

VIIth

Russian

National Championships



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The 11th EQUIROS International Equestrian Exhibition is not only a pride of huge Russian horse industry; it may easily be called "Russian Salon du Cheval". It takes place annually in Sokolniki Cultural and Exhibition Center park in Moscow's suburbia that is not only the trade fair seat but also a popular place for family events. The Equiros exhibition supported by Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation, Federation of Equestrian Sports in Russia and MVK International Exhibition Company as the main organizers and hosts of the event, it gathered again the record number of participants representing the equine industry from all around the world. This event, that only last year registered over 230 exhibitors from Russian Federation, European and Middle Eastern countries representing the branches of equine breeding, tourism, veterinary, horse tack, transport and journalism, on the territory of over 12 000 square meters was visited by over 22 000 visitors last year, and this year was certainly not less. All of this makes Equiros the event that every country and every industry in the world could be proud of. The program included several horse breeds presentations – as Trakheners, Orlov trotters, Friesians, Achal-Tekes, Don and Budennov horses, veterinary, horsemanship, sport and art seminars as well as various sport competitions. The important one amongst them, taking place on Saturday evening of 22nd August was VIIth Russian National Arabian Horse Championships.

ECAHO C-Show in Moscow

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Reserve Jr Champion Stallion

Banderos



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Reserve Champion Filly

Viardo



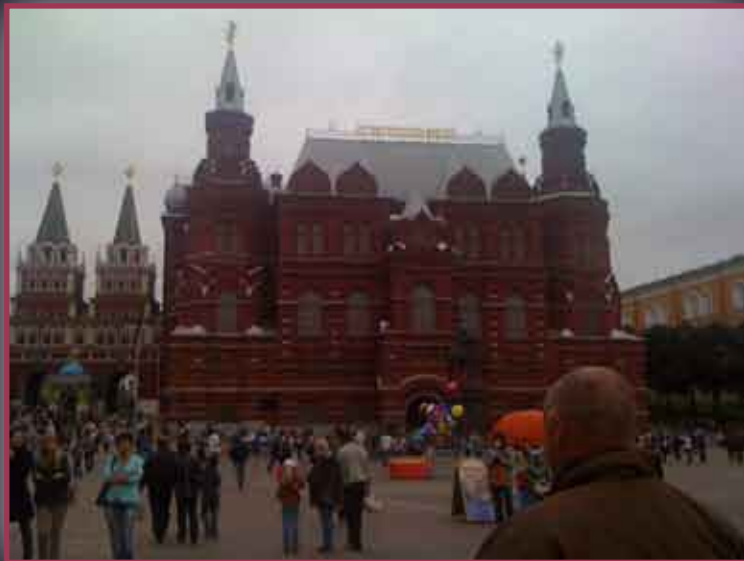
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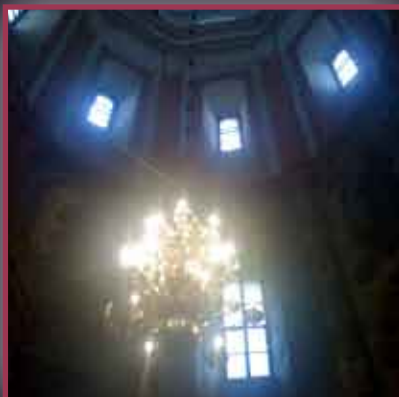
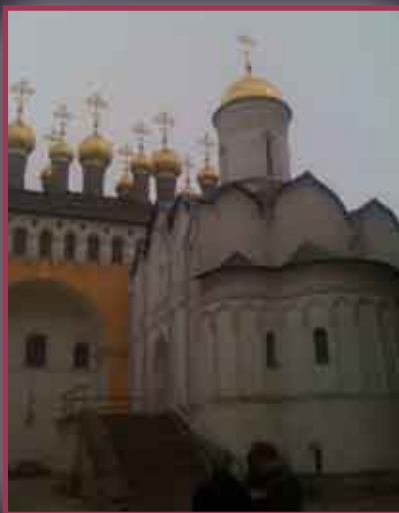


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Opened by high level dressage presentation performed by Pure bred Arabian stallion Kamelek the championships was being watched by 11 000 spectators!

