

European Championships Sports Arabians back to Austria.

Great Festival for Team Germany-five Gold Medales!

Great event on great place with great sport!

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For four days the best purebred Arabians from 8 ECAHO member countries showed their ability and their talents.

Three International Championships in three different levels, from low level Lower Austrian Championships over medium level –Austrian Championships up to very difficult –European Championships, gave the pure Arabian horses an unique chance in strong concurrence but very friendly atmosphere to spend a long weekend together.

European Championships with 10 titles, Austrian- & Lower Austrian with 8 Titles each.

ECAHO Sports gives the awards to the horses, they are the middlepoint of everything. Trophies, sashes, ribbons to the horse, medales to the rider who showed the horse. All three Championships open to all ECAHO membercountries.

This Mega event bringing together the Classic Riders with Dressage & Show Jumping and the Western Riders with Reining, Trail & Pleasure and all special ECAHO Pleasure competitions. Needs a lot of judges, officials like pacourdesigners, Vets, experienced speaker, showoffice, scribes and so on. All together a team with 40 people, not counting those working in the kitchen feeding all well. Special trophies to the horses and teams.

Some of the participants came from very far away like the team of nine horses from UAE. Including a young rider , 14 years old Mohamed Saleh Mubarak al Karbi. This team

awarded the trophy for the fareset way to go . Wasel Wrsan with Mohammed was not ridden by the youngest rider, 11 years old Helena Jodie Byrne from Denmark received the trophy for the youngest rider. This event has one speciality the award for the oldest horse. Several horses where competing very fit with 20 and over but the oldest was 24 years old Najim & Isabell Bartlechner . Shows how long the Arabian horse is able to compete and win, Bronze medale Ladies Side Saddle.

The great winner of the whole European Championships was the German team. All together five Gold , four Silver & 3 Bronzemedales!!

Two horses of Team Germany received together 5 Goldmedales:

WAS Zahim's Zarina & Sabrina Pauli Gold Western Pleasure, Western Trail & Western All Around!! It was her show! Carefully trained and developed from last European Championships 2015 in Janow Podlaski Poland to now. Against strong concurrents she stayed strong and finally successful. Even the Charity fun Pleasure she was participating late in the evening.

During four days there were almost 500 starts, the classes starts early in the morning and end midnight!! 8 Nation followed the invitation. 61 nominated horses!

The team colleague of WAS Zahim's Zarina was the classic ridden Haiji el Sorrento & Susanne Hoyler. Two Goldmedales Classic Pleasure & Classic All around. The



WAS ZAHIMS ZARINA
& SABRINA PAULI GOLD TRAIL



WASEL W'RSAN, AL SAKAB W'RSAN,
KHATTAR WRSAN TEAM UAE



EUROPEAN CHAMPION GOLD DRESSAGE PADRON'S MUST, SHOWJUMPING WALOR, CLASSIC PLEASURE & CLASSIC ALL AROUND HAIFI EL SORRENTO, TRADITIONAL ARABIAN RIDING & LADIES SIDE SADDLE MUTHEEA W'RSAN, REINING GFH SONAR SEGAN



NAOUFIL & ANNKATHRIN RUPP
H.&L.GEST.MARBACH SILVER LADIES
SIDE SADDLES



SILVER DRESSAGE MS MADRAS

Silver Medal in Dressage went to MS Madras & Susanne Giese. The Silver Medal Ladies Side Saddle to Naoufil from H.&L. Gestüt Marbach & Ann Kathrin Rupp. Our friends from UAE could receive two Gold medales in Ladies Side saddle & Traditional Arabian Riding with very aproofed Muteaaah Wrsan & the chief rider Line Moen. The team Austria followed in the team ranking with

one Gold in Reining GHF Sonar Seganges & Reinhard Hochreither and four Silver Medals, three by five year old GFH Sandhya & Andre Reitermayr. Haife & Melanie Kirisits was in Show Jumping the winner of Silver Medale E Ch and Gold Austrian Champs. Denmark was the Gold winner with Padrons Must in a very good Prix St Georg in Dressage & Tove Roy. Padron's

TEAM DENMARK ECHO APOLLO, DEMIR, PADRONS MUST, TAMON





MULTI GOLD CHAMPION WAS ZAHIM'S ZARINA



TEAM NETHERLANDS



MUTEEAA W'RSAN & LINE MOEN
GOLD LADIES SIDE SADDLES AND
GOLD TRADITIONAL
ARABIAN RIDING



NAJIM 24 YEARS OLD & LSS BRONZE



FINAL PRIZEGIVING CEREMONY & NATIONSPARADE KABSZDAT, WALOR, GRAFIK TEAM POLAND

**BEST AUSTRIAN WESTERN HORSE
GHF SANDHYA**



DELEGATION FROM IRAN



FAREST WAY TO COME TEAM UAE

Must was the best Dressage horse of the whole event also Gold in Austrian & Lower Austrian Championships! Silver in Classic Pleasure, the class with the most entries – 27- , won Tamon & Viuf Shannon.

From Poland was a very well known Showjumper arrived and he won again for the third time Gold medale: Walor & Daria Klimeczka. From Michalow State Stud 20 years old Grafik & Oliwia Kowal could receive Bronze Classic all around. The famous Kabszdat was also under Saddle in competition with young rider, the class Type & Conformation was his victory.

The Netherlands showed with Penthor & Angela v. Dyvenbode the Silver winner Trail Lower Austrian Championships. Penthor with an age of 23 was participating from the beginning on in European Championships. 2002 in Deurne was first European Championships Sports Arabians and Penthor was competing.

The combination of the three Championships should give all riders/horses a good chance to participate in this level, the horse is ready at the moment.

The welcome party on the first evening brought all riders, grooms, fans together with good Austrian cruise & Austrian folkloric music.

SILVER SHOWJUMPING E CH
& GOLD A CH HAIFE



GOLD CLASSIC PLEASURE
HAIFI EL SORRENTO



GOLD DRESSAGE PADRON'S MUST

LOLITA TEAM ITALY



**WALOR & DARIA KLIMECKA
THIRD TIME GOLD E CH**



**HELENA BYRNE 11 YEARS & DEMIR
THE YOUNGEST RIDER**



**GFH SONAR SEGANGES & REINHARD
HOCHREITHER GOLD REINING**

Our sincerest thanks are going to all sponsors ! Without their support, this event would be not possible.

Next year ECAHO and Austrian Equestrian Federation decided to give the European Championships Sporthorses again to the same Organisation: FAS- Friends of Arabien Sporthoses-at the same perfect venue- south of Vienna- solid large stables two large Indoorarenas, arrival as early as everybody likes, with the possibility to use all facilities for practice. □

