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Ithough the World Championships in Paris is always an unforgettable event, the 2014's edition has been even more, lingering on people's mind for a long time. For the first time in the Paris World Championship history, Uruguay wins the gold title with Excalibur EA, owned by Princess Laetitia d'Arenberg.

Excalibur EA has not only accomplished the great goal of becoming the European Triple Crown Champion 2014, winning the Aachen Championship, the European Championship and the Paris World Championship.

Excalibur EA, son of Shanghai EA X Essence of Marwan EA, has also kept up the reputation of his royal pedigree: he has been bred in Spain by Equus Arabians, well known worldwide for having bred Excaliburs' father, the champion Shanghai EA. Shanghai EA won several international awards and he almost achieved the same glorious goal of a triple crown. In 2011 he won the silver in Paris and he repeated the second place in 2013 in Aachen and in Paris. The same year he conquered the Gold Medal at the European Championships. That was not enough to win the triple crown and we all had to wait 2014 to admire Excaliburs triple victory.

Excaliburs dam line makes of this horse an extraordinary rare example. During our last visit to Equus Arabians we had the chance to meet his mother, Essence of Marwan. The type and charisma are signs of WH Justice's influence. But Essence of Marwan has given Excalibur EA his athletic body, his almost perfect legs and a really unique movement, making of him an extraordinarily well balanced and impressively charismatic horse.

Excalibur EA was bred in Spain and was leased by Albidayer Stud (UAE) as a young colt. He made his debut at the Sharjah Arabian Show, achieving the second place in his class. When he came back to Europe for a while, Mr. Sorroca, his breeder and owner by the time, realized that the moment for a new challenge had come: going to America.



Excalibur EA just arrived in Belgium



There Excalibur EA conquered the US National Champion Yearling Colt Title, proving Mr. Sorroca was right.

For a long time Olivia Strauch, the manager of Las Rosas Arabians in Uruguay, the farm owned by Princess Laetitia d'Arenberg, has been searching for a horse, stallion-to-be, to increase the stud's quality. Since Excalibur EA had won the US National they have been following his path.

In 2013, a week before the Scottsdale show, Princess Laetitia and her farm manager Olivia Strauch arranged a visit to the Ted Carson's Butler Farm Stalls at the Scottsdale showgrounds in the USA where Excalibur was being trained. The young stallion revealed himself at his best, leaving the visitors impressed. Princess Laetitia and Olivia already imagined a future with Excalibur EA at the farm in Uruguay and decided to buy him before the show. Excalibur against strong competitors was named Scottsdale International Arabian Breeders Classic Two Year Old Champion Colt, giving the first great satisfaction to Las Rosas Arabians.

Just two months after Excalibur competed in Las Vegas

for Uruguay and confirmed his supremacy. He was named Silver Supreme Junior Stallion indeed.

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Princess Laetitia and her manager have perfectly designed Excalibur's career.

After a demanding show season the young stallion finally went to Uruguay where he relaxed and began to breed the mares of his own new Stud.

In the first year Excalibur bred 24 mares giving impressive results: the new born foals are all strong in type, movement and charisma.

During a visit to Uruguay the well known breeder Christine Jamar of Jadem Arabians (Belgium) discovered with enthusiasm the type and charisma developed by the horse in the meanwhile. That's why she asked Princess Laetitia and her staff to have Excalibur in Europe at Jadem Arabians for the next breeding and shows season. They unanimously chose Tom Schoukens as the best handler to lead Excalibur towards the world success.

Excalibur met the European reality for the first time at Menton 2014 Show, where the competition level was very high: there he was third in class.

After that first appearance the horse began his incredible show season winning the Gold at Strohen, the Gold at West Coast and the Gold in Aachen. Nobody will forget the exceptional score of 95.33 gained in Aachen, the highest score ever given in an Ecaho show ever.

His successful year went on with a Gold Medal at the European Championships concluding with the title of World Champion in Paris.

The joy for the victory in Paris was shared by all the supporters of Excalibur from all over the world: several public personalities from Uruguay and all his fans.

When the speaker announced the name of the World Champion a long standing ovation from the crowd and from the Princess' VIP tables filled up the space and thounsands of uruguayan little flags coloured the arena.

The fame of this World Champion will last forever in the arabian horse history and the myth of Excalibur EA will always live.

Excalibur EA in Aachen 2014







Excalibur EA All Nations Cup, Aachen



Excalibur EA European Championships Excalibur EA in Paris 2014

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