

THE 7TH NATIONAL SYRIAN ARAB HORSE SHOW

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The Nationals in Syria is a major event where for arabian horse breeders, owners and enthusiasts are looking for after long and terrible break of 7 years. These recent event in Damascus unfortunately lost some good breeders and horses during the war but luckily still many attend the the spectacle and it was just that....a spectacle. The arrival of officials was in Beirut (Lebanon) because still some difficulties to fly directly to Damascus. But everybody were enthusiastic to make a long way of some hours from Beirut to Damascus passing several military check points.

First day we visited old Damascus where is chaotic movement of friendly people of many religion taking place from early morning to the late night. A lot of shops, coffees, old market where you can find everything from spices to handicraft to souvenirs. The life is never stop here in one of the oldest cities in the World.

We had an occasion to visit The Umayyad Mosque which is islamic most famous mosque. It is unique in its engineering, architecture & decoration, it is considered a school in building and architecture for the world mosques. It was built by the



Umayyad Caliph Al-Walid ben Abdul Malek in 86 Hej corresponding to 705 A.D. Its building lasted ten years. And on 06.10.1991 the faithful President Hafez Al-Asaad secret that the great Umayyad mosque at Damascus be restored and improved, as it always has been an Arab & Islamic treasure of civilisation & a bright gem of Damascus.

But lets come to show for reason all of arabian horse's lovers find themselves. The show arena nicely decorated with flowers and old horse saddles and decorations. It was only one judge Mr. Koenrad Dettallior from Belgium who judged the horses with 20 points system and 2 international DC's Mrs. Christina Keiser from Norway and Mr. Mateusz Leniewicz Jaworski from Poland who did their job together with Syrian colleagues.

Great support from Syrian National Organisation board commettee who made this big festival consists of: Mr. Basil Jadaan, Mr. Bilal Akrayam, Dr. Tareq AbdulRaheem, Mr. Mohammad Al Rakhlani, Mr. Mohamad Hexham Goureeb, Mr. Ahmad Hamscho, Mr. Nasar KAbol, Eng. Mhd Ghiyath Al-Shayeb, Mr. Basil Al Nuori and Eng. Mohammad Al Wade.

Many participants like Ministry of Agriculture & Agrarian

Reaform, Al Khir Stables, Al Jadaan Stables, Al Zaym & Amana Stables, Police Stables, Al Khlood Stables, Al Assael Al Fares Stables, Al Fadi Stables, Al Jamil Stables, Al ghabraa Stables, Al Sadaa Stables, al Assel Club, Shael Houran Stables, Al Jawadea Stables, Al Klawe Stables, Al Jabal Al Arab Stables, Al Refaee Stables, Al Zebak stables, Al Noree Stables, Al Faker Stables, Al Khory Stables, Al Mahaeene Stables, Al Assali Stables, Al Bzraa stables and many many privat breeders.

The show was divided in 2 days. The friday was dedicated to Arabian Syrian breed and all horses belong to very long breed in this country. The saturday was dedicated to mixed blood, with some horses imported from different countries.

First class begins with fillies born 2018 Amiret al Khair ll da Amir Al Fadi from Al Khair Stables took class Champion and second filly was Sandi al Zayam from Adam al Zayam breeder and owner al Zayam stables took Silver trophy.

Class 2 section B had 2 participants with following classification: Class Champion Zanoubieh Al fares da Wael Al Kellawi from owner Mohammed A. Al Bezra and Second was Yasmeeen A'sali from stables Zead Al Assail.

The third class of fillies of 2/3 years old had 3 contenders. Fist in the class with 89.5 points was given to Maya Bint Baher from Mouaz Al Mahayani, second Rand Al Fadi with 88.5 and third filly Samar Al Khair bred by Khair Stables took 84.5 points.

Immideately after these classes the Judge took his choice in the Fillies Championship with following results;

Gold Champion: Maya Bint Al Baher

Silver Champion: Zanoubieh Al Fares

Bronze Champin: Yasmeeen A'sali

Immideately after we go to the Syrian bred colts. Class number 4 - yearling colt were 2 in the class. So the class winner was Sadnan from breeder abdallah Al Sadeh and second Omran J from Basil Jadaan Stables.

Class number 5 colts 1-3 years old rappresets by 6 junior colts: First place took Ward Al Zayam from Al Zayam and Amana Stables with 89.5 points, second Asheer from Riead Aouaidan with 89.9, 3th Nagem al Khair - al Khair Stables with 87.0, following by Kahhoul J, Nassar J and Jood Al Aadiyat.

Colts Championship:

Gold Champion Ward Al Zayam

Silver Champion Asheer

Bronze Champion Nagem Al Khair

Many young mares 4-6 years old took part in the class number 6. Firts place goes to beautiful Maset Ashour with



88.5 points, Second to Sham Al Zayam from famous stable of Al Zayam and Amana with 87.5 points, 3 place Shaqiat Al fourat with same score of the second mare 87.5. After following Afraa Al Zaym, Aydah J, Khair Al Fourat, Yasmin Al Khair, Mokhtarab SH, Sablet Al Agha and Dohmaa Al Sada.

