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The much-awaited event was held from February 9th to 11th in the wonderful setting of the Abu Dhabi Equestrian & Racing Club, usual location for this show. Although non ECAHO this year the 2011 edition was the best ever. The kind organizers whom we will mention just below arranged very nice VIP area for European breeders and guests and visit to the "Emirates Palace" - beautiful and imposing structure dedicated as a meeting place to run several conferences. As an innovation

of the event the rich prizes were not only awarded to the top five horses in each category but it was this year extended to the places 1st up to 7th, the Gold, Silver and Bronze medal of the final championship, and in addition to some special prizes. The rich prizes and the idea of giving a prize with the same economic value to the top seven competitors should incentivize European breeders to take part in this show, which, it is worth remembering, is open to everyone. The amounts of 20,000 euro for classes top sevens and 40,000

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euro for every medal winner would cover all the expenses, especially if we managed to put together a team of horses from Europe so as to reduce costs. There is no doubt that the Abu Dhabi experience and landscape would pay back European breeders of all their efforts, but it is a known fact that in a period of crisis it is hard to consider burdening oneself with additional costs. However, an injection of optimism would be a good antidote to the gloom. After this brief consideration, let us go back to the competition, promoted by the Prime Minister H.H. Sh. Mansour Bin Zayed Al Nahyan. This show was "rich" from every point of view, starting from the large number of high quality horses entered, the beauty of the facility hosting this lovely two-day event, the generous prize money and, last but not least, the excellent job done by the organizers. The organizing committee was comprised of the Show Director, Mr. Essam Abdulla, H. E. Mohammed Khalaf Al Mazrouei and H.E. Juma Ali Al Romaithi, Mr. Adnan Sultan Al Nuaimi and Mr. Abdulla Buti Al Qubaisi. The good number of spectators, the presence of breeders from Europe gave the finishing touches to a really well-organized and time-managed show.

As many as seven judges were called to manage a competition that appeared compelling just by reading the program. The many prestigious names in the ring made us predict a fierce competition for the top places, and that is exactly what happened. The change introduced last years of removing the highest and the lowest scores continued to be effective. Horses that receive unanimous scores are very

often the winners, as what matters is the average, and if a judge does not specifically like one horse or the horse does not match the set parameters, essentially the horse that is liked by the majority of judges wins.

Therefore, it is only fair to praise the judges who carried out their task impeccably. They were, in order; Dr Gianmarco Aragno (IT), Mr Scott Benjamin (CAN), MR Holger Ismer (DE), Mr Jaroslav Lacina (CZ), Mrs Ann Norden (SE), Mr Ali Al Sharaawy (EG) and Mr. Marc Veray (FR). The work done by the disciplinary commission was outstanding. Its members were Dr. Abdel Ali Amira, Dr. Mohammed Al Otaify, Dr. Kais Ben Hadi Ouelhazi, Dr. Sujeet Suryawanshi and Dr. Omer Raza Gill. Impeccable in his role and ability to make handlers adhere to the two minutes allocated through a high-precision chronometer was the Ring Master appointed for this occasion, Dr. Attilio Ponzio (IT). He timed the competition correctly despite the large number of participants in almost every category. You can find the results of the preliminary categories on the website of the Emirates Arabian Society, www.eahs.org, featuring also the scores given by the various judges. It shows the good quality of the classes and only top winners of each categories were able to compete in the final championship and vie for the three coveted medals. The Final Championship experienced moments of strong emotions, given the quality of the horses that came this far.

The Silver Medal for Fillies went, as last year to Ajman Stud, HRH Prince Ammar Bin Humaid Al Nuaimi – this time for the wonderful AJ Sawahi (Marwan Al Shaqab x

Siberia SA). The Silver Medal went to a very typey filly, which had obtained an excellent score in her category, Petra SF (Sir Fames HBV x Promises Psy), class winner of fillies 3 years old section B, owned by Mr Abdul Aziz Ibrahim Al Barghash from Saudi Arabia. Bronze Medal - again for Ajman Stud with AJ Siyadah (Vervaldee x Sweet Caroline LL), the winner of first class of the show, yearling fillies section A.

