



PRINCE SULTAN ARABIAN HORSE FESTIVAL 2016



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The International Arabian Horse Festival, known as the Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Arabian Horse Festival, is one of the most attended Arabian horse events in the world. The program includes different equestrian activities like the FEI CEI* 100km endurance challenge, the racing, and an international ECAHO Title class show. Usually the Festival takes place in January in Riyadh, the capital of Saudi Arabia that is a big and well organized metropolis. Riāyd (in arabic: "the gardens") is also the main city of the province of Riyadh and is part of the regions of Najd and al-Yamāma.

The city of Riyadh is situated in the center of the Arabian Peninsula on a large plateau. Its province has a population

of 7 million inhabitants out of which 5 million reside on the plateau.

The city boasts many historical attractions.

The Palace of Al Yamamah is the current headquarter of the Saudi government in Riyadh.

The National Museum of Saudi Arabia is the major national museum in Saudi Arabia. Established in 1999 it is part of the King Abdulaziz Historical Centre in Riyadh. It gathers and guards precious pieces from the pre-Islamic and Islamic history of the Arabian Peninsula.

The Masmak Fortress built in 1865 today houses the Museum dedicated to HRH Abdulaziz Al Saud and to Saudi Arabia.

The Riyadh TV Tower is the 170 meters high television



tower located inside the premises of the Saudi Ministry of Information. It was completed in 1978.

The Kingdom Centre, 302 meters, is the third tallest skyscraper in the country after the Abraj Al Bait Towers and the Burj Rafal.

The Princess Nourah Bint Abdulrahman University, a public women's university located in the capital city, is the largest university for women in the world. It offers diplomas, bachelors and postgraduate degrees to over 60,000 students in 15 colleges, a preparatory year program for all first year undergraduate students, an Arabic Language Institute (for non-speakers of Arabic), a Deanship of Community Service and Continuous Education, and a Community College.

Riyadh has been ranked by the Globalization and World Rankings Research Institute as one of the 2015 Beta Cities of the World.

On the 25th of January the Arabian Horse Festival event has officially started with the endurance challenge over a

track of 100km, and on the second day, with the usual races at the private race track of HRH Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud within the Festival Site at Tebrak, 80 km from the capital city.

7 races were scheduled, with 133 horses competing, 100,000 Saudi Riyals was offered as prize money for each one of the first six races, and 1 million Saudi Riyal split among the first 5 placed horses just for the last race, the seventh one, that was raced on a 1800 meter track.

On the 27th we all moved to the big arena to attend the Arabian Horse Show, the Title show affiliated to ECAHO, with a prize fund of around 7.5 Million Saudi Riyal (approx. 1.7 million Euro).

The show lasted 3 days to enable assessing and judging of all the 210 horses that entered the competition.

The horses represented 13 countries (Belgium, Denmark, Egypt, Germany, KSA, Kuwait, Norway, Qatar, Russia, South Africa, Sweden, UAE and UK). A large number of



staff was also involved in the event as over one thousand guests were hosted: Royal families, Ministers, Heads of State, International guests, International press, trainers, handlers, owners, breeders, etc. Four Seasons Hotel provided the catering.

A warm thanks goes to the sponsors that support such great events.

A special thanks to the Chairman HRH Prince Khaled Bin Sultan, and his Team Festival Manager Mr. Salah Al Ali, Operation Manager Mrs. Janet Court and Festival Administrator Mr Hakim Subhan. Grateful thanks to the 7 judges invited: Mr. Benny Freme (Sweden), Mr. Urs Aeschbacher (Switzerland), Mrs. Marianne Tengsted (Denmark), Dr. Marek Trela (Poland), Dr. Gianmarco Aragno (Italy), Mr. Manfred Neubacher (Austria) and Dr. Mohammed Oussidhoum (Morocco).

Don't forget that judges can change a horse's future!

The Disciplinary Committee was composed by: Dr.

Malak Benamar (Morocco), Mrs. Vivian van Eerten (Netherlands), Dr. Nils Ismer (Germany) and Mr. Turki Mohammed Al Mugbel and Mr. Saad Bin Abdullah Al Passim (Saudi Arabia).

