



# Brazil Successfully Held Its

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# 2020 Nationals

It was surprising. This year, we had forty percent more horse participation than the average for Nationals in recent years. No one expected it, since we are still living in the midst of a pandemic with no end date in sight. However, the Brazilian breeders held an unforgettable Nationals competition.

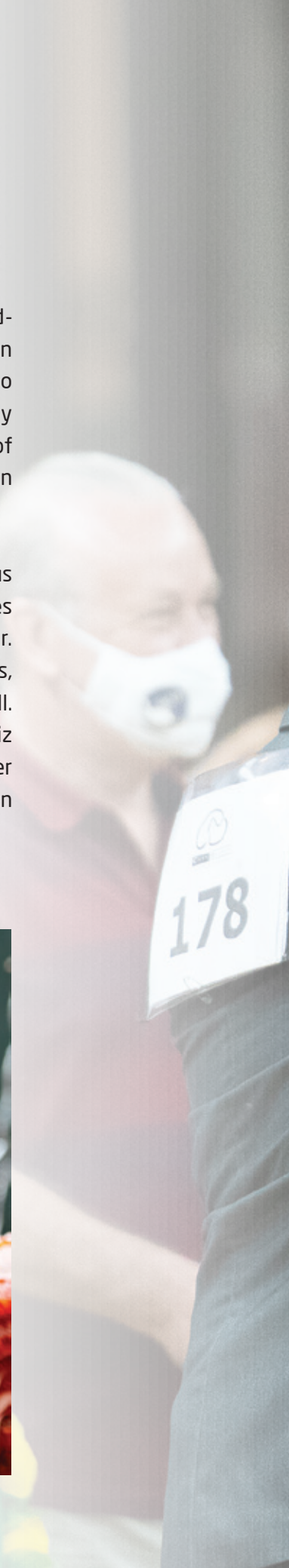




While Brazilian breeders believed that 2020 would be a lost year for breed-related events, the board of the Brazilian Arabian Horse Breeders Association saw an opening at the end of the year and worked the entire second semester to hold the **BRAZILIAN NATIONALS ARABIAN HORSE SHOW**. It began by gradually getting through to the breeders, followed by negotiating with the authorities of the event city to establish all protocols that should be followed to ensure protection against COVID 19 contamination.

Attendance to the show, despite the good size crowd, was not as great as in previous years, but the enthusiasm was the same. The big surprise was the number of horses participating. In this Nationals, we had 40% more horses on the ring than last year. Brazilian breeders lamented not having this year a beautiful ring to watch their animals, whether live or through Internet streaming and enthusiastically attended the ABCCA call. The 5 guest judges, Joseph Polo-USA, Terry Holmes-USA, Gerard Paty-Bahrein, Luiz Eduardo Caio and Fábio Amorosino from Brazil, carefully examined 359 horses in halter and performance classes. The event also included Jump, Drums, and Rural Equestrian competitions, and a very tight Arabian Horse race.

Judging began on November 11 and ended on November 14.







Gold Champion Stallion, Falak FK, from Haras FK





*Silver Champion Stallion, FT Saeed, from Haras FT*



*Bronze Champion Stallion, TS Rainbou, from Haras Arco Azul*

**EL TINO IS THE SIRE OF NATIONAL GOLD AND SILVER STALLION NATIONAL CHAMPION.** With 4 first places and a second of judges Falak FK won the Gold. He is son of El Tino (Valentino) out of Argentine mare Fogosa HAB by JJ Fuego Sureño (Magum Psyche), bred and owned by Haras FK. Falak had an extensive and impressive ring career: Junior Colt in 2005, Young Colt in 2016, Young Stallion in 2018, and now Gold Stallion Champion. So far, he has only three registered offspring, all born this year. Falak has great breeding potential and should be directed to mating, taking into account its powerful blood

line, based on DA Valentino and Magnum Psyche, two of the most important recent sires in the USA. The Silver Stallion, FT Saeed, from Haras FT, is also the son of El Tino, one of the most important sires of current Brazilian breeding. Saeed's mother is FT Sofia El Bogart, a Reserve National Champion Junior Filly 2011, daughter of Bogart El Perseus, a grandson of \*Ali Jamaal. The Bronze Stallion was awarded to TS Rainbou, a son of American Ever After NA, which is the son of Brazilian Sir Fames HBV, bred by Haras Arco Azul. Rainbou's mother is Valentyna Chall HVP by Magnum Chall HVP.



