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Mediterranean & Arab Countries Arabian Horse Championship 25 & 26 June 2022

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The season of big European shows starts every year in June – at one of Europe's most beautiful places where the high level society from all around the world is meeting and enjoying the luxuries and beauty of Cote d'Azur – wonderful sunny beaches surrounded by historical old towns hosting high class hotels, marinas, restaurants fulfilling the taste of most choosy visitors.

Also the most choosy Arabian horse fans from around the world may meet their expectations coming to the town of Menton at French Riviere every June since 31 years already thanks to Mme Christiane Chazel and Mme Dominik Briot and all the dedicated Organising Team of the Mediterranean & Arab Countries Arabian Horse Championship „A” class Show. This event is always among the finest ones in the world because of its very high level of organization and the maniacal attention to details and preparation for a special opening show of the final championship. This year it was a very special and suggestive show offered by acrobatic airplanes which thrilled all the audience and VIPs present, helping to ignite even more the spirit of competition already at the highest level.

The Ladies

We got used to the high level competition and some battle of giants for the senior trophies as well as some great promising debuts of young most beautiful horses in the world for which Menton is a first step to the triumphs at the further A and Title ECAHO shows or the year.

This happened surely for Aisha Al Sheik, the daughter of Jyar Meia Lua out of multiple champion mare Algamra, bred and own by Al Sheik Stud. She not only won yearling A class but also got the trophy for Best Head in her class and Gold Medal in Yearling Fillies as well as second place at Best in Show Female. What a great show debut at a big stage!

Just behind her in the championships the grey yearling D Najlah was placed as silver – a golden cross of Dubai Stud – with D Seraj and one of their flag broodmares – Elle Flamenca. Thanks to not only her Dubai Stud became the Best Breeder and Owner of the Show and D Seraj the Best Sire of the entire event later on. Coming back to the Yearling Fillies Championship the podium



was completed by Bint Rshediah Al Khashab by EKS Farass out of EKS Alihandro daughter – beautiful result of Al Khashab homebred filly.

Gold Champion and Best Head of 2 years old fillies class was taken by another daughter of D Seraj born at Dubai Stud – a very well show experienced D Beisan out of RAH Rosalia representin two great American sires in her pedigree – Rahere and Khadraj NA. This filly has a very good show season that started with Gold in Dubai this year already and in Menton she also won Best in Show Female title. Silver Medal Junior Female – as well as the winner of the class 3 years old, Best Mover Junior Female and Best Head in her class was born in Italy at Alfabia Stud and currently own by Al Jassimya Farm – it was Brianne Alfabia by EKS Alihandro, placed in the championships in front of AJ Kayya the daughter of AJ Kafu out of EKS Alihandro daughter representing her original home of Ajman Stud. AJ Kayya was bronze last year at World Championship and this result she repeated in Menton. Al Shaqab this year left the show with the great result of receiving Gold Medal Senior Mares for Safiat Al Shaqab by Kahil Al Shaqab, the winner of the mares 4-7 years old. The class winner of eldest mares 9 years and over and a Silver Champion Senior was Bshaier Al Nasser a beautiful daughter of

WH Justice out of Marwan AL Shaqab mare bred and own by Al Nasser Stud.

The bronze medal in this category went for Rshediah Al Kashab by EKS Alihandro – this is the same mare whose daughter won bronze in the yearlings. What a great success of Al Khashab Stud from Kuwait in Menton this year.