The speakers, both bilingual, were Mrs. Nabilah Al Ali from Kuwait and Mr. Mohammed Doserei from Saudi Arabia. "The english man with the bowler hat" in the arena was Mr. Philip Jenkins, the Ringmaster.

The show started with the Yearling Fillies class 1A. "EBTEHAL AL KHALEDIAH" (Marquis Cahr X Tharwat Al Khalediah) owned by Nawaf bin Turki bin Mohamed Al Ahmed Al-Sudairy, who achieved the first place. The second one has gone to "MUZNA AL KHALED" (Fadi Al Shaqab X Minwa Al Khaled) owned by Al Khaled Farm. Yearling Fillies class 1B: first in class "LOULOU AL NASSER" (Rfi Farid X Rihab Al Nasser) owned by Al Nasser Stud, second place for "AJ SAWASI" (Aj Portofino X Aj Sawahi) owned by Ajman Stud. Fillies 2 years old,

class 2A: first in the class was "BOURHANI SHARIFA" (Ajman Moniscione X Psynesica) owned by Al Muawd Stud. The second place went to "REMAL AL SHAQAB" (Wadee Al Shaqab X Pilar) owned by Al Shaqab Stud. Class 2B: the class was won by "QAMAR RG" (Khail Al Shaqab X Warsa) owned by Al Rajhi Stud. "JAYDA ALRABI" (Majd Al Rabi X Shatha Al Rabi) owned by Al Thumama Stud won the second place (won by Type after tying with SATEENA LNJ owned by Al Riyadh Stud). The winner of the 3 years fillies class was Ajman Stud with "AJ REEDA" (Aj Portofino X Aj Rabeda) owned by Ajman Stud, second place for "MOUNIRA J" (Emerald J X Magnificent Lady J) owned by Al Muawd Stud. "

"AJ JABRAN" (Kanz Al Bidayer X Princess of Justice) owned by Ajman Stud won the Yearling Colts A class, followed in second place by "SULTAN AM" (Emerald J X Abha Sabiya) owned by Al Mohamadia Stud. First in the Yearling Colts B class was "HARITH AL KHALEDIAH" (Jareer Al Khalediah X Om El Bernadette) owned by Nawaf Bin Turki Mohammed Al Ahmed Al Sudairy. Second in the class, "DEWAN AL MUAWD" (Rfi Farid X Dounia) owned by Tarig Bin Mohammed Enaya.

"FUERTE" (Shanghai Ea X Frymuszka), owned by Al Aalya Stud, won the class of 2 years old Colts. The second was "ALEXXANDERR" (Excalibur Ea X Ar Most Irresistibile) owned by Al Sayed Stud.

The winner of the Colts aged 3 years was "AJ MARZAN" (AJ Portofino X Hed Ab Maria) owned by Ajman Stud and the second place went to "EA ARJEN EL MARWTEYN" (Zt Marwteyn X Ancholy Ali) owned by Kathrin Hampe-Klingebiel.

The high quality of the mares was scored with many 20s by the judges. First in the 4-6 years old mare class was "BSHAIER AL NASSER" (Wh Justice X Ribab Al Nasser) owned by Al Nasser Stud, with second place for "VALENTINO'S ANGEL MI" (Da Valentino X Always An Angel) owned by Al Mohamadia Stud (won by Type after tying with CAP BLANCA owned by Al Khashab Stud).

For the mares aged 7-9 years the first in class was "ANOOD AL NASSER" (Ashbal Al Rayyan X Aleysba Al Nasser) owned by Al Nasser Stud followed by "AJAAPHRODITE" (Wh Justice X Lovin Psyche Ssa) owned by Ajman Stud, (won by Type after tying with SADIKAH AL SHGAIR owned by Al Shgair Stud).

Then the mares aged 10 years and above: with the highest score in the show (93.70) won by "PINGA" (Gazal Al Shaqab X Pilar) owned by Al Jawza Stud. Second in class with 93.20 was "NORMA" (Gazal Al Shaqab X Nina) owned by Al Muawd Stud.

Finally the stallion categories. The 4-6 years old stallions class was won by "E.S. HARIR" (Aj Dinar X Tf Magnum's Magic) owned by Al Saqran Stud. Second place for

"HADIDY AL SHAQAB" (Gazal Al Shaqab X White Silkk) owned by Al Shaqab Stud.