Class 7 of mares from 7 to 9 years old consist of 10 participants. Class winner is beautiful Ghaida Al Khair from Al Khair Stables, second place was given to Durret Al Ghabraa the third to Souhail Al Sham with 87.5 points. After 3 mares following Hibat al Prince, Shams Al Khair, Khans Al Ghabraa, Bint Shamkhab, Samah Al Demeshqih and Hala Al Zaim.

Championship is going to be ready and the breeders and their friends and neighbours becoming nervous for it.

So after long evaluation Belgian Judge Mr, Koenrad Dettallior took his decision:

Gold Champion Ghaiada Al Khair
Silver Champion Durret Al Ghabraa
Bronze Champion Maset Ashour

Next class of the treasure of Syrian Breed in the desert, class number 9. Seven stallion present in this class. Class winner is handsome stallion Omar Al Khayam bred and owned by Naji Shawi who took 90.00 points. Second following is Kanz Al Khair by Al Khair Stables with 88.00 points. Third is Taj Al Khair bred by the same stables with 87.5 and following stallions Sultan Al Badr, Saquer Al Khair, sorbets and Drea Al Gabraa.

Folowing class number 10 of stallions 10 years and older. Again 7 handsome stallions presents, proud of Syrian breed, The first class charismatic stallion is Mounter Al Jameel with high score of 91.00 points, Second place Mahboob Umro with

89.5 point and 3th Asaad Al Thani with 89.00. Following others like Omar Nasser, Adham Al Zayam, Basher Al Jameel and Meshbah Al Khair.

Championship of Syrian bred stallion was very exiting moment among all public present at the festival.

Gold Champion Mounther Al Jameel
Silver Champion Omar Al Khayam
Bronze Champion Moabboob Umro

After this amazing day it was offered traditional Syrian food in special Syrian restaurant with life music and everybody enjoyed this special evening.

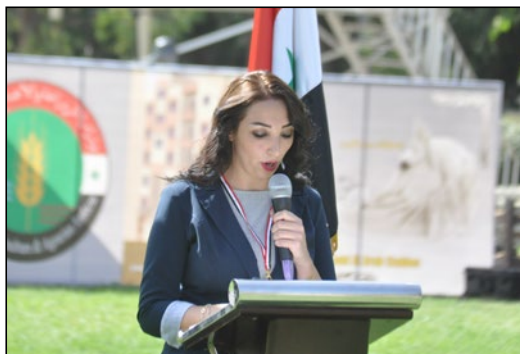
Saturday was opening by national dancers and horse riders with the flags and Syrian Music. Mr. Basil Jadaan had a speech that everybody are pleased and happy to celebrate Today's 7th National Championship of Syria for the beauty of the Arabian Horse, which is honoured by organising the same: The Syrian Association has deep significance for the interest in culture, tradition and Arab horse values and as indicator of fragrant and glorious history blends out of the prosperous history. One of the highest goals of this Championship is consolidate the various aspects of our National Heritage and try to maintain and preserve the same to remain ever-present for the future generations.

Saturday was the show for the "mix" arabian horses, not only syrian breed but the horse which were bought from Middle East and Europe and then successfully bred in this country.

Class of fillies from 1-3 years old (5 participants) goes immediately to the Championship.

Gold Champion Filly Jawaher Howran
Silver Champion Filly Hla Al Zayem
Bronze Champion Filly Farah Al Arab





Also in the class we had 6 colts from 1 to 3 years old. And the Championship was decided like:

Gold Champion Colt Nasser Al Khair
Silver Champion Colt Zad Al Jawadieh
Bronze Champion Colt Mobarak Al Zaym

Three classes of beautiful mares. First of 6 young mares, Second 9 middle aged and last class with 7.

Gold Champion Shadia
Silver Champion Loaloat
Bronze Arabyet Al Zayem

After we had 2 classes of the stallions first with 4 horses and second with 5 stallions in the class.

Gold Champion Fareed Al Khadir
Silver Champion Tobarak Al Khalidia
Bronze Champion Raad Al Zayam

At the end of the festival was organised a big celebration by

a commette. 20 dancers and singers entered in the ring for 1 hour with national music without forget any name who was involved in this beautiful event. All of us danced long with the organisers and breeders. Such a beautiful feeling among all people present in the arena. An of course a lot of traditional gifts that officials and guests need to buy another language to carry.

The last day of our stay we visited Saydana convent and church. Saldana is Syrian word. The first part Sayda means Lady and the second Naya means Our, the whole world means OUR LADY. The Convent si an Orthodox Establishment housing 50 nuns, presided by superior. Hundreds of Chrisiona Pilgrims visit this Sanctuary every year. It is built on a high and lovely hill dominating the Syrian village of Saydanaya and has a library enriched by valuable manuscripts, from which we can trace the period of the convent construction, which took place in about the year 547 A.D.