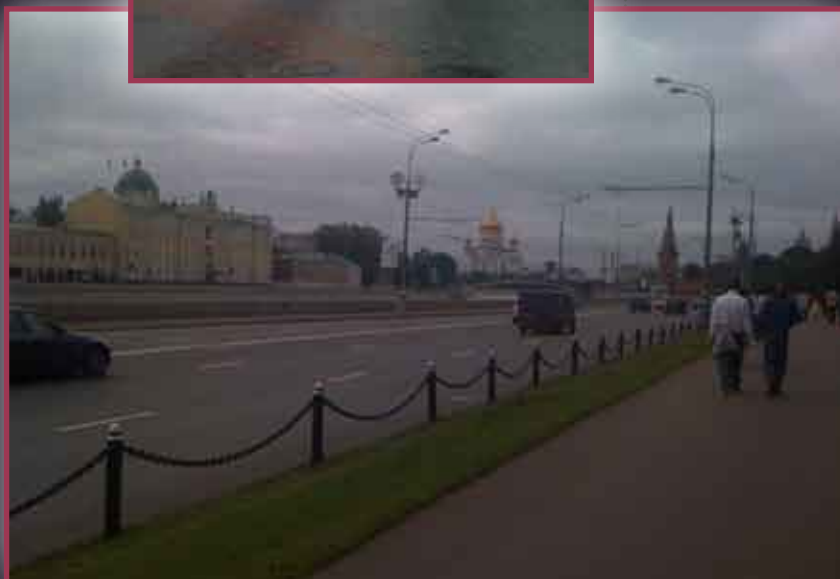
The horses entered to the show were presenting truly a variety of current Russian Arabian breeding stage. Interesting was to see the very first trials of world fashionable sires combination with well producing Russian bred mares. The first products of this kind and their first successes were achieved by Tersk Stud – the former state owned farm, now privatized and managed by the new, open-minded director – Dmitry Timchenko. Tersk left the showground with two champion titles and one reserve. Both junior titles – for the champion filly and reserve champion colt were won by the horses from the combination of Western bred show sires and valuable Russian dams. The junior champion filly – Nikta, outstandingly typey representative of the class of 1-3 years old mares was sired by Padrons Psyche's son – Psytadel out of Pilgrim daughter – Neapolitanka. The interesting come back of Russian roots of Padrons Psyche to its homeland resulted in the champion title for Tersk Stud. The reserve champion filly scored the same in total but less for type than the winner was also bred in Tersk – the bay Viardo sired by well known champion producer – Pobeditel and out of Vendetta by Naftalin. This two years old filly is currently owned by the private stud of Belov.



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The reserve junior champion title in stallions section was again grabbed by Tersk Stud bred son of Psyche dynasty descendant – this time the colt of fashionable name Banderos was sired by Magnum Psyche's son – WH Justice and again out of Pilgrim daughter – Borodina. Two year old Banderos was in his section as well as in the championships beaten by Galeon – the progenitor of well known Russian male line of Kumir. Sired by Sarkasm (by Kumir) – father of both show and race winners in Russia – Galeon won his class and the champion title thanks to the good points for his great conformation. The colt is bred and owned by private stud farm Lada Konsul. Sarkasm proven his sire abilities also in the section of senior mares being a father of very typey grey mare Pustelga (Sarkasm – Primula/Pirit) bred by Stavropol Stud and owned by A. Belov. This mare was scored the same as the third in her class – bay Pobeditel daughter Propaganda (out of Progulka by Polish-bred Gwizd) of Tersk stud but in this case of tie for the title, following the final vote of the judge, Pustelga took the reserve champion title after Parabrama (Barkas – Patagonia/Strij) bred and owned by Veles Stud. The same stud farm of Veles was also lucky to win in the next category of senior stallions – breeder and owner of flaxen chestnut, strong male Meibi – one of the last sons of legendary Balaton. The first place in the class and championships of senior males belonged to another descendant of Kumir, the star





Alhimik

First place Senior Males

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Galeon



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Nikta

Junior Champion Filly

Judges:

Urszula Leczycka - Poland
Cedes Bakker - Holland
Tatyana Tihonova - Russia

for himself – well known and beloved by Russian spectators – *Alhimik* (*Mukomol [Kumir] – Agata by Gusar*). Already a winner of many trophies in Russia again proven his leading position in the show ring scored with the highest total getting the only “10” mark of the show for type as well as unanimous three “nines” for movement. Bred and owned by Tersk stud, the owner of one of the largest dark eyes ever seen on Arabian horse and spectacular showman, masterfully shown by Jan Calis *Alhimik* was greeted with ovations of the public. Jan Calis which is one of the best known horse men in Russia had also an important role as Handlers Cup organizer at *Equiros* – his show training lessons he is giving by every occasion to the young Russian adepts seems to have the first results on the local show ring.

However the Arabian Nationals seem to be only a part of the great equestrian event in Moscow it's always an interesting place to visit and admire the friendly atmosphere of the Eastern border of Europe being quite different in culture from what we used to at some posh Western events but on the other hand – so movingly honest in its friendliness and kindness for not only human guests but also horse treatment and natural ways of horsemanship which is getting so rare nowadays. At last but not least, each visit to Russian shows give an outstanding opportunity to see a part of great cultural legacy of this part of the world, visit places of great touristic value and from the breeders point of view – it is a great chance to see the way that modern Russian Arabian horse breeding is developing – in its own but very interesting and promising way.



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