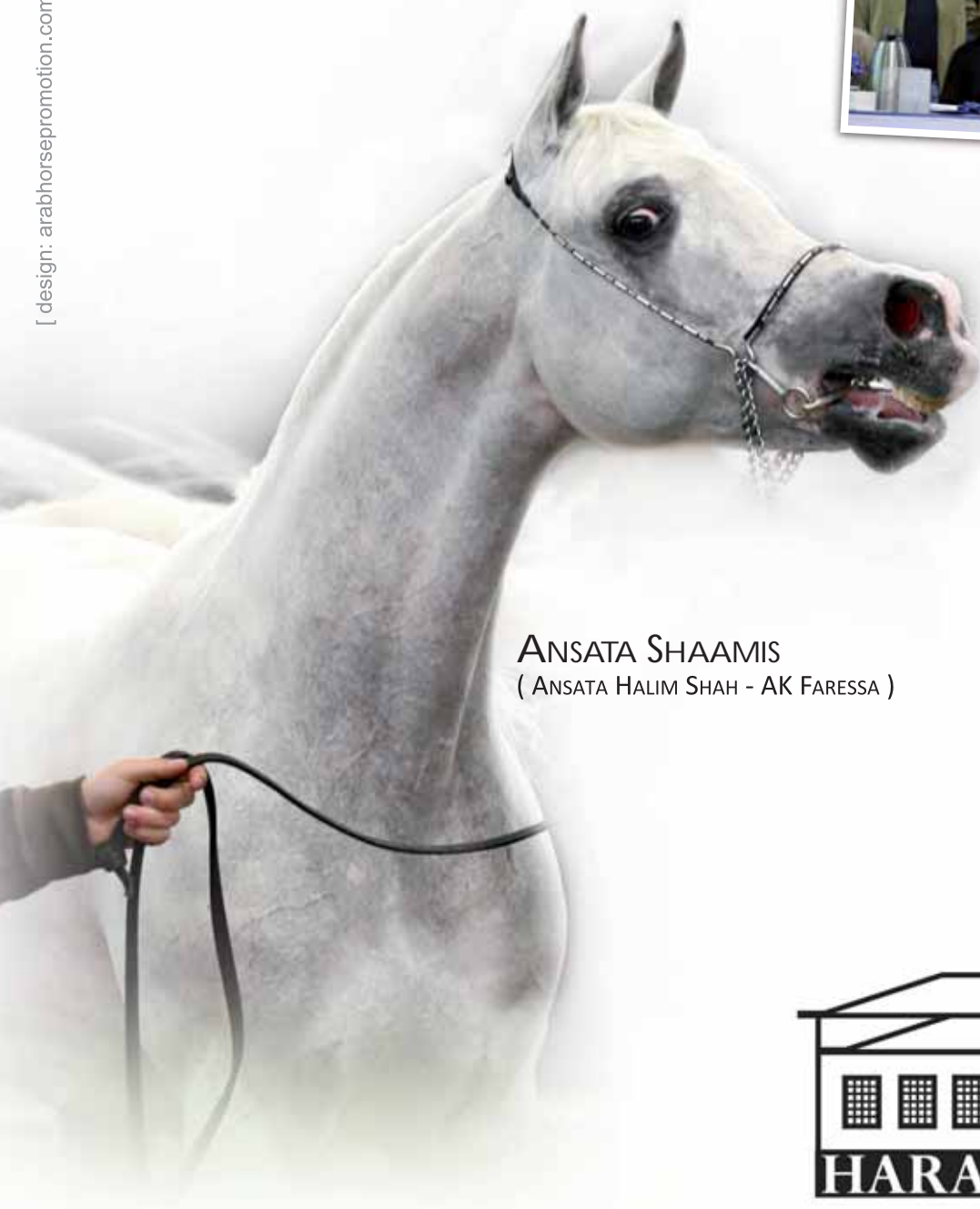


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CRUZEIRO

expansion to the
New World

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However this big stud farm of long tradition in breeding Brazilian national horse breed Mangalarga accompanied by the huge cow herd project started its story with Arabian horses not long ago, there is probably no one in our community nowadays who wouldn't know the name of Haras Cruzeiro. Owned by Leandro de Aguiar and managed by his nephew Andre Cruz this Arabian stud located close to Araxá in Minas Gerais, Brazil, thanks to its breeding program and investments is being placed amongst the most actively developing Arabian horse operations throughout Brazil and whole New World of Southern America. Previously gathered solid base of broodmares by the good quality sires as Ali Jamaal, Lethyf El Jamaal, El Nabila B, Challenger, Marwan Al Shaqab, WH Justice, Eden C or

