NASSER	KSA					
Espoir Troph	у						
Sponsor :	Al Thumana Stud, Qatar						
104	MAHER EL SAYED	KSA					
Farm of the year							
Sponsor :	Al Thumana Stud, Qatar						
	Ajman Stud	UAE					
Highest Scor	e in the Show						
Sponsor :	Albaydaa Stud, Egypt						
145	EQUATOR	ISR					
Best Dam in the Show							
Sponsor:	Al Nasser Stud, Qatar						
	LADI VERONICA						
Best Sire in the Show							
Sponsor:	Athbah Stud, KSA						
	FA EL RASHEEM						



Best Movement Female Potentilla



Best Movement Male Admiraal



Best Straight Egyptian Female Wadad Zamani



Best Straight Egyptian Male Al Ayal AA



Best Breeder in the Show **Dubai Arabian Horse Stud**



Best Breeder/Owner Ariela Arabians

SPECIAL AWARDS



Sultan Al Zobarra Trophy Anood Al Nasser



Highest Score in the Show Equator



Espoir Trophy Maher El Sayed



Best Dam in the Show Ladi Veronika



Farm of the Year Ajman Stud



Best Sire in the Show Fa El Rasheem

COUPE DE FRANCE TROPHY



Jahamal De Carterey





Sania Du Cayron



Bo As Prince Shakar



Banjhy



Styx Kalliste



CHAMPIONNAT DU MONDE DU CHEVAL ARABE

MOST BEAUTIFUL HEAD

CM1A - Qu	ali	fication Yearling Females Class A		
Sponsor :		Al Rayyan Stud, Qatar		
	3	AJ SAMARA	UAE	
CM1B-Qu	alif	ication Yearling Females Class B		
Sponsor :		Tutto Arabi, Italie		
	26	D SHIHANAH	UAE	
CM2A - Qu	ali	fication Junior Females Class A		
Sponsor:		ACA, France		
	33	RSHEDIAH ALKHASHAB	KUW	
CM2B - Qualification Junior Females Class B				
Sponsor:		Knocke Arabians, Belgique		
	44	HDM MARIA APAL	UAE	
CM3A - Qu	ali	fication Senior Females Class A		
Sponsor:		Al Rashediah Stud, Bahrein		
	56	OM EL AISHA ALJASSIMYA	QAT	
CM3B-Qu	alif	ication Senior Females class B		
Sponsor:		Al Shaqab Stud, Qatar		
	70	NOFT AL NAYFAT	KSA	

CM4A - Qaulification Yearling Males Class A						
Sponsor:	Al Shaqab Stud, Qatar					
86	DUKE SANTONIO DMC	KUW				
CM4B - Qualif	CM4B - Qualification Yearling Males Class B					
Sponsor:	Al Khashab Stud, Kuwait					
102	EL REY MAGNUM RCF	USA				
CM5A - Qualifications Junior Males Class A						
Sponsor:	Al Saqran Stud, Kuwait					
115	AJ KAFU	UAE				
CM5B-Qualif	fication Junior MaleS Class B					
Sponsor:	Asayel Stud, Kuwait					
128	D SERAJ	UAE				
CM6A - Quali	fication Senior Males Class A					
Sponsor:	Al Nasser Stud, Qatar					
137	ES SARAB	UAE				
CM6B - Qualification Senior Males Class B						
Sponsor:	Al Mazrouei Stud, UAE					
148	AL AYAL AA	ISR				