The stallions aged 7-9 years were up next: first in this class was "ABHA QATAR" (Marwan Al Shaqab X Zt Ludjkalba) owned by Al Mohamadia Stud. The second place was awarded to "REVOLUTION" (Padrons Psyche X Queen Victoria Ga) owned by Al Muawd Stud. The winner of the stallions born before 2007 was "EDEN C" (Enzo X Silken Sable) owned by Mr. Khalid Bin Said Abdullah Al Sayed, the owner of Al Sayed Stud. Second place to "MEMPHIS27" (El Amin X Sa Misha Apal) owned by Ajman Stud.

This show drew a big crowd, made of Arabian horse lovers, who waited for the judges' last decision until the end to celebrate the winners.

The Championship was as always the best moment of the show. The judges have given their preference.

The pictures below (all Festival photographs are Copyrighted with All Rights Reserved to 2016 PSALAHF) show all the champions and medals of this edition.

It is worth coming here to Saudi Arabia to attend the show in Tebrak and live the thrill.

If you missed the show you can still watch videos of the show on the website of the Festival (www.psaiahf.com), where you can find all the preference given by the judges.

DESERT BRED

Four classes of horses have been dedicated just to the Saudi Desert Bred, a special category of Arabians coming from an ancient heritage, fortunately never lost. Their pedigree was originally passed on from father to son but the Desert Bred horses are recognized by WAHO (the World Arabian Horse Organization) and registered with the King Abdul Aziz Arabian Horse Centre at Dirab.

We have started with the fillies. The champion was "JOHARAH ATHBAH" (Dira El Sahraa X Marwaddah) owned by H.R.H. Ahmed Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud who is the owner of Athbah Stud. A section of Athbah Stud is dedicated to the Desert Bred Horses. The Silver Medal went to "DIMAT DIRAB", owned by King Abdulaziz Arabian Horse Center at Dirab.

For the Colts the Gold Medal was won by "SALAMALLAH" (Rezaiq X Barqat DDirab) owned by King Abdulaziz Arabian Horse Center at Dirab.

Silver Medal "MAAE AL THAHAB" also owned by King Abdulaziz Arabian Horse Center at Dirab.

The Gold Medal Mares was won by "AFEESA" (Haleem X Mazoofah) owned by H.R.H. Ahmed Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud. Silver Medal for "REEF DIRAB", owned by King Abdulaziz Arabian Horse Center at Dirab. The Champion Desert Bred Stallion 2016 was "KHERAISAN ATHBAH" (Drea II X Mandouba) owned and bred by Athbah Stud. Silver to "FAHAD ATHBAH", also owned and bred by Athbah Stud. □

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YEARLING FILLIES

Gold Medal Champion

LOULOU AL NASSER

RFI FARID | RIHAB AL NASSER - B&O: AL NASSER STUD (QA)



Silver Medal Champion

AJ SAWASI

AJ PORTOFINO | AJ SAWAHI - B&O: AJMAN STUD (AE)



Bronze Medal Champion

EBTEHAL AL KHALEDIAH

MARQUIS CAHR | THARWAT AL KHALEDIAH

B: HRHP KHALID BIN SULTAN BIN ABDULAZIZ AL SAUD - AL KHALEDIAH STABLES (KSA)

O: NAWAF BIN TURKI BIN MOHAMMED AL-AHMED AL-SUDAIRY (KSA)



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YEARLING COLTS

Gold Medal Champion

AJ JABRAN

KANZ AL BIDAYER | PRINCESS OF JUSTICE - B&O: AJMAN STUD (AE)



Silver Medal Champion

HARITH AL KHALEDIAH

JAREER AL KHALEDIAH | OM EL BERNADETTE

B: HRHP KHALID BIN SULTAN BIN ABDULAZIZ AL SAUD - AL KHALEDIAH STABLES (KSA)

O: NAWAF BIN TURKI BIN MOHAMMED AL-AHMED AL-SUDAIRY (KSA)



Bronze Medal Champion

GABEL ATHBAH

EKS ALIHANDRO | MEQBILAT ATHBAH

B: ATHBAH STUD (KSA)

O: ATHBAH STUD / H.R.H.P. ABDULAZIZ BIN AHMED BIN ABDULAZIZ AL SAUD (KSA)