Legacy of Fame started the collection of Haras Cruzeiro. Later on, thanks to the smart and long term vision and well planned show and breeding plans in co-operation with two good friends from Brazil and Europe: Zico Guardia and Simone Leo some spectacular purchases enriched the horse band. They started with a big kick – purchasing living legend whose arrival in Brazil was announced worldwide: the US Egyptian Event Champion Stallion and the champion producer all over the world – Ansata Shaamis (by Ansata Halim Shah). This sire and grandsire of exceptional value made quite a big rumor around and offers of re-purchase came almost immediately to Haras Cruzeiro. Until the summer 2010 the mares - real pearls from Europe appeared at Haras Cruzeiro barns as following: the rare grey, swan necked Gazal Al Shaqab daughter Shariba (out of Thee Rahiba) – the half sister to European entitled Turchiya MPE and daughter of Thee Rahiba whose embryo was also purchased by Ajman Stud.



GHS Mary Rose
(WH Justice x Bajah Badiya by Thee Desperado)



Soon after the famous sister of Shariba – Turchiya MPE from Manzi Family herself joined Haras Cruzeiro continuing her show successes in Europe for the new owners. These mares surely will bring even more successes to the new owners both in the show as well as the breeding fields. And this was not the end of spectacular collection coming into the barns of the farm... Andre Cruz agreed to share a piece of Hares Cruzeiro's key to the success with Tutto Arabi readers.

Tutto Arabi: Can you tell us more about the main goals of Haras Cruzeiro Arabian horse stud and its breeding program?

Andre Cruz: First of all, before being Arabian horse breeders we are horse lovers. We breed in our farm not only Arabian horses, we have also Mangalarga (Brazilian breed) as well as Paint-horse but in a smaller scale. The relationship between our family and horses come from many generations, mine if is the fifth already. For instance, my grandfather – Ananias Ferreira de Aguiar (Leandro's father) was a horse passionate, and he was key not only for Leandro's, as well as for my development as a breeder. But I haven't met someone as fanatical for horses as Leandro – he has something unique in the way he relates with horses

– and being with him at the farm or talking about horses is a privilege and it is always a learning experience. Adding to the fact that we carry this “horse DNA”, we are strongly using our horses in the cattle operation at the farm – we have more than 80 horses dedicated to cow working, and most of them are Arabians. So it is easy to conclude that a horse for us should be strong, resistant, fast, intelligent, hard-worker, fast-learner, good-character and friendly. I can tell you it is not easy to find these qualities in every horse, but it is much easier to find in an Arabian horse.

But this is not enough. As Vinicius de Moraes, a famous Brazilian poet, bohemian and singer – one of the Bossa Nova creators, used to say “I would like to apologize to the ugly ladies, but beauty is fundamental”. So, combined with all the qualities mentioned above, for us beauty is very important. So if I could summarize Haras Cruzeiro breeding program main goals, I think it would be something like: enhance the quality of our horses in a way that they become more skilled for those who needs a soldier to win a war and more beautiful for those who wants someone to be in love with.

TA: And what are your best offspring born in Haras Cruzeiro so far that you are most satisfied with and why?



Shariba
(Gazal Al Shaqab - Thee Rahiba)