As Ajman Stud was especially lucky winner this year also the two first medals of Senior Females category also went to the great mares owned by HRH Prince Ammar Bin Humaid Al Nuaimi - the Gold for former World Champion mare, beautiful as always Loubna (Imperial Imdal x Imperial Kalatifa) and Silver - to Badawieh AA (Laheeb x Bahiha). The podium was completed by the Bronze Champion - this time for Ladi Veronika (Versace x Nisrs Natevka) owned by Dubai Arabian Stud. While Senior Mare trophies all stayed in UAE this year; all medals for Junior Colts went to neighboring Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Gold for Mansour Al Mohamadia (Savio x Yulana Psy), owned by HH Prince Abdullah bin Fahad bin Abdullah bin Mohammed Al Saud, Silver - Ibn Jameelat Al Khalediah (Moutaz al Biwaibiya x Jameelat Al Khalediah), bred and owned by Al Khalediah Stables and Bronze for his stable mate - Fakhr Al Khalediah (Marquis CAHR x Barah Al Khalediah). As this was not the end of the lucky day for Ajman Stud, even greater success came with the Senior Stallions. When it came to the medal awards in this section HRH Prince Ammar Bin Humaid Al Nuaimi went out

again to add the Gold and Bronze medals for two handsome and well known males: exotic Memphis 27 (El Amin x SA Misha Apal) as Gold and his class mate - AJ Dinar (WH Justice x Deska HJE) as Bronze. The brilliant Silver between them was the great showman - Nijem Ibn Eternity (Eternity Ibn Navarrone-D x Naravna) for Al Khalediah Stables.

As usual for this great event, the show included also special prizes.

*The "President Cup" was won for the second following year by the lovely *Ibn Batra (Belbowrie Obsidian x Al Patra) owned by Sh. Mohammed bin Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qassemi (UAE). The "Best UAE Citizen" Trophy was awarded to Al Aryam Ne'ama (WH Justice x Wideta) owned by Al Khazna Stud, "The Best Breeder/Owner" went to Ajman Stud with AJ Raheeda (WH Justice x Lumiar Rosalita). The "Emirates Arabian Horse Society Awards" was given to two studs - Al Sahraa Stud and Al Za'aem Arabian Horse Stud.*

As H.H. Sh. Mansour Bin Zayed Al Nahyan is the strong supporter of Arabian horse performance events too, Tutto Arabi was kindly invited to take part in the 2° Global Arabian Flat Racing Festival that will be on 16 - 18 June 2011 as a part of World Arabian Horse Racing Conference to be held in the Netherlands.

Our best congratulations to the organizers, we will be proud to support and report your successes on both show and sport this year and in the future. □





Aj Sawahi

GOLD CHAMPION FILLIES

MARWAN AL SHAQAB x SIBERIA SA
Owner: AJMAN STUD - UAE





Petra Sf

SILVER CHAMPION FILLIES

SIR FAMES HBV x PROMISES PSY
Owner: ABDUL AZIZ IBRAHIM AL BARGHASH - KSA



Aj Siyadah

BRONZE CHAMPION FILLIES

VERVALDEE x SWEET CAROLINE LL

Owner: AJMAN STUD - UAE



Loubna

GOLD CHAMPION MARES

IMPERIAL IMDAL x IMPERIAL KALATIFA
Owner: AJMAN STUD - UAE





Badawieh AA

SILVER CHAMPION MARES

LAHEEB x BAHHA
Owner: AJMAN STUD - UAE



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Ladi Veronika

BRONZE CHAMPION MARES

VERSACE x NISRS NATEVKA

Owner: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD - UAE



Mansour Al Mohamadia

GOLD CHAMPION COLTS

SAVIO x YULANA PSY

Owner: HH PRINCE ABDULLAH BIN FAHAD BIN ABDULLAH BIN MOHAMMED AL SAUD - KSA





bn Jameelat Al Khalediah

SILVER CHAMPION COLTS

MOUTAZ AL BIWAIBIYA x JAMEELAT AL KHAL

Owner: HRH PRINCE KHALED BIN SULTAN BIN ABDUL AZIZ AL SAUD - KSA



Fakhr Al Khalediah

BRONZE CHAMPION COLTS

MARQUIS CAHR x BARAH AL KHALIDIAH

Owner: HRH PRINCE KHALED BIN SULTAN BIN ABDUL AZIZ AL SAUD - KSA



Memphis 27

GOLD CHAMPION STALLIONS

EL AMIN x SA MISHA APAL
Owner: AJMAN STUD - UAE





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Nijem Ibn Eternity

SILVER CHAMPION STALLIONS

ETERNITY IBN NAVARRONE-D x NARAVNA
Owner: HRH PRINCE KHALED BIN SULTAN BIN ABDUL AZIZ AL SAUD - KSA



Aj Dinar

BRONZE CHAMPION STALLIONS

WH JUSTICE x DESKA HJE
Owner: AJMAN STUD - UAE