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FILLIES

Gold Medal Champion

BOURHANI SHARIFA

AJMAN MONISCIONE | PSYNESICA

B: BOURHANI ARABIANS (DE)

O: AL MUAWD STUD - ABDULLAH BIN MUAWD AL SUBAIE & SONS (KSA)



Silver Medal Champion

AJ REEDA

AJ PORTOFINO | AJ RAHEDA - B&O: AJMAN STUD (AE)



Bronze Medal Champion

QAMAR RG

KAHIL AL SHAQAB | WARSA

B&O: HAMAD BIN MOHAMMED BIN SULIMAN AL RAJHI - AL RAJHIA STUD (KSA)



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COLTS

Gold Medal Champion ALEXXANDERR

EXCALIBUR EA | AR MOST IRRESISTIBLE

B: FRANCIS BUTLER AND BRANDI CARSON (US)

O: KHALID BIN SAID BIN ABDULLAH AL SAYED - AL SAYED STUD (KSA)



Silver Medal Champion

AJ MARZAN

AJ PORTOFINO | HED AB MARIA - B&O: AJMAN STUD (AE)



Bronze Medal Champion

FUERTE

SHANGHAI EA | FRYMUSZKA

B: DOBRZYNSKI JAN (PL) - O: SAMI BIN MOHAMMED BIN SAAD - AL AALYA STUD (KSA)



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MARES

Gold Medal Champion

PINGA

GAZAL AL SHAQAB | PILAR

B: SK JANÓW PODLASKI (PL) - O: AL JAWZA STUD (KSA)



Silver Medal Champion

ANOOD AL NASSER

ASHHAL AL RAYYAN | ALEYSHA AL NASSER

B: MR. ABDULAZIZ MOHAMMED AL QAYED (QA) - O: AL NASSER STUD (QA)



Bronze Medal Champion

NORMA

GAZAL AL SHAQAB | NINA

B: SK MICHALÓW (PL) - O: AL MUAWD STUD (KSA)



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STALLIONS

Gold Medal Champion

EDEN C

ENZO | SILKEN SABLE

B: RHONDA L. AND RHODA COLEAL (US) - O: AL SAYED STUD



Silver Medal Champion ABHA QATAR

MARWAN AL SHAQAB | ZT LUDJKALBA
B: GANADERIA SES PLANES (ES) - O: AL MOHAMADIA STUD (KSA)



Bronze Medal Champion E.S. HARIR

AJ DINAR | TF MAGNUM'S MAGIC
B: SHEIKH ABDULLA BIN MAJID AL QASSEMI (AE) - O: AL SAQRAN STUD (KW)

DESERT BRED



Gold Champion Desert Bred Fillies

JOHARAH ATHBAH

DIRA AL SAHRAA | MAWADDAH

B: ATHBAH STUD (KSA)

O: H.R.H.P. AHMED BIN ABDULAZIZ AL SAUD (KSA)