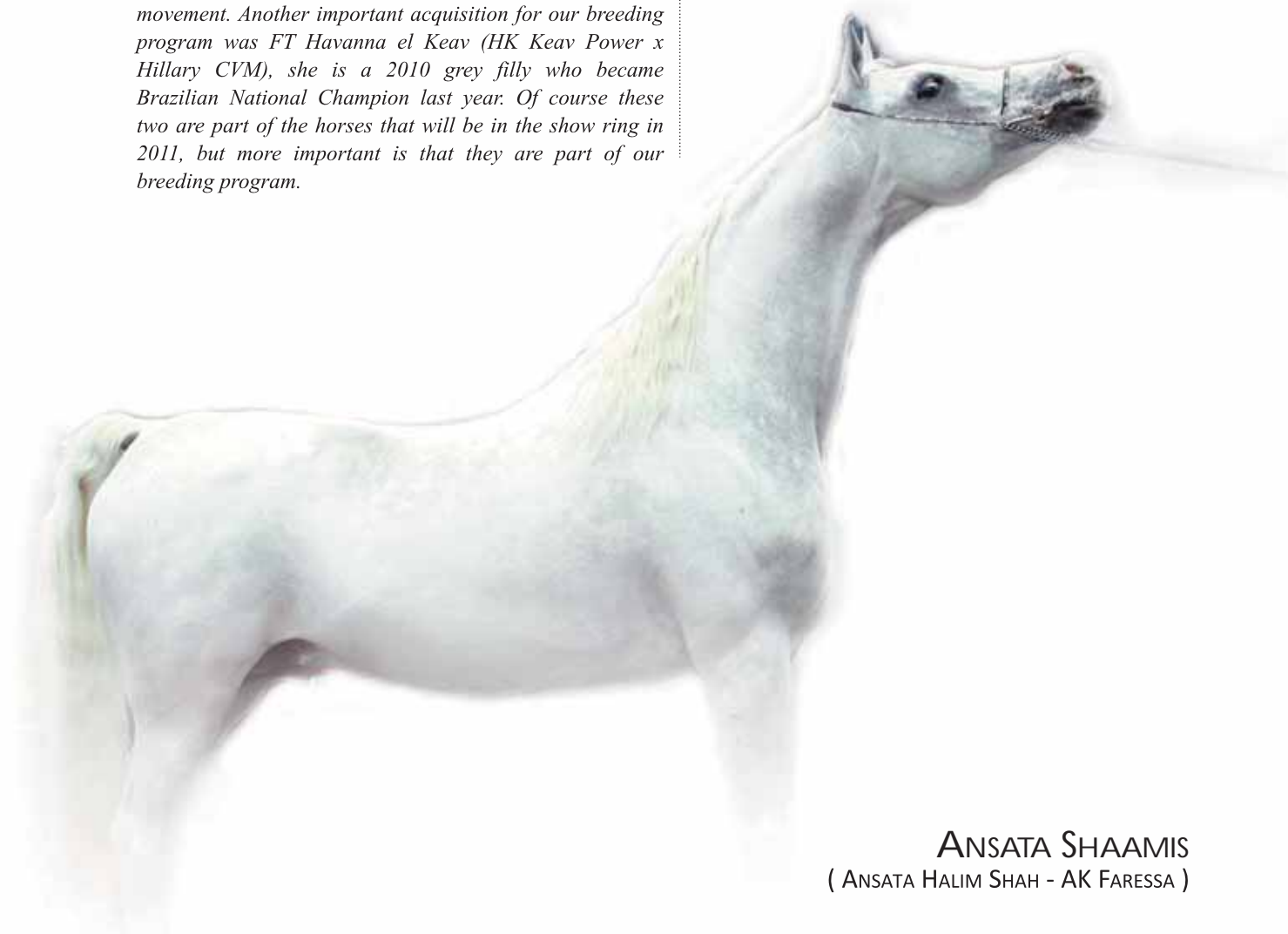
AC: This is one of the best parts about breeding horses, the offspring. I love to go to the farm, but I love more to go to the farm between December and March, when the babies are coming. It is a fantastic feeling! We are very happy this year with Henno Serondella offspring so far. It is still early to say anything, they have just born, but I have liked them very much. They are very elegant, long neck, long legs, short body and very good in attitude, let's see how they develop. Henno Serondella is a young stallion, he was a Brazilian National Champion as colt, and he was bred by Fabio Amorosino, from Haras Serondella and it is owned by Fabio and Leandro. I am very anxious to see how Henno's daughters will produce with Ansata Shaamis – for me it is a very complementary combination.

TA: As some of our readers may have already noticed – the purchase of Turchiya MPE was not the last one of Haras Cruzeiro last time. Can you tell us about the latest acquisitions and your plans regarding these horses?

AC: We have acquired recently two important fillies. From Germany we brought GHS Mary Rose (WH Justice x Bajah Badiya by Thee Desperado). She is a 2009 grey filly, very refined, beautiful head and type, long legs and great movement. Another important acquisition for our breeding program was FT Havanna el Keav (HK Keav Power x Hillary CVM), she is a 2010 grey filly who became Brazilian National Champion last year. Of course these two are part of the horses that will be in the show ring in 2011, but more important is that they are part of our breeding program.

TA: Haras Cruzeiro is known not only for the good broodmares band and spectacular purchases. You quickly became one of best equipped Brazilian farms nowadays according the semen of world's best stallions that you have collected last year. Can you tell us a piece of the secret of your current breeding program – which stallions will you use for such spectacular mares?