Gold Champion Mare, Sahara Saleemah, from Haras Sahara





*Silver Champion Mare, Vaidosa Rach, from Rach Stud*



*Bronze Champion Mare, RP Joharra, from Haras Vila dos Pinheiros*

**THE STUNNING GREY SAHARA SALEEMAH**, with 4 first place was named National Champion Mare, is one of the bright stars of Haras Sahara, of breeder Salim Mattar. Like Golden Stallion Falak FK, Saleemah has the blood line of important sires DA Valentino and Magnum Psyche. She is the daughter of Vaalente by DA Valentino out of Summer Songs by Magnum Psyche, a great genetic success in current Brazilian breeding. The National Silver Champion, with four second places, was the charming black Vaidosa Rach, bred and owned by Rach Stud from brothers Ricardo and Paulo Saliba. She was the Gold Mare Champion in the Nationals 2017 and has been awarded several Most

Classical Head in Brazilian shows. Vaidosa is daughter of RFI Maktub, RFI Maktub, father of the last two Brazilian National Gold Champion mares, Lumiar Ethna (2019) and RFI Sophie AIMaktub (2018). Vaidosa mother's, Vanity Rach, comes from the outstanding foundation of Polish lineages carefully bred by the Salibas brothers. Vanity's father, Mister Heros HX, is the great-grandson of Aladdin, and her mother, Vanity VF, is the granddaughter of Bask. The Bronze Mare was awarded to German RP Joharra, imported by Haras Vila dos Pinheiros. She is daughter of WH Justice out of Nevada V by FS Benggali, a pedigree with a strong European flavor.





*Gold Champion Young Stallion, Vivaldi Al Shawan, from Vivaldi Al Shawan Partners*





*Silver Champion Young Stallion, Abbas Al Ventur, from Al Ventur Arabians*



*Bronze Champion Young Stallion, Sir Maximus FWM, from Haras Lone Star*

**THE FIERCEST CLASHES OF THIS NATIONALS** took place in the Young Stallion and Young Mare Championships. Vivaldi Al Shawan and Abbas Al Ventur were the highlights among the young stallions. They mesmerized the public from the moment they entered the ring. With 3 first places e 2 seconds, most judges defined Vivaldi as the Gold Young Stallion, and with 2 first places e 3 seconds, Abbas Al Ventur was awarded the Silver. Vivaldi Al Shawan is son of distinguished FA El Shawan, who sired precious get to Brazilian breeding, out of HK La Fiesta Power by Power

World JQ. He was bred by Haras Katu and Haras Al Hosçan, and belongs to a group of breeders from Vivaldi Al Shawan Partners. Abbas Al Ventur, bred by Al Ventur Arabians, is son of Hallyr Meia Lua by Ajman Moniscione out of Emozione Al Ventur, also the daughter of FA El Shawan out of Brazilian National Champion and American Honey's Delight RB. The Bronze was awarded to Sir Maximus FWM, son of 2015 National Champion Wandan Al Madan by American National Champion OFW Magic Wan. The mother of Sir Maximus is Lay Alice FWM by Nuzyr HCF.



*Gold Champion Young Mare, RFI Sawari, from RFI Arabians*





*Silver Champion Young Mare, Preferida Rach, from Rach Stud*



*Bronze Champion Young Mare, Sahara Ameenah, from Haras Sahara*

**THE BEAUTIFUL CHALLENGE BETWEEN THE YOUNG CHAMPION MARES.** All three received first, second and third places. Gold Champion RFI Sawari was awarded 2 first places, 2 second places and 1 third place. Silver Champion Preferida Rach was awarded 2 first places, 1 second place and 2 third places, and Bronze Champion Sahara Ameenah was awarded 1 first place, 2 second places, 1 third place and 1 fourth place. Gold Champion RFI Sawari is daughter of European Gold Champion from All Nations Cup Gold and World Gold Champion, thus holding a triple crown in Europe, Excalibur EA. Sawari's mother is RFI Sophie Almaktab by RFI Maktub, comes from an extraordinary maternal family. Her mother Sophie Almaktab was the Gold Champion at the 2018 Nationals and other daughter

