

# Poland

embryo transfers, stallion license

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**O**n the beautiful sunny weekend in the middle of March Janów Podlaski State Stud of Poland, as a host mostly known for its spectacular Pride of Poland annual auction held together with Polish Nationals in August once again was full of guests – this time in the spring time. Janów Stud is the main seat of Polish Arabian Horse Breeders Society – the biggest official organization gathering Arabian horse breeders and lovers in Poland each spring on the annual General Meeting.

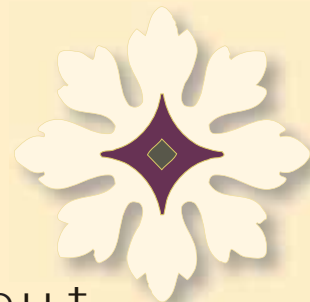
The Society, established by State and private Polish breeders in 1997 with its current President – Izabella Zawadzka federates nearly 200 people that enthusiastically take the chance to meet each other in spring time to discuss officially about the most important points of Polish and international breeding and competition and unofficially – to exchange the news from each others barns with new babies coming at that time. Following the tradition the second day of the meeting - Sunday morning seems to be especially exciting as Janów Stud used also to open its barns for the breeders as well - showing most of the foals of the current crop that are on the ground already. Accompanied with interesting comment of the stud's director

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in the  
**Spring**



and 2009 Janów Podlaski foals debut



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Belgica x Eden C  
filly



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from the left: Lukasz Gozdziński, Urszula Białobok,  
Izabella Zawadzka, Jerzy Białobok, Urszula Leczycka  
and Marek Trela

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Fastella x  
Perseusz  
colt

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Czartawa x  
Ganges  
filly

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Pernila x  
Enzo  
filly

*Marek Trela it's always a great opportunity for the beginners and experienced breeders to have a glimpse what are the next steps of the breeder of immortal Pianissima!*

*However the meeting was opened with some summing up of the previous breeding and show season – the annual report of chairmans of the board shows that Polish breeding still grows up and develops in quantity - there are currently 1091 broodmares and 649 foals registered in Polish Arabian Stud Book for 2009 that gives Poland the 3rd place in Europe and 10th in the world. The number of broodmares kept by Polish private breeders is already*

*twice as big as in Polish State Studs: with 431 foals born. But Polish breeding is not only about the growing quantity - the quality is not apart. The big and proud point of the annual summary were the spectacular successes of Poland in 2008 show season: with 5th All Nations Cup won – for the third time in a row, the Triple Crown won for the second time by unbeaten Pianissima being the highest scored Polish horse ever and of course the record income of the 2008 Pride of Polish auction (over 3 millions Euro) with Monogramm*





Pilar x Gazal  
Al Shaqab  
filly

*daughter Kwestura being the record breaker and the highest Polish horse ever sold (1 125 000 Euro).*

*The result of brainstorming discussion on Saturday afternoon shows that Poland is also ready for some important changes in its breeding rules and organization. After the lecture of Jerzy Białobok – Michałów State Stud's director and well known ECAHO A-judge in the consequence of Society members voting the decision was made of organizing the first non-obligatory stallion license in December 2009 in Poland. The decision was hard to make especially for young breeders having their first male pupils and for two past years the idea of license was refused in votes but the growing number of breeding stallions registered in Poland every season needs some selection and it seems that Polish breeders want the authorities advice by the Society's recommendation which the qualified stallions four years and older will be given after passing the license positively. The discussion was also dominated by the problems of racing season which will officially start in Warsaw on 26th April with 62 racing days and 182 races until the autumn. The very important decision made by the Society members after discussing all the advantages and disadvantages was the approval for embryo transfers to be allowed by Polish Arabian Stud Book (PASB) and Ministry of Agriculture. Until that day Poland is one of those countries that don't allow embryo transfers and no foals out of recipient mares are allowed to be registered in Polish Stud Book. With the great help of director*



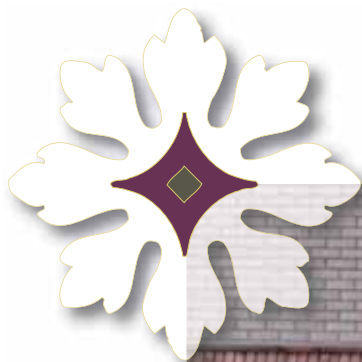


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## Album (Europejczyk x Alejka by Palas) stallion

*Marek Trela – graduated and experienced also as equine veterinarian the discussion resulted in the decision of approval for the Society's board to form the official statement together with Polish Stud Book to change its rules and allow embryotransfers with entering the limited number of one extra foal out of each PASB registered mare. If the decision is accepted by PASB and Polish Ministry of Agriculture the embryotransfer industry is just around the corner to be started in Poland – Michałów State Stud is just one of the places in Poland being ready not only for collecting, freezing and storing the semen but for other kind of breeding activities, including embryotransferring.*

*The official evening gala during which the trophies of Best Breeders in the categories of Show, Race and Sport were presented ended the first day of meeting. The winners for 2008 season were: Chrcynno-Palac Stud for their Ekstern filly - Psyche Victoria (Wels Reserve Champion, Vilhelmsborg Champion, Top Ten World Championships and class winner at Al Khalediah Internationals), Damis Farm for*

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## Ararat (Palas x Arraby Bandos) stallion

*Santhos-daughter Sara – 2008 Derby and Oaks winner and Mr Robert Talarek – breeder of Cert (Balon x Certoza) – 2008 Polish National Endurance Champion and IInd at the international endurance competition in Babolna/Hungary.*

*On sunny Sunday morning the wonderfully hosted presentation of horses themselves closed the XIIIth annual meeting. It was spectacular as always to see 14 Polish chief sires presented in hand and ridden in sport and side saddle style. From breeding barns 23 broodmares were led out with the babies by some Polish-bred stallions: Perseusz and Poganin (both by Laheeb), Porto (by Gazal Al Shaqab), Ganges (by Monogramm) and Aslan (by Eukaliptus) as well as foreign - QR Marc, Enzo, Eden C, El Nabila B and Hlyyail Ramadan. The presented crop contained the full sister to 2005 Polish National Champion Filly and Best in Show, currently on lease to the US – Pinga (Gazal Al Shaqab x Pilar). Especially promising were some foals sired by father and son introducing the blood of legendary Padrons Psyche to Janów Podlaski's herd – Enzo and Eden C as well as large crop of Ganges foals and the pretty filly sired by Polish National Champion and World Top Ten – Poganin (Laheeb)... We will see the results of these young stablemates to Pianissima on the showrings within one year! □*