

Just the beginning... Wels

Austrian National and International Championships

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The sunny weekend of the first European ECAHO-A show in 2008, held in the town Wels which is beautifully surrounded by Austrian Alps mountains gathered the huge number of more than 160 of shining show stars as well as outstanding young progeny of world leading stallions from across Europe and the Middle East. But the most successful sire of Champions became an US-bred one...

The 18th Austrian International Arabian Horse Show was, as always, a part of the Pferd Wels event combining Austrian Nationals, Internationals, Equestrian Fair and sport games.

The famous International ECAHO-"A" Show is one of the most popular amongst the European breeders and trainers as well as the spectators since several years – being the very first trial of young Arabian horses beginning their serious show career and also for many well known veterans – a chance to add one more prestigious international title to their list of successes.

As expected, the first day of the International Show set the level of competition already very high with some outstanding achievements of WH Justice's progeny: three of his yearling daughters being placed in the 1 year old fillies class within the first five ranking: - Da Princess of Justice at the first place, - Juss'Diva (both bred and owned in Austria) and Juwanda OS bred in Germany and owned by the Dubai Stud. And this was just the beginning! WH Justice – who, at the long list of his own successes holds the titles of twice World Top Ten Stallion and Top Five All Nations Cup, European Re-

serve Champion, Scottsdale Top Five and Menton Reserve Champion, -he is also climbing up in the ranking of today's top sires in the world now very quickly – seven of his young offspring have been placed in their classes within the first five at the International Show this year: - Da Princess Of Justice bred and owned by Cornelia Kolnberger, becoming the Junior Champion, - Juwanda OS from Gestut Osterhof – Female Junior Top Five – and the very exotic yearling colt – AJA Justified out of a FS Bengali daughter, bred and owned by AJA Arabians/UK, which is probably starting his way to replace his sire in the future, after he ended up with his class win and the Reserve Junior Championship title.

AJA Arabians went back from the Wels International Show with some more trophies for junior stallions: a class win and a Junior Male Top Five gained by their two years old grey Psytadel son – AJA Sandstorm out of the Sanadik El Shaklan daughter Sanadina. Psytadel was another sire of significance during this years Wels show with his German and Polish bred progeny which scored within the first 5 places in their classes: the 2 years old filly Miss Marenga bred and owned by Reinhard Sax/DE, – the colt Lord Bey Shah bred and owned by Minnesota Arabians/PL and the 3 years old Psynata bred by Gestut Osterhof and owned by Dubai Stud which took also the honour as "Junior Female Top Five" of the show. But even more successful became another stallion of great merit across Europe – World Top Five, All Nations Cup Reserve Champion and three times Israeli National Champion – Laheeb! His European get competed successfully in the adult classes, with earning the title of Reserve Senior Champion Mare for the Polish-bred – Emesa owned by Michalow State



National judges:
V. Rocco/BR,
Dr. GM. Aragno/IT,
S. Eberhardt/D,
Dr. M. Neubacher/A,
A. Heiloo/A
(President of VVÖ)



National and International judges.
From left: L. Rocco/BR,
M. Tengstedt/DK,
A. Stojanovska/PL,
R. Wolf/ISR. (trainee)
S. Eberhardt/D,
V. Rocco/BR,
Dr. M. Neubacher/A,
D. Dahmen/USA



Mrs. Despeghe-van Hee/B, Mrs. A. Heiloo/A,
Mrs. S. Garde Ehlert/D



Dr. M. Neubacher/A
and Mr. Lacina/CZ

Stud and the German-bred grandson: the beautiful and experienced - German National and Stroeher International Champion - Al Milan (Sax Arabians). He placed second in his class and Mahala owned by Rabab Stud/EG, which started her European show career with a very respectable "Top Five Senior Female" title. Both are sired by the incredible Laheeb son - World, Al Nations Cup and Dubai Gold Cup Champion Stallion - Al Lahab. A further "Top Five" title was gained by another daughter of Al Lahab, in the Junior Female section, - bred in the US by Om El Arab - Om El Enigma (owned by Ajman Stud) being a maternal half sister to the proven sire Om El Extreem - title holder of the El Ran Cup Championship and National Champion of Spain as well as 2008 Frankfurt International Senior Champion Stallion, where Om El Enigma gained the title of Junior Champion at the same show.