of Sophie, RFI Sensation (by Jazeer de Wiec), was 2019 Brazilian National Silver Champion Mare. She was bred by Rodrigo Forte of RFI Arabians, current president of the Brazilian Breeders Association. Preferida Rach, who last year was awarded National Gold Filly, took Silver this year. She is the daughter of the 2017 National Champion Bandit SRA by DA Valentino out of Persephone Rach by Vulcano HVP. Preferida was bred by Rach Stud from the Saliba brothers, awarded Best Breeder of the Nationals 2020. Bronze winner Sahara Ameenah comes from Haras Sahara from Salim Mattar. She is daughter of American OFW Magic Wan, also owned by Haras Sahara. Ameenah's mother is Sahara Arrousah by Vaalente (DA Valentino), a very successful sire in Salim Mattar's breeding.



Gold Champion Colt, Ragnary GV, from Viana Arabian Horse





*Silver Champion Colt, Prince Magnum JSZ, from Haras JM*



*Bronze Champion Colt, Virtus HEC, from Haras e Estância Califórnia*

**ANOTHER INTENSE COMPETITION WAS THE COLT CHAMPIONSHIP.** Gold Champion Ragnary GV was awarded 3 first places and 2 second places. Silver Champion Prince Magnum JSZ was awarded 2 first places, 1 second place and 2 third places. The balanced and typical Ragnary was also awarded the Male Most Classical Head in this version of the Nationals. He inherits these characteristics from his father Ragnar Rach, Three-time Male Most Classical Head Champion in Brazilian Nationals and who this year was awarded Get of Sire Champion. Ragnary GV's mother is AF Hanolina, daughter of Delmar Rach, a key sire in Brazilian breeding in the 1990s/2000s, from the blood line of Marsianin by Aswan, Aladdin and Bask. He was bred by Haras Gran Via

and belongs to Viana Arabian Horse from Vinicius Viana. Silver Champion Prince Magnum JSZ incorporates the most significant elements of modern breeding worldwide. He is the son of remarkable Magnum Psyche out of exceptional Baviera HVP, World Champion in France. Prince Magnum was bred by Chilean Haras Santa Marta and is owned by Haras JM from José and Maísa Alves. The Bronze Champion holds 1 second place and 2 third places, Virtus HEC, son of National Champion Vulcano, who is also paternal grandfather of Gold Champion Ragnary GV. Virtus' mother, Mars Princess HEC, is a distinguished dam of the selection of traditional Haras e Estância Califórnia, breeder of Bronze Champion Virtus HEC.



Gold Champion Filly, Clio Cerise, from Eduardo Bonilla and Nadia de Santis





*Silver Champion Filly, Maria AL, from Haras Canaã*



*Bronze Champion Filly, Fontanella Al Hayat, from Haras Hayat*

**THE YOUNG HORSES CHAMPIONSHIPS WERE LESS TUMULTUOUS FOR THE JUDGES.**

Of the eight Championships with contenders under 36 months, four were decided unanimously. In the Filly Championship, the charming Clio Cerise, bred by brothers Luiz and Vico Rocco of Haras Clio, was unanimously awarded Gold. Clio Cerise, who was National Silver Champion Junior Filly 2019, daughter of Marwan Al Shaqab out of Chamylla El Ylan by Yllan El Jamaal. Yllan is father of several Nationals Champions, was once owned by Haras Clio. The Silver Championship match was highlighted by a tie, and it was

up to the main judge, whose position is rotated, to decide. In this case, the main judge was Eduardo Caio, who by awarding the 2nd place to Maria AL, from Haras Canaã of Abel and Eliane Leopoldino, awarded the Silver to her. Eduardo Caio awarded third place to Fontanella Al Hayat from Haras Hayat, who took Bronze. Both have Marwan Al Shaqab in their pedigree through his most important son in Brazil, FA El Shawan. Silver Champion Maria Al is daughter of El Tino (DA Valentino) out of Giulliana El Shawan, and Bronze Champion Fontannella is daughter of TS Khhidam El Shawan out of CER Elektra by Vulcano HVP.





