

The World Arabian Horse

The



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The Salon du Cheval de Paris
Paris Nord Villepinte Exhibition
Centre (Hall 5B)

The World Arabian Horse Championships, held under the high patronage of his Majesty, the King of Morocco, is a competition of international renown, which brings together the most prestigious breeding farms in the world.

This year the show has moved to better serve horses.

Indeed the Salon du Cheval has moved to the Villepinte Exhibition Centre, north of Paris, with its leading entertainment:

- The World Thoroughbred Arabian Horse Championships
- The 5 star International Show Jumping Competition
- The International Vaulting Masters Competition

without forgetting the traditional permanent entertainment.

Why has the venue changed?

- To have more space: 73,000m² including 27,000m² devoted to competitions.

- To provide a better welcome, with 14,000 parking spaces.
- To welcome the 140,000 or so visitors in the best conditions.
- To better welcome the VIPs and the public: a spacious and luxurious hall will allow 1,000 people to be accommodated within the VIP Area and the 3,500 spectators in its stands.
- For the show, with an arena measuring 70m X 40m, without pillars, next to the collecting ring and the stables.
- For the exhibitors: a single storey area will extend over 46,000m².
- A new location easily accessible for everyone: just 30 mins from the centre of Paris, 5 mins from Charles de

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event of excellence

Gaulle Airport, 2 "TGV" (high speed train) stations, 1 "RER" station (rapid transit rail system serving Paris and its 2 suburbs), 4 motorways, the A1, the A104, the A3 and the A86, free roundtrip shuttles from the Porte Maillot and 14, 000 parking spaces.

A choice line-up is expected with a very high-level competition again this year. The most beautiful examples of horses which have come from the four corners of the planet will be presented.

The highly coveted World Champion titles will be awarded by

an international jury made up of seven experienced judges:

- Mr Doug Dahmen, from the United States
- Mrs Silvia Garde-Ehlert, from Germany
- Mr Holger Ismer, from Germany
- Mr Jaroslav Lacina, from the Czech Republic
- Mr Richard Pihlström, from France
- Mr Pierluigi Rota, from Italy
- Dr Francesco Santoro, from Italy

They will have to choose from among the competitors which have come from France and Europe, but also from Australia, America, and from the Near and the Middle East.

All of the Thoroughbred Arabian high society will be present in Paris, to make it the world capital of Arabian horses for three days!

Calendar

4 December at 1.00 pm: Qualifiers for female horses (free entrance)

5 December at 11.00 am: Qualifiers for male horses*

6 December at 11.00 am: Finals for male and female horses*

* entrance included in the "Salon du Cheval de Paris" ticket

The Salon du Cheval de Paris - Practical information:

When: 5 - 13 December 2009

Where: The Paris Nord Villepinte Exhibition Centre

Hours: 10.00 am to 7.00 pm

Information: www.salon-cheval.com

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