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egyptian event europe

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The Baden-Baden racecourse is no stranger to the prominent Egyptian Event Europe, however, with the latest edition of the show the Pyramid Foundation Europe GmbH - namely Ferdinand Schwestermann and Horst Preuss - exceeded all expectations and organized a truly remarkable show.

On a beautiful backdrop and in front of packed stands straight Egyptian horses from all over Europe and Egypt battled it out from the start to garner the coveted prizes.

Weather forecasts for the weekend were not good and the first visitors arriving on Friday were welcomed by pou-

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ring rain. Luckily on Saturday morning, right at the opening of the show, the weather improved, so that visitors and competitors alike were

Sahib champion stallion



even able to enjoy a few hours of sunny weather. This year's jury was made up of Sylvie Eberhardt (Germany), Renate Schibler (Switzerland), Dr. Nico Jung (Germany) and Peter Upton (United Kingdom). The organizing committee persuaded Wolfgang Eberhardt to act as speaker and he managed to liven up the audience's with impeccable style.

On Saturday morning, the competition kicked off with the yearling and two-year old colt and filly classes. A particularly interesting showcase, as these classes provide an occasion to make the very first assessment of mares' and stallions' produce. The first class to enter the show arena was yearling filly. Italah Al Badeia deservedly won her class and set the first yardstick, scoring 329 points. This Simeon Sharav daughter out of Sondos Albadeia is already very feminine and harmonious; bred at Dr. Nasr Marei's well-known Albadeia stud in Egypt, Italah Al Badeia looks very much like her sire Simeon Sharav, that was presented later in the show. Her runner-up was Najla Al Nakeeb (out of Samara SQR), whose type strongly resembles her sire Hafid Jamil's. The black filly from the British Al Nakeeb stud owned by Hassanain Al Nakeeb ranked ahead of an Egyptian entry, Samra Amira (F Shamaal x Mattala Bint Mahra), owned by the El Gabry stud. The kickoff of the event was truly thrilling!

The yearling colt class opened up the showcase of a young breeding stock's produce, Al Lahab, who

335

THE BEST SCORE OF THE SHOW

Royal Colours champion colt



Gianpaolo Gubiotti, Claudia Darius, Paolo Capecchi, Royal Colours, Francesco Tripodi, Fabiano Tripodi, Dr. Mohsen Afiti (President of Egyptian Association)

is currently on lease in the USA. Al Lahab's sons and daughter bred in Europe are really worth their sire. The Wagners garnered the first class win for Germany with the young and typey Pyramid Layyan K (out of Bint Kahila). Trailing by a minuscule gap was the almost completely white junior stallion Farid Al Dahab (MA Alishah x Remarkable KA), owned by the German Kullmann stud. Murtajab Al Nakeeb (NK Hafid Jamil x Badawia), bred and owned by the Al Nakeeb Arabians stud had to settle for third place in this tough class.

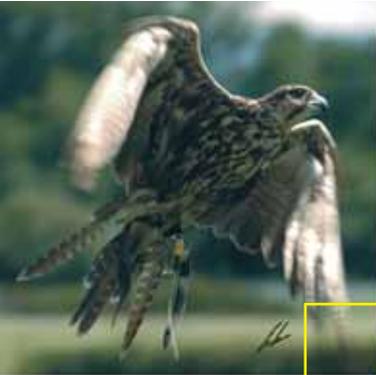
In two-year old fillies Al Lahab scored another success as sire with the exotic Mahala (out of Mahasin), who has already seen her share of Champion titles. Bred by Susanne Reiter's up-and-coming stud and currently owned by the Egyptian al Rabah Stud, this filly obtained the best score of the day with 330 points no less. Liesl Vetter's enchanting LV Salysha (out of Saira) deservedly ranked second and added yet another success to Al Lahab's collection. Third-place filly Egyptian Dea (out of Oh My Shai), owned by Antonio Dionisi, completed the winners' circle showing a completely different type, strongly reminiscent of her sire,

World Champion Hadidi.

The morning session drew to a close with the two-year old junior stallion class. The US import Royal Colours (True Colours x Xtreme Wonder) was the clear-cut winner. Enthusiastically cheered by the audience, this young and typey bay stallion performed really good and was shown to perfection by Paolo Capecchi, obtaining the excellent score of 335, the best score of the show. Kudos to co-owners Gubbiotti/Tripodi/Capecchi for this promising young stallion! Second: Kamal (Authentic Karazi x Shaula), owned by Nena Bierka (Norway) followed by the superb Ansata Selman son El Thay Mahfouz (out of El Thay Mahfouza), bred and owned by Cornelia Tauschke (Germany).

After the break, the competition was resumed with the parade of stallions, the much-awaited showcase that gave the audience the opportunity to admire 12 gorgeous horses. Moreover, the visitors had time to choose their favourites and even exchanging a few words with the handlers. Stallions taking part in the parade included Al Zeer Al Rayyan (out of Alidaar), Pyramid Aalin (out of Ali Valention), Farres (out of Anaza El Farid), Midoun El Madheen (out of Ansata El Salaam), Emiratus B (out of El Thay Mameluk), Labib (out of Imperial Imdal), Tahir (out of Imperial Imdal), Ar Jamill (out of Maymoun), Nashem Al Sabhah (out of Maysoun), Orashaan (out of Maysoun), Maydan-Madheen (out of Maysoun), and Al Hakim (out of Muhajjal).