Gold Champion Young Colt, Emir Sahara, from Haras Sahara





*Silver Champion Young Colt, Aswad, from Haras Dona Francisca and Panquehue*



*Bronze Champion Young Colt, Llanccay Malik, from Nicolas Duch Leon*

**MATERNAL BROTHERS WIN GOLD AT THE YOUNG COLT AND FILLY CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

With 3 first places, 1 second place and 1 third place, Emir Sahara from Haras Sahara was awarded National Gold Young Colt Champion. Sahara Dawarah, who holds 4 first places and 1 second place, was selected as Gold Champion Young Filly. Emir is the son of Emerald J, an European sire currently in Saudi Arabia. Dawarah is the daughter of OFW Magic Wan, American National Champion, kept in the U.S. by Haras

Sahara, its owner. The mother of golden Emir and Dawara is remarkable dam Sahara Daghira, Reserve National Champion Filly 2014, daughter of Denali BHF by Falcon BHF out of Sahara Galina (JJ Señor Magnum).

The Silver Young Colt Champion, with 2 first places, 1 second place and 1 third place, was Aswad, son of National Champions El Tino (DA Valentino) and Lumiar Ethna (RFI Maktub) of Haras Dona Francisca. The Bronze Champion was Chilean Llanccay Malik, holder of



Gold Champion Young Filly, Sahara Dawarah, from Haras Sahara





*Silver Champion Young Filly, RFI Raffaella, from RFI Arabians*



*Bronze Champion Young Filly, Endless Love JM, do Haras JM*

3 second places and 2 third places, of Haras Llancay from Nicolás Duch (President of the Chilean Breeders Association). He is the son of Chilean sire HP Ali out of HP Kasira by Hafati Express.

The Young Silver Filly Champion, holder of 1 first place, 1 second place and 3 third places was RFI Raffaella of Rodrigo Forte's RFI Arabians. She is daughter of Quasim

CRH by RFI Maktub out of S Rhapsody by Marwan Al Shaqab. Bronze Champion Endless Love JM was awarded 2 second places and 1 third place. She was bred by Haras JM from José and Maísa Alves, and she is daughter of Vaalente (DA Valentino), a new sire at the Haras, who has been a successful breeder. Endless Love's mother is Stig Justhine by WH Justice.



*Gold Champion Jr. Colt, RFI Fiorano, from RFI Arabians*



*Silver Champion Jr. Colt, HP El Zar, from Haras Panquehue*



*Bronze Champion Jr. Colt, RFI Petrus HPA, from RFI Arabians*

**TWO SONS OF DOMINIC M ARE UNANIMOUS GOLD IN THE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

American Dominic M, imported by Uruguayan Haras Las Rosas, has provided a noticeable contribution in Brazilian breeding. In this version of the Brazilian Nationals, the highlights of Dominic M were Gold Junior Colt Champion RFI Fiorano, of RFI Arabians, and Gold Junior Filly Champion Keishah Bint Lami RB, of Haras das Cascatas, both unanimously awarded in their Championships. Fiorano's mother is RFI Fahaara Al Maktub by Quasim CRH, and Keishah Bint Lami RB's mother is Lami El Saba by El Tino.

The Silver Junior Colt Champion, holder of 4 second places, HP El Zar, was bred and shown by Haras Panquehue of the Bulnes family, from Chile. The Silver Champion's pedigree presents important pieces of that breed: his father HP Ali was Brazilian National Champion and five-time Chilean National Champion. His mother, HP Esperanza, is the



*Gold Champion Jr. Filly, Keishah Bint Lami RB, from Haras das Cascatas*



*Silver Champion Jr. Filly, VV Shaffire, from Haras Viana Arabian Horse*



*Bronze Champion Jr. Filly, Julianne Al Quasim, from Adriana Florence, Haras Festival and Haras Platina*

daughter of LC Farid, a sire who is the great-grandson of Bey Shah, one of the sires greatly responsible for the current quality of Chilean breeding. Rodrigo Forte's RFI Arabians is also the breeder of RFI Bronze Champion Petrus HPA, the son of Quasim CRH by RFI Maktub out of Evening Star TGS by Lumiar Amadeus. Silver Champion Jr. Filly. VV Shaffire, with 3 seconds, is daughter of the Gold National Young Stallion 2019 Preludio OSB by Dominic M out of Karenina El Madan by El Tino. With 1 second place and 3 third places, the Bronze Champion was Julianne Al Quasim, daughter of Quasim CRH out of Juliet Al by Pscore.