The Gentlemen

Moving to the males results it is an extreme chance to watch over the best colts and the most famous stallions of the world in this one place. Many of them would not only continue their triumphant march across the shows this year but they are also the best future sires for the breeders worldwide and Menton may be the first chance to see many of them debuting at the big European stage, especially those young ones. And so in the yearling colts we had a chance to see the successful cooperation of Al Jassimya Farm bred and Akmal Stud own Baz Al Jassimya one of the first Exxalt sons on European soil and what a successful one: with class winner and Beat Head of Yearling Colts B but also Gold Medal and Best in Show Male! It was surely not the last word of this colt in Europe. Silver after him in the Yearling



Championships was Emperador AT bred and own by Al Thumama Stud, one of the successful sons of the young sire HL EL Ganador who also had his great show in Menton this year but let's talk about it later on... Class winning of yearling colts section A and the Best Head Trophy in this class went to a Polish bred colt Paladin AA sired by Al Ayal AA out of Kahil Al Shaqab mare representing most famous Janow Podlaski P-line of champions. The colt went for Ariela Arabians in turn for the leasing of his sire to Poland and Menton was his first but for sure not the last competition in Europe. In junior colts championship the emotions went over the zenith when it came to the battle of the recent Katara Gold Champion and 2021 World Champion (amongst of long list of other titles) – D Sharar by Excalibur EA out of the best Dubai Stud mares of the recent years – FT Shaella with the arrival from across the Ocean – LR Solo Mio, the best son of AJ Radman raised at Las Rosas Arabians in Uruguay and sent to Europe for this high level competition under the new name of Al Shahania Stud. They both already met at Katara Show this year where LR Solo Mio went bronze. This year D Sharar proved again his incredible beauty and show disposition being placed first in the class (with the same total as LR Solo Mio – 93,50 but higher for type), the Best Head in this class of 2 years old colts and a Gold





Medal Junior Colt in the finals. LR Solo Mio went silver this time and bronze to the great mover Hader Al Shaqab by Entori EEA who not only won the class of 3 years old colts and Best Head in this category but also the Best Movement trophy in Junior Male section. The Best Movement trophy in Senior Female went to Polish bred mare Anawa by Abyad AA own by Armada Arabians.

It is the Senior Male Championship that usually brings the most of emotions during every show due to the spectacular masculine appearance of great Arabian stallions. Menton used to be a kind of confirmation who is the best stallion and also the most desirable sire of the season not only for European market. This year there were a few candidates for these prestigious titles and the level of cheer for each of them during the Sunday championship was overwhelming the whole sea coast that day. It's enough to mention that some of the fans went up on the VIP tables to be more visible and more audible! The judges of the show (Claudia Darius, Eric Gear, Lucas Gozdziński, Bruce McCrea, William Oppen, Francesco Santoro and Renata Schibler) had surely the difficult task to choose their favourites and so the final results were not unanimous but the majority of votes for Gold Senior Champion Stallion



went to probably the most beautiful son of Excalibur EA nowadays – Alexanderr bred by Francis Butler and Brandi Carson in the USA and representing Al Sayed Stud. With incredible score of 94,25 he not only won the class of eldest stallions with all 20-ties for type and head and neck but also got of course Best Head of his class. The other candidate for the high medal in this section was HL EL Ganador – born in exotic Chile and owned by Hanaya Arabians.

This successful show stallion was already gold twice in Menton and twice World Reserve Champion. This time in Menton the Silver Medal Champion Stallion title went to him next to the long list of special trophies: Best Senior Male Mover, Best European Horse, Trophy Pegasus Best Movement and Highest Score. He also proved to be a successful sire as the same title was won by his son in Junior Colts. Bronze Champion Senior Stallion title went to a pretty white Harbi Al Adwan bred and own by Al Adwani Stud, son of Asfoor Al Waab who was also bronze at World Championships in Paris last year. In Menton he additionally won the Best Head of his class.

When the dust on the golden beach went down, the happy owners relaxed at the beautiful turquoise marina

restaurants – the horses went home to rest and get prepared to meet us again to continue what happened in Menton. The game of the giants in 2022 show season has started – stay tuned with us to find out its further results that will end with the World Championship in Paris in November. □



