

DUBAI

MARCH 21ST - 23RD 2019



INTERNATIONAL ARABIAN HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP



Dubai International Arabian Horse Championship (DIAHC) took place over an action packed three days from 21st to 23rd March. Hosted at the super-efficient Dubai Exhibition Centre, not only was there an Arabian Horse Show with 221 entries of the highest quality, there was also an excellent Equestrian Exhibition which gave visitors a great opportunity to inspect the latest goods on the market as well as purchase all manner of horse related equipment from the trade stands or catch up with various organisations marketing their services. There was also the important 3rd Dubai International Equestrian Conference with different seminars taking place each day, of which more later. As if this was not enough, there was also an auction which took place during the afternoon of the 21st with over 100 horses of all ages, pedigrees and types, so something suitable for anyone hoping to join the growing number of owners and breeders in the region. Needless to say bidding was brisk for the top lots and many horses found new homes.

DIAHC with a prize money fund of \$4,000,000 is one of many equestrian events that benefit from the extraordinarily generous patronage and sponsorship of HH Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and U.A.E. Minister of Finance. We all give thanks for what he provides, nationally and internationally not only to DIAHC but also in the world of racing and for his vision in equestrian education which is well known locally. His Highness always finds time in his busy schedule to attend the final championship presentations and this year was no exception.

DIAHC is run under its own rules which are broadly based on those of ECAHO. Mme Christianne Chazel and Mme Dominique Briot are the highly experienced consultants to The Higher Organising Committee which is chaired by Mr Ziad Abdullah Al Galadari, whilst Mr Qusai Obaidalla is the hard working Secretary General along with Mr Adel Saeed Al Falasi Executive Manager who ensure their entire hardworking team run everything like clockwork in true Dubai style. The judging committee consisted of Mr Cedus Bakker (Netherlands), Mr Greg Gallun (USA), Mr Richard Philstrom (France), Mr Luiz Rocco (Brazil), Dr Francesco Santoro (Italy) Mr Graham Smith (Australia), Mrs Irina Stigler (Russia), Mrs Martine Van Hee (Belgium) Mrs Michaela Weidner (Germany)

The full results are available on the Arabian Essence website but sometimes it is interesting just to look a little closer at what happened and where the awards went. Not surprisingly the UAE bred horses figured strongly taking 7 of the 18 gold, silver and bronze championships on offer. However the origins of the gold winners illustrate the international nature of the competition: Yearling Filly Maria Magdalena NWA (FA El Rasheem – Magdalena NWA by QR Marc) bred by North West Arabians, Denmark now owned by Dr Ghanem Al Hajri, UAE; Junior Female Champion, A Vision MI (Allegiance MI – All Always MI by DA Valentino) bred by Mulawa Stud of Australia and owned by Al Bidayer Stud, UAE; Senior Female champion Pepita (Ekstern – Pepesza by Eucaliptus) bred by Janow Podlaski Stud, Poland and owned by Akmal Stud of Saudi Arabia; Yearling Colt Champion D Mezyan (FA El Rasheem – D Mazaia by Royal Colours) owned and bred by Dubai Arabian Horse Stud, UAE; Junior Male Champion AJ Kafu (Shanghai EA – AJ Kahayla by QR Marc) owned and bred by Ajman Stud UAE and finally Senior Male Champion Sundown KA (QR Marc – L Serenella by Turki Al Rayyan) bred by Paul Gheysen, Belgium and owned by Al Saqran Arabian Horse Stud) UAE, who was also the High Point scorer of the show. It is very interesting to see the influence of multi champion QR Marc on no less than three of these ‘Golden’ horses.

Meanwhile The Kingdom of Saudi Arabian took home three medals, a Gold and a Bronze in the Senior Female Championship with above mentioned Pepita, and Delight’s Divah DA (Ajman Moniscione – Honeys Delight RB by JJ Senor Magnum) bred in Belgium by Adriana De Moura and owned by Al Sayed Stud who also owned the Senior Male Bronze Champion Alexanderr (Excalibur EA – AR Most Irresistible by ML Mostly Padron) bred by Frances Butler and Brandi Carson. Kuwait’s Al Khashab Stud took home the Junior Male Bronze with EKS Farajj (Ibn Farid – EKS Bint Helweh by Laheeb). It was interesting to note that Ibn Farid had been bred in Sharjah at the Al Qasimi Stud.

A quick word needs to be said about the third International Equestrian Conference where the opening speech was delivered by HE Sheikh Nahyan Bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Tolerance. Panel speakers included HRH Prince Abdulaziz Bin Ahmed Al Saud, HRH Prince Fahad Bin Khaled Bin Sultan Al Saud, Sheikh Hamed Bin Khadem Bin Butti, UAE, H.E. Mirza Al Seyegh, Office Manager of HH Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum and H.E. Mattar Suhail Al Yabhouni, Member of the UAE Federal National Council and Abu Dhabi Sports Council, H.E. Khaled Al Naboodah, leading breeder of racehorses in UAE and Professor ‘Twink’ Allen, Head of Equine Reproduction Laboratory, Sharjah Equine Hospital and many others, covering a wide variety of topics from the Development of Arabian Racing Locally and Internationally, to Breeding of the Pure Bred Arabian Horse, Global trends in Animal Welfare, Arabian Women and Equestrian Sport and finally Prospects of Equestrian Education in the Arab World. All tremendously important subjects not just in UAE, unfortunately these talks all took place whilst classes were being judging in the main arena so many people who would have liked to attend could not make it. A plea for different timetabling next year must go out.

