

Abu Dhabi

INTERNATIONAL ARABIAN HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP

10th-14th February 2016



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This year from the 10th to the 14th of February the "Abu Dhabi Equestrian Club" hosted the International Arabian Horse Championship.

It was a real pleasure for TuttoArabi to be present at such a hallmark event.

Surely everyone at the show felt the same way.

The organization did its best to please and surprise the general public and the VIPs. Everyday the tables were decorated with flowers the same colours as those of the Emirates flag and the VIP catering was of superior quality.

The theme of the show (walls, runarways, posters) was totally built around the image of Sheikh Mansour Bin Zayed Al Nahyan who is also a famous rider.

Thanks to HH Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates, and HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Chairman of the Abu Dhabi Executive Council, and to HH Sheikh Mansour Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Presidential Affairs for their patronage.

Special warm thanks go to the Higher Organizing Committee composed of Mr. Essam Abdalla AlHameerie, H.E. Juma Ali Al Romaithi, Mr. Adnan Sultan Al Nuaimi and Mr. Abdulla Buti Al Qubaisi, for their impeccable management and perfect organization of the entire event.

Newly introduced at the edition of the show was the increase in the number of prizes which includes prizes up until the 10th position in the class (before it was only up to the 7th place).

As every year substantial prize money was given to all the first 3 medals.

The Emirates Arabian Horse Society has once again organized a stunning show that animated the Abu Dhabi Show Ring.

The amount of horses at this show edition beat all past records: more than 380 horses entered the show. For this reason the organizing committee decided to extend the show for an extra day.

The auction involved very high level quality horses and the best horse was sold for 400.000 dirhams.

In total 55 horses entered the auction. Most of them were sold at the average price of 100.000 dirhams.

The fascinating Hotel ShangriLa was the accommodation also chosen this year for the entire technical group. The hotel confirmed its high level of service quality and hospitality that was greatly appreciated by all. Many thanks also go to the Show Disciplinary Committee and to the Show Technical Group, to all the show coordinators, the ringmasters, the vets, the speakers, the photographers, the people responsible

for logistics, the catering service and to all the assistants who accompanied us during the six days of the event. Thanks are also due to the technical group for their work which made the days spent together very special.

The judges in the ring were Dr. Gianmarco Aragno, Mrs. Sylvie Eberhardt, Mr. Jay Costanti, Mr. Murillo Kammer, Dr. William Oppen, Mr. Anna Stojanoswska, Mr. Robbie Den Hartog all who worked extremely hard to select and to award the winners among the many horses competing. The quality was extremely high and the classes were numerous.

After the auction on the 9th February, the show began on the 10th of February at the Abu Dhabi Equestrian Club under a sunny sky and in a warm atmosphere.

The VIP tables were quickly filled by the guests and the judges started the Abu Dhabi Show.

The ringmaster Dr. Mohammed Hammad strove hard to manage the large number of classes, some of which were composed of up to 24 horses.

Nevertheless he did a great job for the entire time of the show and also during the class of the young stallions when one of these managed to run off. He promptly caught him. A round of applause arrived from the public.

Our special thanks go to the show manager Mrs. Fredericke Kopp who, for the duration of the show, generously and professionally dedicated herself to taking care of all the details to ensure that everybody participating in this great show was having a fantastic time.

That's the way to manage a great event such as the Abu Dhabi Show.

The schedule was organized so that everybody had some free time to discover and know better Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates which has many interesting attractions.

At the end of the Championship everybody was excited while awaiting the stallions competition and you could feel the adrenaline running through the spectators. Finally the last part of the show commenced with the strong and seductive stallions' charm fascinated the crowd.

Hoping that our readers have been able to get a taste of the Abu Dhabi Show experience by reading this article, we will leave you now to the beauty and elegance of the winners.

The horse pictures were taken by Erwin Escher while the other pictures with people by the specialist and well-known photographer Henrike Hoermann.

Next year we hope to see you all in Abu Dhabi for the 2017 edition of the Abu Dhabi International Arabian Horse Championship. One of those unique events definitely worth experiencing live! □







Yearling Fillies

GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION - D AJAYEB

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



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION - HDM MARIA APAL

RFI FARID | WW IMANIA-APAL

B: MERTENS ELEONORE - O: DR. GHANEM MOHAMED OBAID ALHAJRI



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION - D JAWAHER

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



Yearling Colts

GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION - D SERAJ

FA EL RASHEEM | LADY VERONICA - B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION - AJ WASMI

AJ PORTOFINO | WHISTLER BHA
B/O: AJMAN STUD



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION - AL ARYAM SAMMAD

OM EL BELLISSIMO | JJ SALINA - B/O: AL ARYAM ARABIANS







Fillies

GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION - FS VENEZUELA

VERVALDEE | FS MADELINE - B: FRANK SPOENLE - O: KHALED GHANEM MUBARAK ALOMAIRI



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION - AJA CARRERA

ZT MARWTEYN | AJA CARINA
B: M. HICKFORD - O: AJMAN STUD



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION - RANA AM

MASHOOR AL MOHAMADIA | BALLERINA BVA
B/O: P. ABDULLAH BIN FAHAD BIN ABDULLA BIN MOHAMMED AL SAUD



Colts

GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION - LORD EL SHAWAN

FA EL SHAWAN | LADY SERENADA

B: MALGORZATA & JOSEF PIETRZAK - O: ABDULLA RASHED KHUSAIF BINKHUSAIF ALNUAIMI



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION - IBN FARID

RFI FARID | ASAWIR

B: H.H. SHEIKHA MARIAM BINT SULTAN BIN AHMED ALQASSEMI

O: DR. GHANEM MOHAMED OBAID ALHAJRI



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION - D AASEF

MARAJI | LUMIAR BINT BALZAC

B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD







Mares

GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION - DONNA MOLTA BELLA SRA

DA VALENTINO | RD FABREANNA

B: DAN OR MAUREEN GROSSMAN - O: ALSAQRAN ARABIAN HORSE STUD



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION - SHOWNEL

SHOWKAYCE | WR JULLANE

B: CAROL STEPPE - O: ALSAQRAN ARABIAN HORSE STUD



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION - CAMILIA

PIAFF | CALINECZKA

B: SK. BIALKA - O: AL JAZEERA ARABIAN HORSE STUD



Stallions

GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION - SHANGHAI EA

WH JUSTICE | SALYMAH

B: AGROPECUARIA DE MOIANES S.L. - O: AJMAN STUD



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION - MAHDER AL JAMAL

NADER AL JAMAL | MAHITY EL JAMAAL

B: MATTENS J. - O: KHALED GHANEM MUBARAK ALOMAIRI



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION - NASHMI AL HAWAJER

MARAJJ | MANIBA BINT IBN NARAV

B/O: DR. GHANEM MOHAMED OBAID ALHAJRI



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See you next year