Gold Champion Desert Bred Colts

SALAM ALLAH

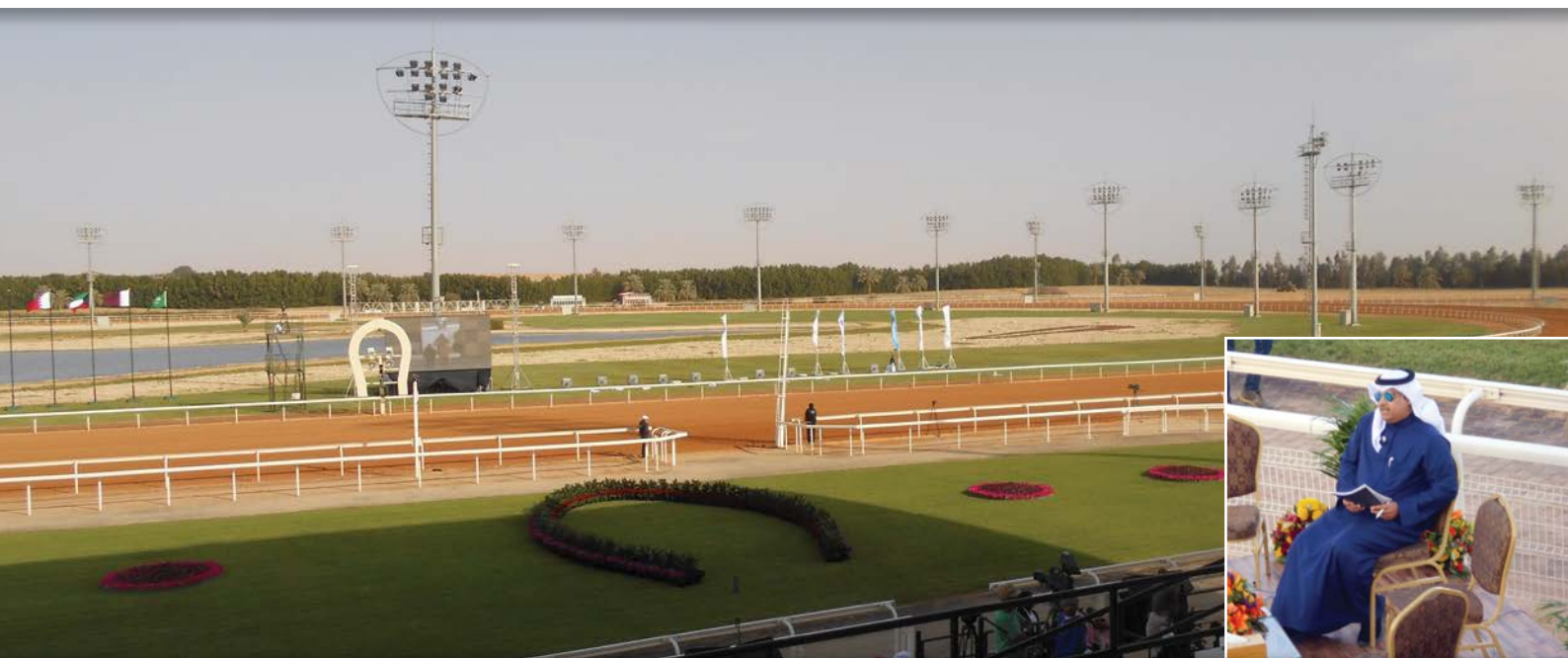
REZAIQ | BARQAT DIRAB

B&O: KING ABDUL AZIZ

ARABIAN HORSES CENTER AT DIRAB (KSA)

RACING

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Gold Champion Desert Bred Mares AFEESAH

HALEEM | MAZOOFAH

B: PRINCE TURKEY BIN FAHAD BIN MUHAMMED
NEJD STUD (KSA)

O: H.R.H.P. AHMED BIN ABDULAZIZ AL SAUD (KSA)



Gold Champion Desert Bred Stallions KHERAISAN ATHBAH

DREA II | MANDOUBA

B: ATHBAH STUD (KSA)

O: H.R.H.P. AHMED BIN ABDULAZIZ AL SAUD (KSA)





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FEI CEI* 100KM ENDURANCE CHALLENGE

1st. SOUTH SKY NEW YORK – 2005 – grey stallion – Anglo Arab

Rider: Mohammed Hamad Ahmed Al Kindi (16 yrs old)

Owner: Al Aasfa Stables – UAE

Trainer: Ahmed Mohammed Yafour Al Subosi

2nd. TERCJARZ – 2008 – grey gelding – Pure Bred Arabian

Rider: Khalifa Ali Khalfan Al Jahouri (17 yrs old)

Owner: Al Wathba Stables – UAE

Trainer: Ali Khalfan Al Jahouri

3rd. FREEDOMS GRACE – 2003 – grey mare – Pure Bred Arabian

Rider: Ahmed Sulaiman Marshud Salman (28 yrs old)

Owner: HRH Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal – KSA

Trainer: Abdulaziz Aldwaish

63 horses entered (2 countries – KSA & UAE)