At the end everybody was tired but happy to visit such a beautiful country and amazing festival! Hope the show is growing or may be more shows can be organised during a year and we wish to Syrian Breeders only the PEACE in their country. See you for sure next year more numerous!. □





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FILLIES CHAMPIONSHIP

SYRIAN BREED



GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION MAYA BINT AL BAHER

BAHAR AL ARAB | REEM NASSER - O: MOUAZ AL MAHYMI - B: MOUHAMAD A'ARSALI



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION

ZANOUBIEH AL FARES

WAEEL AL KELLAWE | ROUAA FARES
O: MOHAMMAD AL BEZRA - B: AMER FARES



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION

YASMEN A'ASALI

OMAR AL KAYAM | KONOOZ AL DANAT
O/B: ZEAD AL A'ASALI





COLTS CHAMPIONSHIP

SYRIAN BREED



GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION WARD AL ZAYM

ADHAM AL ZAYM | MALEKET AL ZAYM - O/B: AL ZAYM ANDA AMANA



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION

ASHEER

SAHAB | NAJAT AL ZAYM
O/B: RIEAD SOUAIDAN



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION

NAGEM AL KHAIR

BESHER AL JAMIL | GHADA AL KHAIR
O/B: AL KHAIR STABLES





MARES CHAMPIONSHIP

SYRIAN BREED



GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION GHAIDA AL KHAIR

SHADID | REEM AL KHAIR - O/B: AL KHAIR STABLES



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION

DURRET AL GHABRAA

ZAIN AL KHAYL | REEM SAHRAA II
O/B: AYA M. HAMSHO



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION

MASET ASHOUR

MOHAMMR AL HAMRA | NASRAT AL MIDAN
O: MOUHAMAD KALAWI - B: MOUHAMAD A'ASHOUR





STALLIONS CHAMPIONSHIP

SYRIAN BREED



GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION MOUNTHER AL JAMEEL

KHOOSHMAN | LIEN AL HAYAT - O/B: NIZAR AL ASAAD



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION

OMAR AL KHAYAM

SAAD FOUAD | ABLET AL FADI
O/B: NAJI AL SHAWI



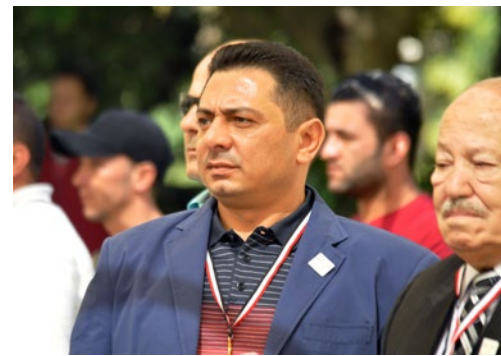
BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION

MAHBOOB UMRO

MAZYOON AL GHABRA' | MADEEHAH
O/B: AHMAD HAMSHO









FILLIES CHAMPIONSHIP

SYRIAN MIX BREED



GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION JAWAHER HOWRAN

NOUR ELDIN | SAABHAT AL HAKIM - O/B: AHMAD GHAZYAH



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION

HLA AL ZAYEM

SOLITAIR | GALAMAT AL ZAYM
O/B: AL ZAYM AND AMANA



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION

FARAH AL ARAB

REBEEA AL ARAB | MUNA AL ARAB
O/B: NASAR KAHOOL





COLTS CHAMPIONSHIP

SYRIAN MIX BREED



GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION NASER AL KHAIR

OSAMA AL KHARAT | BASHAYER AL KHAIR II - O/B: AL KHAIR STABLES



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION

ZAD AL JAWADIEH

HAKEEM AL SHUQYIR | REEM AL JAWADIEH
O/B: MOUHAMAD AL RAKHLANI



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION

MOBARAK AL ZAYM

AMEL | HASINET AL ZAYM
O/B: AL ZAYM AND AMANA





MARES CHAMPIONSHIP

SYRIAN MIX BREED



GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION SHADIA

HAKIM JAAFAR | SHAIMA - O/B: MOAFFAQ W. KHADRAA



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION

LOALOAT A.S.

A.J. MOWJOD | GHAZAL MD
O: ABDALLA AL SADEH - B: AHMAD AL YASEENI



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION

ARABYET AL ZAYEM

A.J. MAWJOD | RAWA
O/B: AL ZAYM AND AMANA





STALLIONS CHAMPIONSHIP

SYRIAN MIX BREED



GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION FAREED AL KHAIR

BADR AL SHAM | TALAHEE - O/B: AL KHAIR STABLES



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION

RAAD AL ZAYM

RAYYAN AL NAIF | REEM BIWALBIYA
O/B: AL ZAYM AND AMANA

SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION

TOBRAK AL KHALIDIAH

DAKHARO | E.F. DREM DIVA
O/B: MOUHAMAD A. AL ZEBAG





SYRIA TOUR

