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*The Norwegian Arabian Horse Association had been planning a very special event for some time. Finally, at the end of June, it took place: in front of the historic Freriksten Fortress in Halden, people were invited for the Norwegian International Arabian Horse Championships 2008, and numerous exhibitors with outstanding horses flocked into the North from all over Europe and the Middle East. The team of organisers headed by Tommy Huseby knew how to combine the unique atmosphere with the necessary technical know-how, creating a wonderful weekend for all persons*

*involved.*

*For scoring, a well-versed panel of judges could be won, comprised of Mrs Claudia Darius (GER), Mrs Christina Roebuck (UK), Dr. Nasr Marei (EGY), and Mr Richard Philström (FRAU).*

### **Juniors**

*ECAHO competitions were started by the yearling fillies. In the big group of 16 starters, the elegant Jamal El Dine daughter WPB HASI-NAH BINT MALEEKAH (out of Maleekah Ezzain) bred and owned by Nordic Arabians,*

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*NOR, took the lead in front of the typey participant from Germany, KADIRA (WH Justice x Karma) bred by Frank Spönle and owned by Sprave Arabians.*

*Out of the no smaller group of yearling colts, the winner was charismatic BERUHARD (Rohara Bacara x Tosca) from the stud of Annika Lindhöjd, Sweden. He was followed, with the same score, by an Al Maraam son bred in Poland: ELMARAN (out of Ekstera), bred and owned by Wojciech Parczewski.*

*For the two-year-old fillies, a horse that was bred in the US but is now owned by the Swedish Naples Arabian Stud took the lead: the exotic Marwan Al Shaqab daughter GM MARWAN AL SHAKILA (out of Octavia of Rohan). YS*

*Arabian, Norway, were fully within their rights to be delighted with the second place for their self-bred YS SINANS AMIRA (AS Sinans Pacha x Tabiha) in this category.*

*The winner of the two-year-old stallions travelled in from Great Britain. This strong-boned and already successful grey, AJA SANDSTORM (Psytadel x Sanadina), justifies all the hopes of his breeders and owners, the Hickford family of Aja Arabians. He secured himself his placing in front of another Marwan Al Shaqab offspring, SF VERIFY (out of Veronica Ga), bred by Patti Scheier (USA) and owned by Verify Partners, Sweden.*

*In the smaller but high-quality group of three-year-old mares, victory was a close call for Swedish Blommeröd*





*Arabians stud with their BACAROLLA (Khidar x Baronna). The feminine young mare with the enormous gaits enchanted the spectators as well as the judges and received high scores throughout. Unfortunately, being slightly fat, she was presented in a somewhat disadvantageous condition. She was closely followed by an expressive import from Brazil, ZANELLA VAN RYAD (Ryad El Jamaal x Van Strike), today owned by HRH Sheikh Ammar Bin Humaid al Nuaimi.*

*To bring the junior competitions to an end, the class of three-year-old stallions still had to make their appearance. In this class, there were 5 young stallions contending for the title. The one who made it to the top was strong-boned EMOTION (Eternity Ibn Navaronne-D x Praetoria) bred and owned by Osterhof stud, Germany. For this day, the great mover TA NOX (WPB Minstril s Bayar x Narinne), bred and owned by Tärenäs Arabstuteri, Sweden, had to be content with the second place.*

### **Seniors**

*All told, the senior classes had less quantity but offered nice highlights.*

*For the young mares, it was CHAQUIRA (Kubinec x Lekiliza), bred and owned by Kristina Nawarro, who came, saw, and won without problems, setting the first mark at*



**The Judges**

*92.75 points. Congratulations to Andrej Wojtowicz (Poland), whose mare KASHIRA (Magnum Psyche x Kabila IV) used her energetic trot to secure herself the second place.*

*In the smaller group of mares 8 to 11 years old, a mare imported from Brazil by*

*Anne-Lise and Otto Berg (France) made her way to the top: SHAKLANA (Laddin Ba x Daian Shaklan KJ) came first in front of Swedish participant BERNINNA (Chock*



x Bernatka), who was presented for the competition by Q-Arabians.

For the last class of mares, the one to convince everyone was MC ALEXSIS (The Elixier x AK Athena) with an outstanding score of 94.67 points. Her exotic face will register at once with any onlooker, and she received the top score of 20 for type as well as for head and neck, from all of the judges. Sheikh Ammar Bin Humaid Al Nuaimi Bin Ali Al Thani (VAE) purchased this wonderful mare in the United States. With their mare NAG OLLA BEZ (SW Bezatiw x Sweet Saff) on second place, Anne-Lise and Otto Berg qualified another entry from their stud for the championships.

In the two stallion classes, there were just a dozen participants, but their quality was far from disappointing.

