

n the magnificent Equestrian Centre of the City of Segovia, a city named Human Heritage for it's beauty and old monuments, took place on September 18th and 19th, the XXXI Spanish National show under the patronage of Honour of His Majesty Juan Carlos I, King of Spain and organized by the Spanish Arabian Association AECCA.

Sponsored by the Government of Castilla and Leon, Caja Segovia and the Ministery of Agriculture and Environment, AECCA (Spanish Arabian Horse Organization and Registry), we also counted with the valuable and generous collaboration of Al Shahania, a stud farm from Qatar who keeps many of his endurance great horses in Spain. His Royal Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Tani himself honoured this event with his presence.

The weather very instable, on the previous days was beautiful all during the show, which indubitable, attracted many spectators from Segovia and breeders from all Spain. Next year the Centro Equestre will have built a wonderful covered arena, which will make it on of the most important equestrian centres in Spain.

More than seventy horses were shown and judged by Mrs. Ingalil Martensson from Spain, Mr. Koenraad Detailleur from Belgium, Mrs. Joanne Lowe from England and Mr. Pierluigi Rota from Italy. In most cases the difference in their points was minimal, which made the public happy. The DC's where Mr. Daniel Souppat from France and Mr. Santiago Bermejo from Spain.

In regards to the competition I have to point out the quality of the Jr. Classes with a good number of participants in them.

In the Jr. Sections, Ses Planes Stud from Majorca, obtained a first place in all the female classes and also a second prize too. So the Trophy for Best Exhibitor and Best breeder went to the Majorcan farm. Also horses bred and sold by this farm obtained important prizes.

ABHA SABIYA (Marwan Al Shaqab x Abha Galati by El Perfecto was first prize of the yearling fillies. ABHA RAHIBA (Marwan Al Shaqab x Abha Fetiyeh by Zahor) obtained the highest points of the whole show and also was named the Best Mover, besides obtaining the first prize two years old fillies. ABHA QURAISY (Alfabia Damascus x Gual Samantha) was also first in her 3 years old class. These 3 fillies, obtained the Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals.

In the Jr.colts, from the 6 classified for the championships, 4 were bred by Ses Planes. ABHA QATARAH (Gazal al Shaqab x Abha Fetiyeh) owned by Yeguada A-Dos from Mudrian, near Segovia, and bred by Ses Planes Stud, obtained the Jr. Gold Medal, Abha Fetiyeh is also the dam of the Jr. Champion filly Abha Rahiba. The winner of the yearling class was ABHA SHARIK (Abha Peshawar x Abha Nouba by Khidar) also bred by Ses Planes, received the Silver Medal. Finally the Bronze was granted to the second prize two years old colts NAPOLEON EA (Marwan Al Shaqab x Nebraska Kossack), bred by Equus Arabians. This stud farm from Catalonia is also the owner of Shangai EA.

The Senior classes were not so large, but in general the horses participating where of high qualityi

SANTA MARIA (Motamid x Estromboli) a very nice and well balanced mare, owned by Complutum Arabians and, well known by the Spanish breeders, received the Gold Medal. The Silver was granted to the first prize young mares, CYREA EA (Khidar x Cygarniczka) the property of Equus Arabians, and the Bronze was obtained by Yeguada Ferrero, from Majorca, with her straight Egyptian mare MIRIJA Al SABAH (Asman x Mahrana Al Sabah) a very classy individual.

The majority of the stallions were well known not only at national level but also internationally. The medals were given to the older stallions. This option ABHA OMANI

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(El Perfecto x CM Faylla El Shaklan) whose magnificent movements were very much appreciated by the public. This young stallion is the property of Yeguada Garcia Ferrero, and DARKO LAS LUNAS (Okavanggo x CC Dalia Pearl) did not receive any medal.

The bronze Medal went to the well known QR EXCELL (Magic Dream x Kouream de Ment) owned by Yeguada Ferrero, this very nice horse looked in great formi The Silver was granted to the famous OM EL EXTREEM (Sanadik El Shaklan x Om El Bint Shaina) he is owned by Complutum Arabians. ABHA MAHDI (Marwan Al Shaqab x Alisheeba by Ali Jamaal) already Senior National Champion of Spain in 2007 and Jr. National Champion in 2006, obtained the Gold Medal. He is owned and bred by Ses Planes. Just after the Championships, ABHA MAHDI ridden by Pedro Soto, delighted the assistants with a classical dressage ridden exhibition.

There was also another exhibition of Doma Vaquera, by a horse bred in Majorca by Yeguada L'Eresta and, many other beautiful trophies awarded to different horses for their Arabian qualities.

Without doubt the horses who participated in the XXXI Spanish Nationals were very well presented and of much better quality than in previous National Championships. We invite you, next year, to come and see this very nice show in the spectacular monumental city of Segovia, on fabulous grounds and only half an hour from Madrid by train. Segovia offers a great variety of hotels and wonderful restaurants where excellent food is served.

To end this article I would like to ad than, the show organization was excellent, the show run very fluently and I want to congratulate the organization AECCA for such a great success.

#### Abha Mahdi and Om El Extreem





The judges and representative of Al Shahania Stud



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### **ABHA RAHIBA**

(Marwan Al Shaqab x Abha Fetiyeh), Gold Medal Fillies, Best mover and Highest Points of the Show



ABHA SABIYA (Marwan Al Shaqab x Abha Galati), Silver Medal Fillies







ABHA QATARAH

(Gazal Al Shaqab x Abha Fetiyeh) Gold Medal Colts



ABHA SHARIK (Abha Peshawar x Abha Nouba x Khidar) Bronze Medal Colts





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#### SANTA MARIA

(Motamid x Estromboli), Gold Medal Mares, Best Mare and highest points mare, straight Spanish born in Spain



CYREA EA (Khidar x Cygarniczka) Silver Medal Mares, Best Head, bred and born in Spain







# (Marwan Al Shaqab x Alisheeba)

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Gold Medal Stallions and the Best Stallion of the Show



OM EL EXTREEM (Sanadik el Shaklan x OM El Bint Shaina) Silver Medal Stallions





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ridden by Pedro Soto in classical dressage



HALIARTO (Envite x Endrina) Highest point males, Straight Spanish born in Spain