The second day of the Wels International Show brought ex-



Mrs. Marieta Salas/ESP
and Mario Matt/A



C. Kolnberger/A and A. Heiloo/A

tremely strong competition and big numbers to compete for the Championships and for "Top Five" honors. Especially the young fillies took part in an exciting and hard battle which at the end became a big celebrated win for Da Princess of Justice (chosen as Austrian National Champion the day before too) in front of Psyche Victoria - bred and owned by Chrynnopalace stud from Poland, which is one of the most promising show fillies sired by the "Triplecrown" winner Ekstern at the



Klarembek Arabians from NL



Woiteck from Poland

moment. In the group of the Junior Males AJA Justified ended up as Reserve Champion behind the class winner of the (junior) yearling colts – Brazilian-bred and Saudi Arabia owned Shannan El Madan, who won the prestigious “Junior Male Championship” title. He is sired by the Egyptian/Russian bred Shael Dream Desert out of the Ali Jamaal and Bey Shah granddaughter – Perla K.

The winners of the Senior Male Championship came both from the same stallion class the day before – with Fontanella Magic Arabians impressive moving, US bred True Colours (by Thee Desperado) winning the Championship title and beating the big favorite, – former “Triplecrown” winner Khidar who earned the title of Reserve Senior Male Champion!

The Mare Championships belonged to Polish competitors without a doubt – Michalów State Stud was represented by the highest scored horse of the show (93,17) – Ejrene (by Gazal Al Shaqab) who grabbed the title “Senior Female Champion” in front of her stablemate – Emesa being Reserve and the third Michalów Stud bred and owned – Emanda by Ecaho (scored 92,17) placed also “Senior Female Top Five”. Michalow had one more representative in the highly evaluated “Top Fives” – Ejrene’s paternal half brother and outstanding mover Drabant placed “Senior Male Top Five” after winning his class in front of Al Milan, – the Mahadin-son – El Emir and two other Polish dark bay competitors – private bred and owned by Stanislaw Redestowicz, – Etnodrons Psyche (by Padrons Psyche) and Eryks (by Gazal Al Shaqab) from Michalow Stud. Poland also turned out to become the most successful country beginning the European 2008 show season at Wels with two Championships, one Reserve, two Top Fives and 15 Polish-bred horses placed within the first five rankings in the different classes!

The Austrian Nationals that began on Friday 23rd May and ended in between the Internationals on Saturday became also successful for the young get of WH Justice and Laheeb. Da Princess of Justice won her class and the title of National Champion in front of the Eternity Ibn Nararrone-D filly – Eternal Rouge bred and owned by Selimah Arabians. The Reserve Junior Champion Stallion title was gained by the WH Justice’s yearling colt, Naphis Ibn Justice (Sunhill Arabians). The Championship went to the 3 years old colt Al Hadiyah AA, the full brother to Al Lahab, bred and owned by Ariela Arabians/TL, on lease to La Movida Arabians/AT.

Second in the classes to Naphis Ibn Justice as well as to Al Hadiyah AA were colts sired by the Ch El Brillo-son Lorenzo El Bri. Both bred and owned by the Austrian Ski World Champion and Arabian Horse breeder – Mario Matt: the 2 years old MM Samuel (out of Sayonara El Bri) and the yearling colt MM Fernando (out of MFA Forgetmenot) being $\frac{3}{4}$ sibling to MM Fabrizio (by Ch El Brillo) – who is also

bred by Matt Arabians and now owned by Francesco Tripodi, successful competitor of the Internationals – winning his class and placed “Junior Male Top Five”. There was also a Lorenzo El Bri filly from Matt Arabians competing in the yearlings – MM Sophieenne being placed just after Juss’Diva in



Mrs. Izabella Zawadska/PL and Mr. J. Bialobok/PL

the class while her stablemate, the two years old MM Escada (by Jonathan El Ludijn) won Top Five honors in the Junior Mares Championship. The Senior Mare division was won by the interesting The Ministril and El Perfecto cross – Prieta (by Thee Brigader) which became Austrian Senior National Champion in front of a Versace-daughter imported from the US by La Movida Arabians: Vanessa RA. In the Senior Stallion Championships again Ch El Brillo has proved himself as a popular sire of champions for Austria with his son Galinka El Sheikh (Selimah Arabians) gaining the title of 2008 National Champion Stallion beating Al Emir (by Mahadin) of Al Hambra Arabians. Galinka El Sheikh finished his striking weekend in Wels with winning also the “International Senior Male Top Five” title on Sunday.

