



# MENTON

## S H O W

### RETURN IN A GREAT STYLE

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**T**his year Menton show provided the community of Arabian horse lovers with a lot of emotions...before it has even started!

Mediterranean and Arab Countries Arabian Horse Championship - a prestigious ECAHO A-class show held in beautiful place since 30 years is a steady point to stop for the world's top horses as well as all those that want to present themselves in front of crème de la crème of Arabian horse community. It is a real must-to-be place for everyone from this industry. This is why the information spread officially this spring about cancellation of 2023 Menton Show due to the formal problems with its organization at Cote d'Azur (not dependent on organizers) had caused a shock amongst all potential participants getting ready, and the eyes of the whole industry. Thanks to the big efforts of its Organizing Team under Mme Christianne Chazel and Mme Dominic Briot leadership, supported by the whole community voice with a great relief the comeback was finally and officially possible. The proof of how happy the community was is the fact that immediately over 90 VIP tables have been sold so the number of spectators has beaten the record this year.

Of course the names of the horses arriving at Menton showground are always the mostly awaited information.

This time we couldn't be disappointed too. The top quality horses gathered this year have been judged by the panel: Eric Gear (FR), Terry Holmes (US), Mohammed Machmoum (MA), Joanne Lowe (UK), Cristian Moschini (IT), Martine Van Hee (BE), Michaela Weidner (DE). As Menton show likes to spectacularly surprise this year the judges enjoyed the entry to the arena using...mechanical horses of Harley Davidson motorcycles that brought them to the showring!

Going to the spectacular appearances of the four-legged equines the biggest battle have been made between the senior stallions. The meeting of giants scored with the top totals happened in these finals and was probably the most exciting one. EKS Farajj (class winner of stallions 4-7 years old) with over 93 total representing the new owner – Haras Royal de Bouznika in Morocco, met in the championship the show veteran, multiple champion and sire of champions – D Seraj from Dubai Arabian Horse Stud. Scored 94.00 points, winning the class of oldest stallions D Seraj was a challenge for the raising star of EKS Farajj proudly promoted by the new owner. And the battle was very equal as both stallions got the same number of votes for gold and silver medal! So, according wto the ECAHO rules for ties in the championship, the gold medal was presented to the horse having higher total score which was D Seraj, that was

anyway awarded also as Highest Scored Horse of the show so the verdict was evident - what emotions at the end of this battle! In turn, bronze medal went unanimously to handsome Harbi Al Adwan owned by Al Thumama Stud. Thus, he repeated his result from Menton show the year before.

In the senior mares Dubai Arabian Stud noted another glory with amazing D Shihanah – a beautiful mare and the great producer returning back to the show rings, scored over 93 and awarded also Best Head of senior mares category. It was her third gold medal in Menton – she also won here as a yearling and junior mare. What a comeback. In the finals silver medal went to the eldest mares class winner Aijana OX owned by Al Shaqab Stud – it was first show appearance of this mare on such a high level and such a great achievement already! Al Sheikh Stud from Palestine brought AJ Asai – gold champion from Gallilee Show and she fulfilled the high expectations winning bronze medal senior mare award from third place in her class.

In the junior stallions we could have seen a proof how the gold senior champion mare – D Shihanah proves herself in the breeding barn. Dubai Stud grabbed a gold medal unanimously with her son – ultra exotic D Shahhar, twice Dubai gold champion and Bronze Champion at latest World Championship and Katara show, this time scored 93,58 and of course with Best Head Junior Male trophy, that he has without a doubt. He also was awarded as Best in Show Male at the end of the day. Silver medal in this category went also unanimously to an overseas bred colt owned by Hanaya Arabians - DR Rayan, a colt with very different pedigree but built on solid well known basis. Bronze medal went also to the US bred colt and representing Budhen's Stud in Belgium – Sidarta AS.