Gold Medal

YEARLING FILLIES



AISHA AL SHEIKH

JYAR MEIA LUA X ALGAMRA
B&O: AL SHEIKH STUD

Gold Medal

YEARLING COLTS



BAZ ALJASSIMYA

EXXALT X MD MIRKA
B: AL JASSIMYA FARM - O: AKMAL STUD

Gold Medal

JUNIOR FILLIES & BEST IN SHOW FEMALE

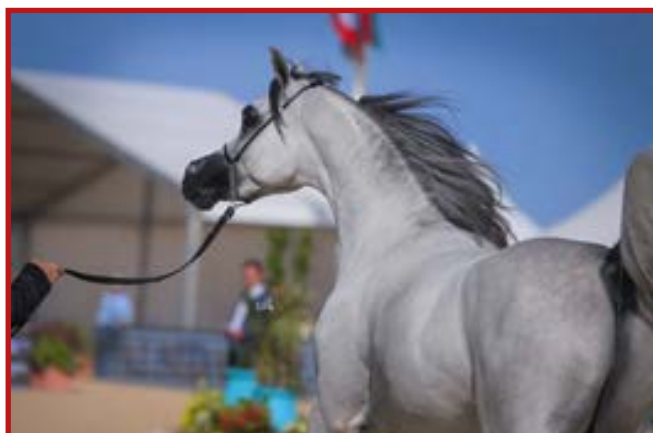


D BEISAN

D SERAJ X RAH ROSALIA
B: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD - O: AL SHAQAB

Gold Medal

JUNIOR COLTS

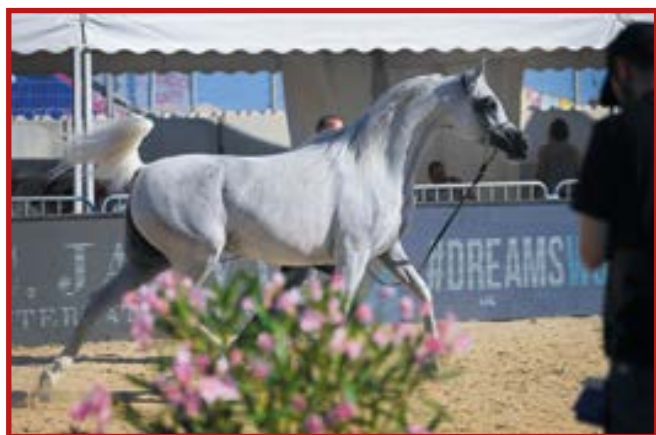


D SHARAR

D SERAJ X FT SHAELLA
B&O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD

Gold Medal

SENIOR MARES



SAFIAT AL SHAQAB

KAHIL AL SHAQAB X SHALIMAR PRESTIGE
B&O: AL SHAQAB

Gold Medal

SENIOR STALLIONS



ALEXXANDERR

EXCALIBUR EA X AR MOST IRRESISTIBLE
B: FRANCES BUTLER AND BRANDI CARSON - O: ALSAYED STUD





Silver Medal

YEARLING FILLIES



D NAJLAH

D SERAJ X ELLE FLAMENCA
B&O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD

Silver Medal

YEARLING COLTS



EMPERADOR AT

HL EL GANADOR X EMARA AT
B&O: AL THUMAMA STUD

Silver Medal

JUNIOR FILLIES



BRIANNE ALFABIA

EKS ALIHANDRO X BALBINA ALFABIA
B: ALFABIA - O: ALJASSIMYA FARM

Silver Medal

JUNIOR COLTS



LR SOLO MIO

AJ RADMAN X LR BUENA MIA
B: LAS ROSAS ESTANCIA - O: AL SHAHANIA STUD

Silver Medal

SENIOR MARES



BSHAIER AL NASSER

WH JUSTICE X RIHAB AL NASSER
B&O: AL NASSER STUD

Silver Medal

SENIOR STALLIONS



HL EL GANADOR

HP SHAKIR TE X LONCO BABY MARIA
B: DUCH MATTHEI - O: HANAYA STUD







Bronze Medal

YEARLING FILLIES BINT RSHEDIAH AL KHASHAB

EKS FARASS X RSHEDIAH AL KHASHAB
B&O: AL KHASHAB STUD



YEARLING COLTS PALADIN AA

AL AYAL AA X PROMETIDA
B: JANOW PODLASKI - O: ARIELA ARABIANS FARM

Bronze Medal

JUNIOR FILLIES

AJ KAYYA

AJ KAFU X AJA CAPRICE
B&O: AJMAN STUD



JUNIOR COLTS
HADER AL SHAQAB

ENOTRI EEA US X HAYAM AL SHAQAB QA
B&O: AL SHAQAB

Bronze Medal

SENIOR MARES RSHEDIAH AL KHASHAB

EKS ALIHANDRO X SYMPHONY OF LOVE
B: PSYNERGIE ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENTS LLC - O: AL KHASHAB STUD



SENIOR STALLIONS HARBI AL ADWAN

ASFOOR AL WAAB X WADHA AL ADWAN
B&O: AL ADWANI STUD

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SPECIAL AWARDS

Best Head Yearling Colts A sponsored by: Al Jawaher		PALADIN AA <i>ARIELA ARABIANS FARM</i>
Best Head Yearling Colts B sponsored by: Asayel Stud		BAZ ALJASSIMYA <i>AKMAL STUD</i>
Best Head 2 years old Colts sponsored by: Hanaya Arabian Stud		D SHARAR <i>Dubai Arabian Horse Stud</i>
Best Junior Male Mover sponsored by: Al Thumama Stud		HADER AL SHAQAB <i>Al Shaqab member of QF</i>
Best Head 4-7 years old Stallions sponsored by: Albaydaa Stud		HARBI AL ADWAN <i>Al Adwani Stud</i>
Best Head 8+ years old Stallions sponsored by: Dubai International Arabian Horse Championship		ALEXXANDERR <i>ALSAYED STUD</i>
Best Head 3 years old Fillies sponsored by: Al Nasser Stud		BRIANNE ALFABIA <i>ALJASSIMYA FARM</i>
Best Senior Female Mover sponsored by: Al Thumama Stud		ANAWA <i>Armada Arabians Mr & Mrs Smith</i>
Best Junior Male Mover sponsored by: Al Thumama Stud		HADER AL SHAQAB <i>Al Shaqab member of QF</i>
Best Senior Male Mover sponsored by: Al Thumama Stud		HL EL GANADOR
Best European Horse sponsored by: Al Wajba Stud		HL EL GANADOR
Best Straight Egyptian sponsored by: El Farida Stud		WADAD ZAMANI

SPECIAL AWARDS

Trophy Pegasus Best Movement sponsored by: Al Thumama Stud		HL EL GANADOR
Trophy «Espoir» Female sponsored by: Al Shahania Stud		MDS ROUDHA <i>QUSAI MOHAMED SAEED ALI OBAIDALLA</i>
Best Breeder sponsored by: ECAHO		DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD
Trophy «Espoir» Male sponsored by: Al Shahania Stud		JS TROY <i>AL JAWAHER ARABIAN HORSE STUD</i>
Best Breeder/Owner sponsored by: Ajmal Stud		DUBAI ARABIAN HORES STUD
Best Highest Score sponsored by: Albaydaa Stud		HL EL GANADOR
Best Sire sponsored by: Al Wajba Stud		D SERAJ <i>Dubai Arabian Horse Stud</i>
Best Head Yearling Fillies A sponsored by: Dubai International Arabian Horse Championship		AISHA AL SHEIKH <i>Al Sheikh Stud.</i>
Best Head Yearling Fillies B sponsored by: Al Rayyan		D EXPO <i>Dubai Arabian Horse Stud</i>
Best Head 2 years old Fillies sponsored by: Al Shaqab		D BEISAN <i>Al Shaqab</i>
Best Head 3 years old Fillies sponsored by: Al Nasser Stud		BRIANNE ALFABIA <i>ALJASSIMYA FARM</i>
Best Head 4-7 years old Mares sponsored by: APCA		ERALDA <i>Al Shiraa Stables.</i>
Best Head 8+ Years Old Mares sponsored by: Aljassimya Farm		D AZIZA <i>Hanaya Stud</i>

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