AC: This is something that I am absolutely passionate about – planning the breeding program and defining which stallion use for which mare – and the best part happens when the babies arrive. This year we will use Ansata Shaamis widely. We are very confident that he will do a great job with our mares. Another stallion that will be used is HDB Sihr Ibn Massai, owned by my good friend Woody from Italy. HDB Sihr Ibn Massai will be in Brazil for a two years leasing, and he is arriving until end of February. In a much smaller scale we will use also Amir Ashiraf (WH Justice son), QR Marc and Matisse FM (Marwan Al Shaqab son, 2010 Young Stallion Brazilian National Champion). For next year we will use Gazal Al Shaqab, Marwan Al Shaqab, WH Justice, MA Shadow El Sher and of course Henno Serondella, Ansata Shaamis and HDB Sihr Ibn Massai.



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TA: Haras Cruzeiro is also representative of two stallions that have already proven their abilities in Europe and Middle East: MA Shadow El Sher and WH Justice. What is your plan regarding this great couple? Are the breedings available also for the mares outside Haras Cruzeiro?

AC: As I mentioned above, we have great plans for these two stallions for next year, starting at 2011 third quarter. We are representative of MA Shadow El Sher and WH Justice in Brazil, and we still have some breedings available for other breeders mares.

TA: Last autumn you decided to introduce also young stallion HDB Sihr Ibn Massai – previously used only in Italy and Poland. What was the reason of this decision, what are your expectations and your plan regarding Sihr's stay in Brazil?

AC: We have great plans and high expectations with HDB Sihr Ibn Massai. I had seen some picture of HDB Sihr Ibn Massai that made a good impression. Then I saw him in Aachen, in the paddock, and he was amazing. Leandro was with me and he was even more impressed about the horse. So after that, thanks to our friends Zico Guardia, Simone Leo and of course Woody – who let “a piece of his own

heart come to Brazil” – we were able to make a two year leasing of HDB Sihr Ibn Massai. The plan is to use him in our breeding program, sell some breedings not only for Brazil, but also for other South American countries and North America. I have seen some pictures from the first babies from HDB Sihr Ibn Massai born in Europe, and they are just amazing. The second part of the plan, still to be confirmed, is to prepare him for the show ring – maybe in 2011 or even in 2012.

TA: Let's speak about the successes your horses have achieved already. Do you remember the most satisfying moment from the past show season?

AC: We have had some good moments in the show ring, and recently we had great moments with Turchyia MPE in Aachen – 2nd place in class, in Verona – Gold Medal and Best in Show and in Paris, best head in class. These three moments were really special for us. Of course that success in the show ring is important, winning is always very good – it is a great feeling. But at the end of the day, this is not what drives our actions. Our breeding program, passion that we have about horses, desire to breed better today than we did in the past and in the future than we do now – these are the things that we really care of.



SHANELLE D'MISTER JM

Turchiya MPE
(WH Justice - Thee Rahiba)



FT Havanna el Keav
(HK Keav Power x Hillary CVM)



Turchiya MPE
(WH Justice - Thee Rahiba)



Khatreena JM
(AF Don Giovani - Kuhaylah NA)



Turchiya MPE
(WH Justice - Thee Rahiba)



FT Havanna el Keav
(HK Keav Power x Hillary CVM)



TA: *So did you already plan the next show appearances of Haras Cruzeiro in 2011 to repeat these feelings?*

AC: *Yes, we have a draft plan for 2011. This year we will probably be more focused on the Brazilian shows. Turchyia MPE should come to Brazil until March in foal with QR Marc, so we will not have any horse to compete abroad. But we never know...it is still a draft plan...it may change a little bit... In August we organize a regional show in Araxá. This year will be the third year that we run this show in collaboration with our great friend Leonardo*

Migliorini from Haras Mig. And it will be the second year that we organize an Open House at our farm. We have great plans for the show and for the Open House this year – it will be not easy to beat last year, when we presented for the first time in Brazil Ansata Shaamis and Shariba that have just arrived from Europe – but we will work very hard to raise the bar.

TA: *It seems you like to travel to Europe often participating at the shows and inspecting breeding programs of different countries. Can you tell us about*



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your trip plans for 2011? Are there any new countries or new shows you would like to attend?

AC: Yes, you are right. Travelling around the world is another upside about breeding Arabian horses – those trips are great opportunities to learn about what other breeders are doing as well as make good friends. I still didn't have the opportunity to go to Middle East and visit the great studs there, this is definitely something that is in our plan. Some shows in Europe (Menton and European Championship) and in USA (Las Vegas and American

Nationals) are also in the plan. The problem is that there are many places and breeders to visit, and not so much time available – but this is a good problem to manage.

TA: So we wish you great trips and great results in realizing your breeding and excursions plans.



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ON LEASE TO HARAS CRUZEIRO

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