

NEW LOOK AND GREAT SALE

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On sunny Saturday morning December 10th, Michałów State Stud – one of world's most famous state owned breeding farms in the world opened its door offering some of its best broodmares after the long break. Although the new stud management led by the chairman of the board - Maciej Grzechnik made efforts to advertise and promote the Winter Auction worldwide by different media, the interest in the horses, in the event itself and the numbers – of participants and prices probably exceeded everybody's expectations.

The total amount paid for all horses sold reached over 400 000 Euro!

Michałów's December auction used to be the stud tradition and the reason for meeting not only to buy some horses from special "Christmas offer" but also it was the informal, last meeting of Polish breeders in the current year. Also this year the Christmas atmosphere could have been felt from passing the gates. But the whole organisation of the event was different then before. The guest reception and participants registration was moved to beautiful Michałów Stud Museum – 2 floors collection of horse (and jersey cows) trophies since the beginning of the stud existence, the name plates of historical horses born at the stud, paintings of Michałów's horses and won by them worldwide... for many visitors, also Polish ones it was the first chance to see this breathtaking collection. Amongst of them the reception table as well as some Christmas and regional hand made gifts have been offered by the ladies wearing traditional costumes of Poniż region of Poland. Every person paying the entry fee for the auction has been given a nice event catalog and the bags full of stud gadgets. It was a nice

entree to the further surprises. This time the usual "monthly sale" was changed into an open bidding auction, it also included some non-Arab horses and a few horses brought from Białka State Stud and the sale itself was opened with chief sires presentation in the indoor arena, elegantly decorated for the auction occasion. The highly respected star of this presentation was of course Ekstern, along with some other main stallions at stud including Wares (Ontario HF x Wienerva), most important stakes winner including Polish Derby, on lease to Michałów from his breeder Jan Głowacki as the first Polish private bred stallion to be used in the state studs. At the side, in the main barn of the auction the team of Michałów Stud arranged the moving memoriam to honor its one of most acclaimed mares of 3 continents - El Dorada (Sanadik El Shaklan x Emigrantka), who passed away just 4 days before the auction, She was entitled as Junior Spring Show Champion Mare, Blommeröd International Junior Champion Mare, twice Polish National Champion and twice European Champion, All Nations Cup Senior Champion and Reserve, World Senior Silver and Bronze Champion Mare, Scottsdale Senior Reserve Champion Mare and US National Senior Champion Mare and Silver Senior Champion Mare of the Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz International Arabian Horse Festival in Saudi Arabia. Her best produce was multichampion stallion and proven sire – El Palacio VO. This year the stud management decided to limit the breedings of one of the oldest and most widely used Michałów's stallion – the Triplecrowned Ekstern. In the season 2017 the right to use its semen would go only to 5 lucky winners in the breeding auction and only for the mares registered in Poland. After the horse presentation and welcome lunch in the "Old



Effie



El Omarissa



Kasjopeja



Piaconella



Minerwina



Złota Nić





Pyrra with happy new owner - Agata Parys

Storehouse" of the stud, the auction started. The VIP area where the active bidders were placed happened to be too small... 40 people from Poland and abroad registered for participation in the sale. 24 of them were lucky to leave the stud that afternoon as new horse or Ekstern breeding right owners. From the total of 53 horses (pure bred mares, stallions, geldings, halfbred horses and shetland ponies) 44 have been sold reaching very good amounts. They went to 4 different countries (Poland, Sweden, Germany and United Arab Emirates), most of the horses will stay in Poland. Also all of the Ekstern breeding rights have found new owners for the total price of almost 21000 euro. The sale have been run in the style of German Trakhener horses auctions - very friendly and with a gusto led by Maciej Grzechnik himself who made all the possible efforts to get the best prices and the maximum for customer's satisfaction. He was supported with the professional comment of breeding manager – Magda Helak-Kulczyńska introducing each horse with its pedigree and career. The whole event was also coordinated by new director of animal and plant production – Mrs Hanna Sztuka. The goal was reached – Polish and foreign buyers took active part in the competition in happy moods especially that every lucky winner has been receiving further gifts and a bottle of champagne along with the sales contract. The stars of the sale – two equally and highest sold (41000 euro each) horses were royally bred and outstandingly showy: Piaconella – by QR Marc purchased by Stanisław Redestowicz from Poland full sister to Piacenza - multiple champion mare and highest sold horse of 2011 Pride of Poland and Pyrra – a typey Ekstern daughter, who was entering the auction twice, after not reaching the minimum price for the first time, she was brought back for the second time at the end of all horses and the time was enough for Mrs Agata Parys (Poland) to make

her mind and purchase the mare for the price successful for both parties.

The result of the auction and its atmosphere has proven that Polish Arabian horse is still desirable for breeding and show and the prices spent by the buyers at one stud event shown that the market for Polish horses is not only good and wide but also still awaiting for new offers. Both the buyers and the organizers seemed to be satisfied, and Michałów Stud is already preparing new ideas for its guests. Let's pass the last word to it's new chairman of the board - Maciej Grzechnik:

"For the first time in Michałów Stud' history we have decided to sell our horses in the way of exciting, open auction. Our Winter Sale has been the offer prepared for customers looking for solid broodmares and good performance horses. This is why we selected a various offer and the effect was a good auction result. I am sure that the long breeding tradition of Michałów Stud will in consequence lead our clients to their further success with the horses they purchased at our auction. The wide promotion of our sale catalog has met a big interest worldwide and in the result – the big number of guests and participants who decided to take part in December event came. It's worth to mention that it was the first such a big sale at Michałów after the change of its management. We are very happy not only from the financial result of the auction but also from the great atmosphere amongst all guests of Michałów that day. I do hope that Michałów Stud will always be a friendly place open for all the Arabian horse breeders and enthusiasts and the first Winter Sale at our Stud will be a cyclic event so in the New 2017 Year the breeders will again enjoy being at Michałów Stud feeling to be the most important for all of us".



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HORSES SOLD DURING 2016 MICHAŁÓW STUD WINTER AUCTION:

38 Pure bred Arabian horses from Michałów and Białka Studs, 4 Małopolska bred horses, 2 Shetland ponies and 5 breeding rights to Ekstern have been sold.

Prices (net) for Arabian mares, fillies and stallions sold:

Pyrra 41 000 euro
Piaconella 41 000 euro
Effie 35 000 euro
Wieża Marii 25 000 euro
Minerwina 20 000 euro
El Omarissa 17 500 euro
Kasjopeja 17 000 euro
Paradna 16 000 euro
El Kahra 15 500 euro
Pasjenza 15 000 euro
Esmeta (Białka Stud) 13 000 euro
Dębowa Droga 11 000 euro
Złota Nić 10 000 euro
Lusaka 10 000 euro
Zendra 8500 euro
Euskaria (Białka Stud) 8 000 euro
Zea 7200 euro
Karwa 7100 euro
Funaria 6300 euro
Dorea 5200 euro
Złocień 3700 euro

Breedings to Ekstern (5 of 5 sold)
4500 euro , 5100 euro, 5500 euro, 5600 euro
Total amount 404 100 Euro (net)

Next Winter Auction at Michałów Stud will take place in December 2017 but in the next, spring months the stud will organize the monthly sale. Its official date will be announced in January. The next big horse offer from Michałów Stud is planned for 2017 Pride of Poland.