The nice atmosphere of this intimate but prestigious event at Wels was continued with the Open House at La Movida Arabians, invited by Pferd Wels main organizers – Gerlinde and Ferdinand Huemer. The relaxing “after-the-show” afternoon at the stud celebrating its 20th anniversary since the first pure bred horses appeared at Krenglbah nearby Wels, provided the prestigious guests – the breeders, owners, judges and trainers who worked or competed during the show just few hours earlier, with the marvelous presentation of La Movida stars that influence Austrian and international breeding. The Master of the ceremony, Ch El Brillo himself be shown at the end and the group of home-bred mares like All Nations Cup Champion, and European and El Ran Cup Reserve – Reza El Bri, – Reserve Junior Champion at Kreuth B-show – Porla El Bri (both by Ch El Brillo), La Movida’s get of Ali Jamaal (including Pryam El Jamaal and Pandora El Jamaal) and some new imports like the US-bred Versace daughter Vanessa RA, FT Wuotan (Yllan El Jamaal – ST Mars Shaklina) and the raising star – Al Hadiyah AA on lease from Ariela Arabians. It was the best possible end of this exciting Arabian horse weekend in Austria – and a promising start of the 2008 European show season. □

La Movida Open House



Buffet



F. Huemer/A and Mrs. Kirschner/D



Eating and talking



Enjoying



F. Huemer/A and Frank Spönle/D



J. Bassindale/GB



Mr. Abdelaziz Al Marazeeq from Dubai and Mr. J. Bialobok/PL



Mario Matt and girlfriend/A



L. Perroy/BR



F. Huemer/A
and Mrs. Ilse von Heske Bothenwald/A



True Colours
Champion Stallions

Owner: Fontanella Magic Arabians/IT
Breeders: Sunshine Arabians/USA



Khidar****
Reserve Champion Stallions

Owner: Khidar Partnership/BE
Breeders: Verrijdt/BE



Al Emir
Top Five



Drabant
Top Five



Galinka El Sheikh
Top Five



Shannan El Madan

Champion Colts

Owner: Prince Abdullah Bin Fahad
Al Saud/KSA
Breeders: Do Amaral/BRZ



Aja Justified

Reserve Champion Colts

Owner/Breeders: Hickford/GB



LA Nadenhnij

Top Five



Aja Sanstorm

Top Five



MM Fabrizio

Top Five



Ejrene

Champion Mares

Owner/Breeders: Michalow/PL



Emesa

Reserve Champion Mares

Owner/Breeders: Michalow/PL



Aishaa

Top Five



Mahala

Top Five



Emanda***

Top Five



**DA Princess
Of Justice**
Champion Fillies

Owner/Breeders: Kolnberger/AT



Psyche Victoria
Reserve Champion Fillies

Owner/Breeders: Poszepczynska/PL



Juwanda OS

Top Five



OM El Enigma

Top Five



Psynata

Top Five



Galinka El Sheikh

Champion Stallions

Owner/Breeders: Selimah Arabians/AT



Al Emir

Reserve Champion Stallions

Owner/Breeders: Huber/AT



DA Kandahar

Top Five



Al Hadiyah AA

Champion Colts

Owner: Ariela Arabians/ISR
Breeders: Huemer/AT



Naphis Ibn Justice
Reserve Champion Colts

Owner/Breeders: Schlatter/AT



TM Aragorn

Top Five



MM Fernando

Top Five



MM Samuel

Top Five

Austrian National Championships in Wels



Prieta*

Champion Mares

Owner/Breeders: Kapsch/AT



Vanessa RA

Reserve Champion Mares

Owner: Williams & Brown/USA

Breeders: Huemer/AT



Faustyna

Top Five



Aaliyah Bey

Top Five



DA Princess
Of Justice
Champion Fillies

Owner/Breeders: Kolnberger/AT



Eternal Rouge
Reserve Champion Fillies

Owner/Breeders: Rongits/AT



Juss' diva
Top Five



Kijara
Top Five



MM Escada
Top Five