Gold Champion Yearling Colt, Oppus One Arabco II, from Rancho Arabco



Silver Champion Yearling Colt, Lughan HVP, from Haras Vila dos Pinheiros



Bronze Champion Yearling Colt, Axell, from Rancho Oliveira Arabians

**A PROVEN SIRE AND A NEW SIRE ARE FEATURED IN THE YEARLING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

American El Tino, father of dozens of Brazilian Nationals Champions, 5 just in this show, and considered one of the most efficient sires in Brazil today, is the father of Gold Yearling Colt Champion Opus One Arabco II, from Rancho Arabco of Sylvio Barbosa, who was awarded 2 first places and 3 second places. This Champion is the son of Breta UB by OFW Magic Wan. Silver Yearling Colt, holder of 2 first places, 2 second places and 1 third place was Lughan HVP of Haras Vila dos Pinheiros. He is the son of HDF Lugano by FA El Shawan out of Princess Marwan HVP by Marwan Al Shaqab. The Yearling Axell took Bronze, as the judges awarded him 1 first place and 2 third places. He is son of Preludio OSB out of RL Alita MAM by El Shakhyr, bred by Rancho Oliveira Arabians.

But the great surprise as a sire in this version of the Nationals was undoubtedly Quasim CRH, the son of RFI Maktub out of Maxine CRH by Nuzyr HCF. He



*Gold Champion Yearling Filly, HDF Fontonella, from Haras das Faias*



*Silver Champion Yearling Filly, Iza 7F, from Haras 7 Flechas*



*Bronze Champion Yearling Filly, Saphiraa JSZ, from Haras Santa Marta*

is the father of 4 Champions in this version of the Nationals, including unanimously-awarded Gold Young Filly Champion HDF Fontonella, bred by Haras das Faias of Rodrigo Faias. Fontonella's mother is Baronesa HDF by Lugano HDF. The Silver Champion was Iza 7F of Haras Sete Flechas, with 3 second places and 2 third places. She is the daughter of Banndit SRA out of Sublime Morab by RFI Maktub, and the Bronze Champion, with 2 second places and 1 third place was Saphiraa JSZ, daughter of Dominic M and Palitraa by Marwan El Shaqab, bred by Haras Santa Marta.



## JUDGES

FÁBIO AMOROSINO



GERARD PATY



JOSEPH POLO



EDUARDO CAIO



TERRY HOLMES



# Interview with the *judges*



TERRY HOLMES  
USA

The Brazilian Nationals was an amazing show to judge. The quality of horses was very high. The handlers did an excellent job presenting the horses. The breeders did an incredible job breeding the horses. The quality was high and the horses were outstanding. It was an honor to judge this prestigious show in Brazil.

The championships. There was not one that just impressed me. I was impressed by all of our championships. Like I said in question one, the quality was high and the horses were just beautiful. They do a great job in Brazil and they should be very proud of the horses they've bred and shown. The atmosphere was amazing also in all the championship classes, even though the Covid restrictions or whatever. The enthusiasm was great and the championships were just out of this world.

There were quite a few horses that impressed me. I believe all of our champions could compete anywhere in the world and be very, very competitive and there wasn't really one that just stood out. They all, I think if you put all of our champions in the ring together, I think you'd have a really hard time picking just one favorite. There was one exceptional yearling junior filly that stood out.

There were many things, like I said, the atmosphere at the show was amazing, the farm tours after the event, although I didn't get to go to all of them, were quite impressive and, you know, you just realize that there are some really amazing Arabian horses in Brazil. And it's not the first time I've judged there, so the hospitality is always amazing and the breeders, the trainers, everybody just go out of their way to make you feel at home. And again, it was just a tremendous honor to judge this prestigious show. And I wish to all the breeders and handlers continued success at their next nationals in July.



JOSEPH POLO  
USA

The quality at the Brazilian Nationals is always exceptional. The people, exhibitors, arena, & most importantly the horses are always first class!! Several horses I have judged at the Nationals in Brazil have gone on to win at the World Championships in Paris or the US.