31 horses started

RACE EVENT

Race 1 – Local Bred – 3 yrs old

1st. No. 2 - WAHAJ AL KHALEDIAH – Al Khalediah Stables

2nd. No. 1 - WAFYH AL KHALEDIAH – Al Khalediah Stables

3rd. No. 17 - NISHAN II – Khalid Bin Ali Al Rahn

Race 2 – Local Bred – 4 yrs old

1st. No. 11 - JANOBIL AL KHALEDIAH – Abdul Aziz Abdullah Al Wasel

2nd. No. 3 - SHAREQ AL KHALEDIAH – Athbah Stud

3rd. No. 15 - LAZAR AL BISHRI – Ahmed Mohammed Al Mansour

Race 3 – Local Bred – 4 yrs old & over

1st. No. 11 - NASAAR AL KHALEDIAH – Majed bin Abdullah Al Otaibi

2nd. No. 3 - GHAZWAN AL KHALEDIAH – Athbah Stud

3rd. No. 17 - LUAI AL KHALEDIAH – Mohammed Hussein Al Hider

Race 4 – Imported – 4 yrs old & over

1st. No. 6 - LAHEEB AL SHAHANIA – Abdullah bin Ali Al Araini

2nd. No. 12 - GHADANFER – Suliman Ahmed Al Hamad

3rd. No. 18 - SHADDAD – Abdullah Ali Al Araini

Race 5 – KSA Desert Bred – 4 yrs old & over

1st. No. 10 - MUAYED AL KHALEDIAH – Al Sanjar Stud

2nd. No. 4 - SAQR MUDHAFAER – Ahmed Mohammed Al Mudhafer

3rd. No. 5 - SAMEH AL KHALEDIAH – Mohammed Ahmed Al Mudhafer

Race 6 – KSA Desert Bred – 3 yrs old

1st. No. 5 - BATALL AL REEM – Abdul Aziz Abdullah Al Wasel

2nd. No. 6 - BAHAR VII – Majed bin Abdullah Al Otaibi

3rd. No. 9 - AMJAD – Anas Ibrahim Al Hilal

Race 7 – International – 4 yrs old & over

1st. No. 1 - TALLAAB AL KHALEDIAH (KSA) – Al Khalediah Stables

2nd. No. 11 - RADDAD (OMAN) – Ahmed Abdullah Al Marzooqi

3rd. No. 14 - ARKAN (OMAN) – Mohammed Rashed Al Sadi

124 horses entered

6 countries represented in the International Race – KSA, Qatar, Oman, Kuwait, Bahrain, France

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THE START AT 6.30 AM BEFORE THE SUN WAS UP



SOUTH SKY NEW YORK



TERCIJARZ



FREEDOMS GRACE



WAHAJ AL KHALEDIAH



JANOBI AL KHALEDIAH



LAHEEB AL SHAHANIA



MUAYAD AL KHALEDIAH



BATAL AL REEM



TALLAAB AL KHALEDIAH



RADDAD AND ARKAN FROM OMAN



THE FINISH



OPEN DAY

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During the days following the Festival, the most important breeding farms usually open their doors to the guests to show them the last newborns and their most prestigious horses.

In the morning of the 31st TuttoArabi visited the Athbah Stud, owned by H.R.H.P Ahmed Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud. A lavish architecture and a warm welcome. All around just the desert. But inside the Athbah's property there were green lawns and luxuriant palm trees.

Everything made us feel like in a 5 stars luxury oasis. Athbah Stud in Saudi Arabia is home to a collection of Arabian horses and Desert Bred horses considered to be among the best in the world. H.R.H.P Ahmed Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud is also the Chairman of the AHO, the Arabian Horse Organization that promotes a lot of shows worldwide for breeders and owners.

Athbah Stud organized for us a private show. First the Desert Bred Horses that won the 2016 Championship the day before have been proudly shown: FAHAD ATHBAH, who has been also the Gold Medal winner in Makkah 2015, and the beautiful KHERAISAN, JHOARAT and AFEWSAH. Then we had the chance to admire some purebred Arabian horses like "SHAGRAN ATHBAH", Silver Medal in Deauville and in Belgium and Gold Medal winner in Makkah 2015, "BINTEL REEH", Bronze Medal in Prague and in Makkah 2015, and some of the new progeny by the World Champion "EKS ALIHANDRO".

Last year one of the homebred fillies "REWAYAH ATHBAH" by EKS Alihandro won the title of the World Champion Filly in Paris 2015. We are sure that EKS Alihandro will give birth to other Champions considering that his past production has been always amazing.

On behalf of TuttoArabi a warm thanks to Athbah Stud for the great experience. Enjoy the pictures!



MILAD STUD OPEN DAY