The younger group made for a reunion with Junior Reserve World Champion GIRLAN-BEY (Pesal x Gracja-Bis) bred by OKS Arabians in Sweden and owned by Michael Bogajewicz in Poland. His movements are still exemplary and the judges were fully justified in allotting maximum points for them. He was also able to take the winner's title in his class, in front of an Al Lahab son arrived from Germany, EL SID (out of Swana) from the Osterhof stud of the Stöckle family.

The last category was dominated by a straight Egyptian, JANDEH AL NAIF (Ansata Shalim x Ansata Nile Gypsy). This impressive grey with the aetheric charisma received a unanimous 20 for type from all of the judges, with his victory disputed by nobody. Bred and owned by Sheikh Abdulla Bin Nasir Al Ahmed Al Thani, Al Naif Stud Qatar, we hope we will soon see Jandeh Al Naif on the occasion of further European shows. The second place was achieved by NAIZAAK (Gai Radiant x Bint Nariadnaia) bred by W-Arabians and owned by Sue Richards (UK).

### **Championships**

As conclusion and highlight of the B Show, all participants were looking forward to the Championships, particularly as horses from many different countries had qualified for them.

In the junior mares class, the winner was GM MARWAN AL SHAKILA in front of ZANELLA VAN RYAD. For the junior stallions, AJA SANDSTORM once more made it to the top and got himself the championship title, with EMOTION as reserve champion.

MC ALEXSIS took the title of senior champion mare

home to the United Arabian Emirates, with the reserve champion title going to NAG OLLA BEZ, to the great delight of her owners. As champion stallion and later 'Best in Show', the panel of judges agreed on JANDEH AL NAIF, with the well-earned reserve title going to GIRLAN-BEY.

Everybody agreed: the long way to Norway was worth the effort!

### **Historical Background Fredriksten Fortress:**

This Norwegian fortress was constructed in the 17th century as a replacement for the border fortress at Bohus, which had been lost when the province of Bohuslän was ceded to Sweden by the terms of the Treaty of Roskilde in 1658. The fortress was named after King Frederik III of Denmark and Norway, and the town of Halden was also originally named after him, having been known as Fredrikshald between 1665 and 1928.

The fortress was part of 3 wars between the years 1655 and 1721, with the wars all added up lasting 31 years. The last of these 3 wars was the Great Northern War and was fought between a coalition of Denmark-Norway, Russia and Saxony-Poland (from 1715 also Prussia and Hanover) on the one side and Sweden on the other side from 1700 to 1721. At the end of the war the Swedish trenches had almost reached the main fortification walls, when on the evening of December 11th (Swedish calendar: November 30th), 1718, a bullet struck and killed Charles XII while he inspected the work. The king's death effectively ended the attack on Fredriksten and the invasion was called off, leading to the conclusion of the war.

In 1814, during the Napoleonic war, the fortress was bombarded, but not captured. The Swedish forces of Charles John passed it on their advance, leaving a force that tried to capture it, but the fortress and its commander kept their ground. It was turned over to Sweden after the convention of Moss.

After 1905 the fortress lost all military significance, but it still hosted various units. As of today the Norwegian defence logistics and administrative college is situated by the castle. The fortress also hosts several museums and art exhibitions. During the summer season outdoor concerts are arranged with both classic and contemporary music. Visiting the fortress is rather popular as it's very scenic with old buildings and the fortress' location on the cliff above the small city adds to its beauty. □





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## Champion

### GM MARWAN AL SHAKILA

Marwan Al Shaqab x Octavia of Rohan  
Breeder: Michael Willsou - USA  
Owner: Naples Arabians - Sweden

Champion  
Fillies



### AJA SANSTORM

Psytadel x Sanadina  
Breeder/Owner: Aja Arabians  
Great Britain

Champion  
Colts



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MC  
ALEXIS

The Elixir x AK Athena  
Breeder: Michael & Donna Zimmerman - USA  
Owner: HRH Sheikh Ammar bin Humaid  
Al Nuaimi - United Arab Emirates

Champion  
Mares



JANDEH  
AL NAIF

Ansata Shalim x Ansata Nile Gypsy  
Breeder/Owner: Sheikh Abdulla Bin Nasir  
Al Ahmed Al Than - Qatar

Champion  
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## Reserve

### ZANELLA VAN RYAD

Ryad El Jamaal x Van Strike  
Breeder: Agropec Vanguarda Brazil  
Owner: HRH Sheikh Ammar bin Humaid  
Al Nuaimi - United Arab Emirates

Reserve  
Fillies



### EMOTION

Eternity Ibn Navarrone-D x Praetoria  
Breeder/Owner: Fam. Stöckle/Gestüt  
Osterhof - Germany

Reserve  
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**NAG  
OLLA BEZ**

SW Bezatiw x Sweet Saff  
Breeder: Guerra R. Padre - Brazil  
Owner: Anne-Lise & Otto Berg - France

**Reserve  
Mares**



**GIRLAN-BEY**

Pesal x Gracja-Bis  
Breeder: Michael Bogajewicz - Poland  
Owner: OKS Arabians - Sweden

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