Any feast of horses at DIAHC would not be complete without farm tours. Dubai Stud and Al Zobair Stud deserve special thanks for so generously opening their doors and showing some of their treasures not seen at the shows this season, especially this season’s foals. We know how quickly time will pass and we will no doubt be seeing them again in the ring enjoying the tussle for top honours.

TuttoArabi was of course present in full force at this major show. We take pride in our close association with the Organisers and Stud Farms in UAE and we give thanks to all who support our magazine and we already look forward to being back next season. □

YEARLING FILLIES



GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION MARIA MAGDALENA NWA

FA EL RASHEEM X MAGDALINA NWA

O: DR GHANEM MOHAMED OBAID AL HAJRI - B: NWA ARABIANS V/ OLE LARSEN



YEARLING COLTS



GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION D MEZYAN

FA EL RASHEEM X D MAZAIA
O&B: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD



JUNIOR FILLIES



GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION A VISION MI

ALLEGIANCE MI X ALWAYS VALENTINE MI
O: ALBIDAYER STUD - B: MULAWA ARABIAN STUD



JUNIOR COLTS



GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION AJ KAFU

SHANGHAI EA X AJ KAHAYLA
O&B: AJMAN STUD



SENIOR MARES



GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION PEPITA

EKSTERN X PEPESZA

O: AKMAL STUD - B: JANOW PODLASKI STATE STUD



SENIOR STALLIONS

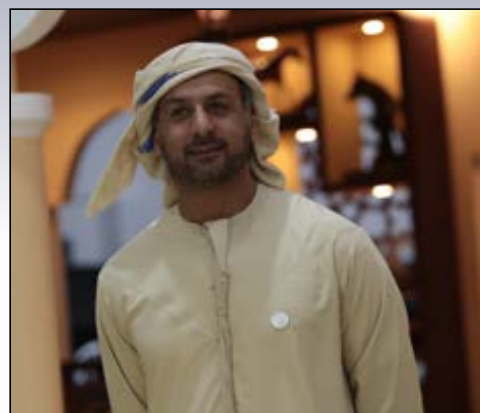


GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION SUNDOWN KA

QR MARC X L SERENELLA
O: AL SAQRAN ARABIAN HORSE STUD - B: PAUL GHEYSEN



DUBAI PEOPLE











SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION YEARLING FILLIES

AJ SAMARA

AJ MARDAN X SAMA AM
O&B: AJMAN STUD



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION YEARLING FILLIES

FAM DONATELLA

DOMINIC M X D CRYSTAL MOON
O: AL JAWAHER ARABIAN HORSE STUD - B: FEDERICO JOSE MORALES - JORDAN



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION YEARLING COLTS D SHAKHAF

D KHATTAF X D SHIREEN
O&B: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION YEARLING COLTS MUTHABAHI AL HAWAJER

FA EL RASHEEM X ZT MAGRUMI
O&B: DR GHANEM MOHAMED OBAID AL HAJRI



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION JUNIOR FILLIES D SHIHANAH

FA EL RASHEEM X D SHAHLA
O&B: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION JUNIOR FILLIES AJ NORAH

AJ MARDAN X INSPIRED NAJLA
O&B: AJMAN STUD



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION JUNIOR COLTS EKS FARAJJ

IBN FARID X EKS BINT HELWAH
O: AL KHASHAB STUD - B: WILLIE BROWN



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION JUNIOR COLTS ADMIRAAL

EMERALD J X HANIYYAH
O: AJMAN STUD - B: M A AL SUBAIE, U.K



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION SENIOR MARES AJ SAWARI

MARWAN AL SHAQAB X SIBERIA SA
O&B: AJMAN STUD



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION SENIOR MARES DELIGHTS DIVAH RB

AJMAN MONISCIONE X HONEYS DELIGHT RB
O: ALSAYED ARABIAN HORSE STUD - B: ADRIANA ESPINDOLA B DE MOURA, BELGIUM



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION SENIOR STALLIONS QR MARC

MARWAN AL SHAQAB X SWETE DREAMS

O: KNOCKE ARABIANS - B: VICKI L. DOYLE OR LOUIS F DOYLE, GILROY - CA - USA



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION SENIOR STALLIONS ALEXXANDERR

EXCALIBUR EA X AR MOST IRRESISTIBLE

O: ALSAYED ARABIAN HORSE STUD - B: FRANCES BUTLER AND BRANDI CARSON