Personally, I feel it is truly difficult to pick one particular championship over another. With the quality in many different age groups, I appreciate the Breeders of Brazil and how, year after year, they continue to produce amazing Arabian horses!

The young fillies were beautiful - HDF

Fontonella was amazing, and Marwan's daughter Clio Cerise was stunning. Continuing to the age, stallion Falak, who was the Champion, looked great. I could keep naming many other horses. I truly cherished and loved judging them. A great group of horses!!!!

Brazil will always be a special place for me. Since my first trip to Brazil for the great Paulo Machado, many years ago. I will carry those memories & life experiences with me for the rest of my life!!!! Personally and publicly I would like to thank the Breeders, exhibitors, & my close friends for the amazing memories we've created!! The Brazilian hospitality and kindness are greatly appreciated. THANK YOU!



GERARD PATY  
BAHRAIN

This show and the previous Brazilian Nationals have always been known as one of the top shows in the world.

For me, the Young Mare Championships (RFISawari) were great, with many top-quality animals in that class. But in general, the level of competition was great.

The Gold Young Mare was beautiful, and if I'm not mistaken, she received unanimous votes. Amazing!

As for the visit, it always feels like home. People and their dedication for the horse, attention to detail, the horses, the farms, and seeing how each Breeder is trying to achieve his goals.



**FÁBIO AMOROSINO**  
BRAZIL

It is always a great honor to judge a Brazilian Nationals event, especially in times like these with the pandemic. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all board members, on behalf of Rodrigo Forte, for the impeccable organizing the show!

Our breeders and exhibitors enjoyed the event by bringing high quality animals!

I was very happy to see the value placed by the current board members on the Arabian horse.

I was very impressed with our standard and especially by the National Gold Junior Filly Champion (HDF Fontonella) and the National Gold Young Colt Champion (Emir Sahara).



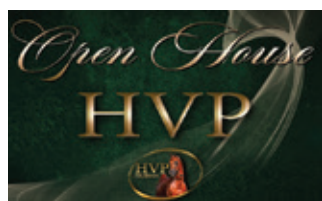
**LUIZ EDUARDO M. CAIO**  
BRAZIL

This is the 7<sup>th</sup> Brazilian Nationals I judge. Each of them had its own pleasant appeal, but this edition was special because of the times we're currently living in. It was a pleasant surprise to see so many horses and so much quality. ABCCA was right when it decided to be brave and make the show happen.

We always like females better, don't we? The young mare and senior mare categories were top quality.

I couldn't take my eyes off Abbas al Ventur (Young Stallion), and Clio Cerise (Filly) is simply spectacular.

Although the individual results of each judge's scores were quite different at times, the horses that deserved to win, won. Finally, a recommendation: I think Copa Brasil should be judged by ABCCA's new judges. It would be very good experience for them.



In addition to the Nationals, the Association organized a highly desired visit to some stud farms, providing transportation and accommodations to visitors when necessary. For this atypical year, only 3 farms made up the itinerary that lasted three days.

#### **HVP - Zetão Rodrigues** *manager*

This event was special because we inaugurated our new facilities!!!

Given the ongoing pandemic, we were very happy with the presence of our breeder friends, and we were greatly honored by their attendance and purchases!!! It was another successful Open House for HVP.

#### **RFI Arabians - Rodrigo Forte**

In light of the pandemic scenario, it was unknown how the Farm Tours would turn out, but they were all a success in the end, which made me extremely happy. In the case of ours, it exceeded our expectations in terms of attendance and sales. Although we made all sales in person, we had the advantage of broadcasting the events via Arabian Essence, showcasing our breeding programs to the whole world. In our case, we were able to show part of our breeding program that turns 30 in 2021, a selection of "RFI Maktub blood" through his sons, daughters and now grandchildren. It was a very pleasant event and I saw people happy with the result of the Nationals and with the interactions. Everyone followed the health protocols very well.

#### **Rach Stud - Ricardo Saliba**

The event was very positive and the first international open house we have held. It also celebrated our 35 years of breeding. We were very proud to show our new horses, dams and stallions in this event dedicated to halter. We were going to hold our sport horse event at Ilha da Chapada, our other farm, but Covid forced us to postpone it. Regardless, we were very happy with the presence of the large number of breeders at Haras and taking into account the pandemic, attendance was higher than expected.