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EQUUS ARABIANS dominated the ECAHO-B Halter Show.

Albert Hermoso won the Arabes&Co 2007 Trophy

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With two Champions and three Reserves, Albert Sorroca and his Equus Arabians were the principal victors of the 2007 Arabes&Co ECAHO-B Halter Show, with the other major wins going to french studs Haras de Nautiac and Lam's Arabians, and to the new Risco de las Vegas studfarm from the Canary Island of Tenerife. The Arabes&Co 2007 Trophy for combined halter and sports performance went once more to Albert Hermoso with Os-Antares, a full brother of well-known previous years' winner Estel. The thirteenth edition of the only spanish international ECAHO-B show Arabes&Co was held this year on the 26th and 27th of may in Mioño, in the northern spanish region of Cantabria. The Arabes&Co, organized by La Gerencia Equestrian Center, combined as usual the halter show with the ridden classes and an complete eventing program, also open to partbreds and non arabs. The judges of the year's Halter Classes were HRH Princess Alia of Jordan, italian Titti Gagliani, austrian Manfred Neubacher and swiss Hans Stucki, while Guy Swiggers from Belgium was the DC. And the rain as an uninvited and very unfriendly and annoying guest. Almost one hundred horses came to Mioño this year, and the show started on saturday morning with the gelding class and the adult classes, both mares and stallions, as several of them were to compete afterwards in the ridden competition also. The first class and Gelding

Champion title went to Abha-Kalahari, shown by his owner Carlota Cruz, with Reserve Champion to Mikel Gutierrez' Arabians-Santi. There were two mares classes with nineteen entries, and both classes were won by two outstanding Equus Arabians' mares: Lamira for the 4 to 6 years old mares and Nabilah-D for the 7 and more years mares, with Flor de Lis' Windhoek and Haras de Nautiac's Nur-Jahan respectively on the second places. The two stallion classes followed with seven entries each. In the 4 to 6 years old stallion the win went to the handsome bay Falco, shown by his breeder and owner Xavier Roch, and in the last saturday class, 7 or more years old stallions, Neubacher gave the first prize to the gray Emin-Pacha-de-Lam of Lam's Arabians, while Gagliani preferred second prize winner Vangelis, of Risco de las Vegas and Stucki gave the same totals to both of them. In the mares championships both Equus Arabians' class winners made it to the top, with Nabilah-D Champion Mare and Lamira Reserve, and in the stallion the senior class top two Emin-Pacha-de-Lam and Vangelis were named Champion Stallion and Reserve respectively. On sunday morning the halter classes continued with three filly and two colt classes, and more rain, with now and then a short little sunshine between. Twenty entries for the three filly classes, with several Khidar daughters bred and owned by Equus Arabians. In the yearling fillies class Princess Alia and Neubacher preferred the Khidar daughter Aura-EA, class winner followed by Almira-de-Nautiac and LC-Atmyra, preferred by Stucki. Almost unanimity amongst the judges for the french two years old fillies class winner Sipria-de-Nautiac, with the second prize for Salymah-EA, another Khidar daughter from Equus Arabians. And for the three years old fillies it was once again Neubacher who decided the winner Cyrea-EA, also by Khidar and from Equus Arabians, as both Gagliani as Princess Alia gave her the same points as second placed Nasimor, who got three 20s for her outstanding movements. The last two classes featured nine yearling colts and nine more in the two and three years olds class. The yearling colts were decided by Stucki who clearly preferred the winner Klarck-EA, while Gagliani gave her best points to his stable-mate Nereo-EA, both from Equus Arabians, while Neubacher showed a three colts tie for the first places. And finally in the very last class of the halter show, the judges decided the unanimous winner was the french colt Meckir-de-Nautiac, with Bosc del Siscar's Harmattani second and local breeder Jose Ramon Irigoyen's Alidar third. The rain moved the junior championships to the indoor arena, and after lots of deliberation the judges

named the Khidar daughters Cyrea-EA and Salymah-EA Champion Filly and Reserve, and Meckir-de-Nautiac and Klarck-EA Champion Colt and Reserve. With two champions, mares and fillies, and three reserves, mares, fillies and colts, Albert Sorroca and Equus Arabians confirmed the great results obtained a few weeks earlier at the national show in Fuentepelayo, and more specifically the great show quality of his homebred Khidar offspring. The ridden classes started on saturday afternoon with the dressage and the steeple-chase at the Brazomar beach in nearby Castro Urdiales, and continued on sunday morning with the cross and the show-jumping, in defiance of the rain. Albert Hermoso, winner of the past four trophies, was this year also the winner of the Arabes&Co 2007 Trophy, riding Os-Antares, a full brother of Estel, also a winner here, both bred and owned by Miquel Alemany, while the La Gerencia 2007 Trophy for eventing went to winners Ignacio Romero and his thoroughbred Iron-Jaw. □





Cyrea EA Champion Fillies

a Khidar daughter bred and owned by Equus Arabians.



Nabilah-D Champion Mares

with Equus Arabians owners Albert Sorroca and daughter and Italian judge Titti Gagliani.



Meckir-de-Nautiac Champion Colts

bred and owned by french stud Haras de Nautiac.



Emin-Pacha-de-Lam Champion Stallions

with handler Bertrand Valette.



Salymah EA Reserve Champion Fillies
(Equus Arabians).



Klarck EA Reserve Champion Colts
(Equus Arabians).

FOR THE RESULTS:



Lamira Reserve Champion Mares
(Equus Arabians).



Vangelis Reserve Champion Stallions
came from Tenerife (Canary Islands) for Risco de las Vegas stud.

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