In junior fillies the gold was won by the champions-made Alawiya Al Sheikh – another victory of Al Sheikh Stud from Palestine this time with their homebred 2 years old filly class winner with 93,5 points in front of TM Bella – a blend of US and Brazilian blood owned by Al Jumail Stud of Qatar. She was not only second in the class but also silver champion and Best Head in her category. Bronze medal and another special awards in junior fillies went to Saudi Arabia for Al Khalediah Farms home bred Nourah Al Khalediah, bronze champion, class winner but also the Best Movement of junior females receiving Trophy Pegasus sponsored by Al Thumama Stud for the Best Mover.

In yearling fillies we had another strong favorite that seems to be born to win. Shahalel Al Shaqab – a daughter of World Champion, also awarded gold in Menton in the past – Siwar Al Shaqab, representing Al Shaqab Stud, member of Qatar Foundation. Her daughter didn't leave any chances to the competitors in her class that she won with over 93 score and went for unanimous gold in the finals, winning also Best

Head trophy in her category as well as Best in Show Female although she had tough competition with D Shihanah. This was the third show appearance of Shalalel Al Shaqab and third win (after Katara show and winning the filly foal class at Qatar Nationals).

Another medal awarded offspring of amazing senior champion mare – D Shihanah appeared in yearling fillies class placed just after Shahalel Al Shaqab. It was D Aserah, unanimous silver champion yearling filly in front of her stable mate – D Ghamrah awarded bronze medal in yearlings after winning the other class of fillies born 2022.

Moving to the yearling colts championship we can stay by Dubai Stud name as the gold awarded colt, another male star raising from this UAE farm was D Hayer, paternal brother to D Ghamrah, class winner of yearling colts B section with 93,67 score and Best Head in the category. In his class he was in front of LR Anselmo, RFI Unique son bred in Uruguay by Estancia Las Rosas and owned by Al Wajba Stud of Qatar. Bronze medal was given to his paternal sibling – Poker Face KL, bred and owned by Klikowa Arabians in Poland. This was the third show appearance of this colt and third medal, as a bonus he was also awarded with Best Head of his class, Best Head European Bred Yearling Male and Best Movement in the Junior Males.

Menton show is famous also for its special trophies given for a number of categories from which one of most prestigious and probably most satisfying is Best Breeder Award. This definitely went this year to Dubai Stud that won 6 medals in total including 4 gold ones out of 6 presented. The king of Dubai Stud – FA El Rasheem was the best sire of the show. Prestigious Trophy Espoir chosen by the organizers was this time the colt Widad De Catherey, one of FA El Rasheem sons, owned by De Catherey Arabians in France. It's very nice that Menton show, so famous for Middle Eastern farms competition is also awarding the best European owned horses in every championship section. Two of those went this year to horses bred in Poland – for best yearling colt, Poker Face KL (owner Klikowa Arabians also Poland) and Mamma Mia (best senior female, owner Hanaya Arabians, Switzerland), one for UK – best junior female (Paloma Al Jalyla, owner Hanaya Arabians, Switzerland), one from Austria - best senior male (Al Picasso, bred and owned by Al Hambra Arabians) and one for Switzerland owned by Hanaya Arabians but US-bred best junior male – DR Rayan.

Promoting and awarding European owners at such a prestigious show is one of the reasons why it's so important to let this show stay at one of most beautiful regions of Europe for many years more.

We hope to meet you all again at Menton for at least another 30 anniversaries!

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## MEDITERRANEAN AND ARAB COUNTRIES AHC YEARLING FILLIES CHAMPIONSHIP



**BEST IN SHOW**  
BEST HEAD YEARLING FILLIES B

**GOLD**

### SHAHALEL AL SHAQAB

( NA-MOUS AL SHAHANIA X SIWAR AL SHAQAB )

BREEDER: AL SHAQAB MEMBER OF Q.F.

OWNER: AL SHAQAB MEMBER OF Q.F.



