

Nina Suskevicova

Suweco Stud welcomes new horses from Brazil and invites you on-line

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The talk with Nina Suskevicova, the most internationally known Czech Republic breeder nowadays, who keeps investing a lot of efforts in running her top international quality breeding based on Polish, Spanish, Brazilian and Straight Egyptian lines. Although she is relatively young breeder her horses are already known on top European shows and Nina herself since last year is also a board member representing Czech Republic in ECAHO Show Commission. In the talk with Urszula Łęczycka she tells about the Czech Republic role in ECAHO, the reasons for her admiration to Polish and Spanish bloodlines and the very special plan she establishes for her growing group of Brazilian-bred mares. At last but not least Nina is for the first time talking about the three very exciting mares just arriving on European shows scene that we can already see at the new website of Suweco Stud and soon-also at European showings!



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more than ten years ago. Only the attending of the international events, firstly as spectator and lately as breeder, helped me to be seen on the international level. The most important was to leave the national milieu and to be focused more on the international trends in the breeding.

Through the problems waiting for all of the beginners I found the way how I would like to lead our own breeding program what is one of the most important goal for every breeder.

TA: Do you plan to establish Suweco Stud farm?

NS: I am thinking about it long time and with the increasing number of our horses I am sure I will build our own farm when the right moment and time will come. Anyway our horses are in lovely hands at present as well. Some of them are on trainer's farm and the mares in foal and brood mares will go to the Poland to spend their time on my friend's farm huge pastures and in the comfortable barns. My first mare, Straight Egyptian mare Umbertina, is staying in the

barns very close to my place in Czech Republic.

TA: You are the representative of Czech Republic at ECAHO board. What in your opinion Czech Republic

Tutto Arabi: Suweco Stud is one of the very few successful breeding operations without a certain location – why?

Nina Suskevicova: I started to work with Arabian horses



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may offer to ECAHO and what ECAHO is doing or still should do for Czech national breeding?

NS: Yes, I am the representative of the Czech Republic in ECAHO Show Commission from the last year. Under me the best what Czech Republic has provided to ECAHO is our charismatic representative Jaroslav Lacina, current ECAHO President. He has his own lifelong experiences in the Arabian horse world and his big passion for those horses is combined with the new generation manager point of view. Generally I'd like to say that every ECAHO state member is coming to this organization with his own ideas how to improve the breeding programs, show and race conditions and the arrangements for the horses and all the people around them. In my opinion it is also what Czech Republic should expect from ECAHO. We need to see the directions and developments in other countries and this is for me the ECAHO role together with the supporting of the international events where all of us can share our experiences.

TA: Suweco Stud is one of the most internationally known Czech Republic farms breeding and buying horses. What in your opinion is a reason that we don't hear much about Arabian horses from Czech Republic?

NS: Although Arabian horses have been bred in former

Czechoslovakia (now Czech Republic) from seventies we are still relatively small group of the breeders mostly focused on our region. I see the future in the higher investments to the individual breeding programs, in the acquisitions of the new blood horses and the more careful choosing of the suitable stallions for the breedings. The organisation of InterPrague Cup B show in Prague was very helpful in two last years. Large support of the sponsors and also media interest helped us with the larger popularisation of Arabian horses in our country and I hope the other studs will be seen internationally in short period of time.

TA: How do you see Czech Republic breeding of Arabian horses nowadays – is it growing and developing in some particular directions? How do you think it will look like in the future?

NS: I expect that Czech Republic will follow the other European countries trends. The import of the good horses from abroad is growing and breeders started to be more focused on the quality in their breeding programs. It will take some time but still I see our future very positive.

TA: Lets talk about your horses nowadays – how did you start your Arabian horse passion and who was your first horse?

NS: My first horse was Straight Egyptian Arabian mare Umbertina. She is the fantastic horse with the typical



LETHYZIA SA
(TYSON HVP X TAHINE SA)



Princess Touch W
(YLLAN EL JAMAAL - DONNA TOUCH LV)

character of Arabian horse, softness and intelligence. She is the exact reason of my coming passion for Arabian horses.

TA: *And who is your favourite and most entitled horse now?*

NS: *On the Czech shows scene we have very successful stallion Sharm El Shaklan by Sanadik El Shaklan and his mother is Umbertina mentioned above. Both of them were entitled by the champion titles. On the international level it was our fantastic mare Al Waleska El Shael by Shael Dream Desert with her exotic type inherited by her father. She brings for me a lot of happiness. I am also happy with my new Brazilian acquisitions where the young Ametista Al Jade is already multichampion in Brasil.*

TA: *You seem to specialize in Polish and Brazilian lines – why?*

NS: *From the beginning I liked very much Polish breeding program. Two hundreds years continuously running breeding gives a lot of to learn to all of us. Like the other breeders across the world I love the classic beauty of the Polish mares and their famous "twenty" movement. Monogram lines are my most favorite. I love Monogram's son Ekstern and his offspring and mostly ever Monogram's daughters and their lines. Polish blood lines*

are for me perfectly fitting with the Spanish lines which are very well represented in Brasil. I am working on collecting brood mares group with the most influencing blood lines and I am looking for the best crossing with the stallions where is no inbreeding in the blood what is very often quit uneasy.

TA: *We heard about your admirations for Brazilian mares, can you tell us about your recent trip to Brazil, your impressions about that breeding and why you decided to enlarge your group of Brazilian mares?*

NS: *I visited Brasil first time this year even I already had made the Brazilian horses acquisitions before. I have to say I was very impressed with the high level of the Brazilian breeding programs, their farms with huge pastures and still green grass. As I said I like the Spanish blood lines and there were a lot of fantastic horses in European type to chose. During the week I spent in Brasil I saw more than one hundred horses and some of them were difficult not to buy. A lot of such horses were never shown and they could be a big surprise on the European showgrounds.*

TA: *So let's then speak about your recent exciting purchases.... can you briefly tell us about those mares and what will be their future career?*

NS: *I am excited! I had the opportunity to buy three new*



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mares to include them in our breeding program and I expect them to be seen also on the show grounds. Three years old Lethyza SA (Tyson HVP x Tahine SA) is from the same stud from where my former shows succesful mare Athena SA (Nuzyr HFC x Dell Touch) was coming. She has had already show worth experiences in Brasil and she is supposed to follow it in Europe as well. My second acquisition is Ametista Al Jade (Mirage LM x Tahyla HVP), she achieved already the champion titles in Brasil and I am very happy she can enlarge our group of horses. The last one is totally white and extremely typey five years old Princess Touch W (Yllan El Jamaal x Donna Touch LV). She is currently in foal to very promissing Shael Dream Desert son and her future will be in our breeding and show program.

NS: So do you plan to return in Brazil for some more?

TA: I very hope yes. If it is possible I would be happy to attend Brasilian Nationals. As far as I know some fantastic horses are to be seen there.

TA: Suweco Stud after few years of existence has recently apearaed also on-line. Will we see the latest news and further steps of your great breeding program on-line since now?

NS: I am happy to announce our web pages on www.suwecostud.com are working and everybody is welcome to visit them!

TA: Good luck!



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