## MEDITERRANEAN AND ARAB COUNTRIES AHC YEARLING FILLIES CHAMPIONSHIP



**SILVER**

**D ASERAH**

( AJ NOFAN X D SHIHANAH )

BREEDER: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD

OWNER: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD



**BRONZE**

**D GHAMRAH**

( D SHAKHAT X D GHALIAH )

BREEDER: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD

OWNER: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD

## MEDITERRANEAN AND ARAB COUNTRIES AHC YEARLING COLTS CHAMPIONSHIP



BEST HEAD  
YEARLING COLTS B

**GOLD**

### D HAYEL

( D SHAKHAT X D JAWAHER )  
BREEDER: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD  
OWNER: ALTHAMER STUD



## MEDITERRANEAN AND ARAB COUNTRIES AHC YEARLING COLTS CHAMPIONSHIP



**SILVER**

**LR ANSELMO**

( RFI UNIQUE X LL ALMUDENA )  
BREEDER: LAS ROSAS ESTANCIA S.R.L  
OWNER: AL WAJBA STUD



**BRONZE**

**POKER FACE KL**

( RFI UNIQUE X PLIVIA )  
BREEDER: KLIKOWA ARABIANS  
OWNER: KLIKOWA ARABIANS

**BEST EUROPEAN YEARLING MALE**  
**BEST HEAD YEARLING COLTS A**  
**BEST MOVEMENT JUNIOR MALE**

## MEDITERRANEAN AND ARAB COUNTRIES AHC JUNIOR FILLIES CHAMPIONSHIP



**GOLD**

### ALAWIYA AL SHEIKH

( SHANGHAI EA X ALGAMRA )  
BREEDER: AL SHEIKH STUD  
OWNER: AL SHEIKH STUD



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## JUNIOR FILLIES CHAMPIONSHIP



### SILVER

BEST HEAD 2 YEARS OLD FILLIES

### TM BELLA

( TM ITAIPU X TM FAHDEELAH )

BREEDER: MR. JOSE ORLANDD A TEIXEIRA JUNIOR

OWNER: AL JUMAIL STUD



### BRONZE

### NOURAH AL KHALEDIAH

( HILAL AL KHALEDIAH X GHAZALAT AL KHALEDIAH )

BREEDER: AL KHALEDIAH STABLES

OWNER: AKMAL STUD

### TROPHY PEGASUS

BEST MOVEMENT JUNIOR FEMALE



## MEDITERRANEAN AND ARAB COUNTRIES AHC JUNIOR COLTS CHAMPIONSHIP



**BEST IN SHOW**  
BEST HEAD 3 YEARS OLD COLTS

**GOLD**

### D SHAHHAR

( EXCALIBUR E.A. X D SHIHANAH )  
BREEDER: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD  
OWNER: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD



## MEDITERRANEAN AND ARAB COUNTRIES AHC JUNIOR COLTS CHAMPIONSHIP



### SILVER

BEST EUROPEAN JUNIOR MALE  
BEST HEAD 2 YEARS OLD COLTS

### RD RAJAN

( POLIDORO FC X RD QUIANNA )  
BREEDER: MURRAY OR SHIRLEY POPPLEWELL  
OWNER: HANAYA ARABIAN STUD  
NAYLA HAYEK



### BRONZE

### SIDARTA AS

( ES SARAB X MB VIVYANNA )  
BREEDER: ARABIAN SOUL PARTNERS  
OWNER: BUDHEN'S STUD

## MEDITERRANEAN AND ARAB COUNTRIES AHC SENIOR MARES CHAMPIONSHIP



BEST HEAD  
4-7 YEARS OLD MARES

**GOLD**

### D SHIHANAH

( FA EL RASHEEM X D SHAHLA )  
BREEDER: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD  
OWNER: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD



## MEDITERRANEAN AND ARAB COUNTRIES AHC

### SENIOR MARES CHAMPIONSHIP



## SILVER

BEST HEAD 8+ YEARS OLD MARES

## AIJANA OX

( AJMAN MONISCIONE X MIKAELLA PIN )

BREEDER: GESTUT OSTERHOF

OWNER: AL SHAQAB (MEMBER OF QF)



## BRONZE

## AJASAI

( SHANGHAI EA X ANIA MONISCIONE )

BREEDER: AJMAN STUD

HH SHEIKH AMMAR BIN HUMAID AL NUAIMI

OWNER: AL SHEIKH STUD

## MEDITERRANEAN AND ARAB COUNTRIES AHC SENIOR STALLIONS CHAMPIONSHIP



HIGHEST SCORE  
BEST HEAD  
8+ YEARS OLD STALLIONS

**GOLD**

**D SERAJ**

( FA EL RASHEEM X LADI VERONIKA )  
BREEDER: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD  
OWNER: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD



## MEDITERRANEAN AND ARAB COUNTRIES AHC SENIOR STALLIONS CHAMPIONSHIP



### SILVER

BEST HEAD 4-7 YEARS OLD STALLIONS  
BEST MOVEMENT SENIOR MALE



### EKS FARAJJ

( IBN FARID X EKS BINT HELWAH )  
BREEDER: ELKASUN ARABIANS  
OWNER: HARAS ROYAL DE BOUZNIKA

### BRONZE

### HARBI AL ADWAN

( ASFOOR AL WAAB X WADHA AL ADWAN )  
BREEDER: AL ADWAN ARABIANS  
OWNER: AL THUMAMA STUD - DANA AL MESLEMANI

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AWARDS**HIGHEST SCORE***Sponsored by: Al Thamer Stud***D SERAJ****TROPHY PEGASUS (MOVEMENT)***Sponsored by: Al Thumama Stud***NOURAH AL KHALEDIAH****BEST EUROPEAN JUNIOR FEMALE***Sponsored by: Alsayed Stud***PALOMA AL JALYLA****BEST EUROPEAN SENIOR FEMALE***Sponsored by: Al Wajba Stud***MAMMA MIA****BEST EUROPEAN YEARLING MALE***Sponsored by: Al Shaqab***POKER FACE KL****BEST EUROPEAN JUNIOR MALE***Sponsored by: Alsayed Stud***RD RAJAN****BEST EUROPEAN SENIOR MALE***Sponsored by: Al Wajba Stud***AL PICASSO****TROPHY ESPOIR***Sponsored by: Al Thamer Stud***WIDAD DE CARTHEREY**

## MEDITERRANEAN AND ARAB COUNTRIES AHC AWARDS

SPECIAL AWARDS		
BEST BREEDER	DUBAI ARABIAN HORES STUD	<i>Sponsored by: APCA</i>
BEST SIRE	FA EL RASHEEM	<i>Sponsored by: Al Jumail Stud</i>
BEST HEAD YEARLING FILLIES A	SF NORA	<i>Sponsored by: Al Thamer Stud</i>
BEST HEAD YEARLING FILLIES B	SHAHALEL AL SHAQAB	<i>Sponsored by: Al Rayyan Farm</i>
BEST HEAD 2 YEARS OLD FILLIES	TM BELLA	<i>Sponsored by: Al Nasser Stud</i>
BEST HEAD 3 YEARS OLD FILLIES	D THARIAH	<i>Sponsored by: Al Sheikh Stud</i>
BEST HEAD 4-7 YEARS OLD MARES	D SHIHANAH	<i>Sponsored by: Dubai Int. Arabian Horse Ch.</i>
BEST HEAD 8+ YEARS OLD MARES	AIJANA OX	<i>Sponsored by: Asayel Stud</i>
BEST HEAD YEARLING COLTS A	POKER FACE KL	<i>Sponsored by: Al Adwani Stud</i>
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BEST HEAD 4-7 YEARS OLD STALLIONS	EKS FARAJJ	<i>Sponsored by: Hanaya Arabian Stud</i>
BEST HEAD 8+ YEARS OLD STALLIONS	D SERAJ	<i>Sponsored by: Asayel Stud</i>
BEST MOVEMENT JUNIOR FEMALE	NOURAH AL KHALEDIAH	<i>Sponsored by: Al Thumama Stud</i>
BEST MOVEMENT SENIOR FEMALE	D MUMAYYAZAH	<i>Sponsored by: Al Thumama Stud</i>
BEST MOVEMENT JUNIOR MALE	POKER FACE KL	<i>Sponsored by: Al Thumama Stud</i>
BEST MOVEMENT SENIOR MALE	EKS FARRAJJ	<i>Sponsored by: Al Thumama Stud</i>



## MEDITERRANEAN AND ARAB COUNTRIES AHC



### JUDGES

by Sunny Sassudelli

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PEOPLE AND ATMOSPHERE



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