The parade of stallion was also an important moment to observe carefully the sires of the futurity classes winners.



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Owner Horst Preuss was delighted over the win garnered by the charming Sharuby HP (Maydan Madheen x Shahneekha US) in the filly class. Her runner-up was Raqqasa Al Dahab (MA Alishah x Remarkable KA), bred and owned by the Kullmanns. With Farid HP's win in the colt class (a Farres son out of The Princess of Egypt), Horst Preuss' stud brought home another great success. NDA Muhajjal Ibn Aalin, the bay Pyramid Aalin son out of Shanah

Sharika champion mare



Halim, immediately won the audience over not only for the unusual white spot on his thigh, but also for striking a beautiful and proud pose in front of the jury.

Sharuby HP was crowned Champion Filly, whereas Farid HP was chosen as Reserve Champion Colt, bringing home two prestigious awards for the Preuss stud.

The afternoon program kicked off with individual performances. The Wagners garnered another win in the three-year old filly class, with an astounding performance by Pyramid Laneya (AL Lahab x Pyramid Set El Nil). The lovely filly is no stranger to show ring successes and obtained a very good score, providing her owners a little solace after the death of broodmare Set El Nil. Two German entries followed: the typey and exquisite Authentic Diyah (El Ahhim Shah x Classic Dahra), bred and owned by the Authentic Egyptian Arabians stud, and Mar-Hiba (NK Hafid Jamil x Mar-Halla) owned by Bettina von Kameke.

More excitement came with the three-year old stallion class. Madallan Madheen's influence was evident in both his sons, GR Falleh (out of Fasinah el Chamsin), and Emir Khazar (out of Khazara), ranking first and second respectively: they inherited more than just the beautiful black coat from their sire. GR Falleh, a stallion boasting extremely powerful movement, is owned by Erwin and Anette Escher (Germany), whereas Emir Khazar currently stands in Germany, at Hans Zeiss'. The winners' circle was completed by FM Shah Mahes (Mahadin x Dahmraks Asjah Bint Ashir), owned by Michael Greineder.

The organizing committee had planned a truly entertaining event: after the stallion parade, the

audience was treated to equestrian shows and a fascinating display of eagles, falcons and buzzards.

The senior classes entries were not as numerous as the junior ones, they nevertheless featured an extremely high quality level. In mares aged 4-7, first place went to the charming Ayah Bebo (Ali Zafir x Classic Aldaara), to the delight of her owner Mila Khamis of the Egyptian Bebo stud. Repeating her sons' performance, the classic Remarqable (Marquis I x AK Maliya), owned by the Kullmann stud, ranked second, followed by Marco Franchini's Sahara Al Thawi (Ali el Assuad x JKB Safrah).

The second-day program was drawing to a close and the audience anticipated the show of the senior male class. As soon as they entered the show ring, the superb stallions tried to catch the visitors' eye. Sahib (Salaa el Dine x NK Soraya) emerged the victor, boasting particularly wide and powerful movements. The grey stallion belongs to the Pabsts (Germany). Trailing by a razor-thin gap, Albadeia stud's chief stallion Simeon Sharav took second place. He is the sire of the yearling filly that had won her class in the morning. The typey Al Ayad (Moheeb x Al Mamunah), owned by Monika Wenzel (Germany) was third. The male senior class featured a truly impressive winners' circle!

The first class to enter the show ring on Saturday was mares aged 8-10, another group featuring top-class entries. SHARIKA (El Thay Ibn Halim Shah x Hamasa Mirjah), bred and shown by Robert Schlereth and Volker Wettengl made her way to first place scoring 332 points. The mare fascinated both audience and jury for her great type, her balanced build and beautiful movements. Second best in this class was the elegant bay Sherezade Bint Nile (Malik el Nil x Sharaftana), owned by Sofie Rovens (Belgium), whereas third place went to Ger Basala El Naara (El Thay Said Pasha x Badira Bint Malik) from Dr. Freimüller's stud.

Not too crowded, but truly flawless - this is how the second group of the senior male class might be summarized. The Austrian entry Mahadin (Madkour I x Mahameh) emerged the victor. Peter Gross' typey and compact stallion was recently acquired by the Al Hembra Arabians stud and garnered several successes. The second-place winner was the lively Ansata Najdi (Ansata Temhotep x PWA Asherah Ahrah), owned by Stefano Galber. A colourful contrast

Itlalah Al Badeia

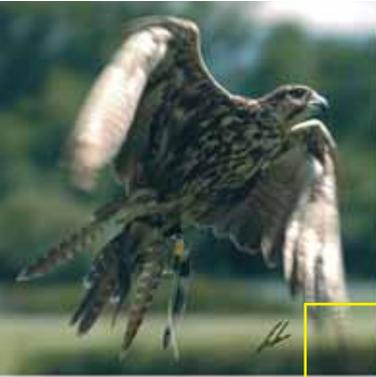
champion filly



came from Ali Pasha (Abbas Pasha I x Medani), owned by the Fazekas Arabians stud (Germany).

The last class to enter the show arena was senior mares. The Eschers (Germany) were absolutely delighted over the win of the ethereal Dalima Shah (da AK Bint Dalia II), an Ansata Halim Shah daughter. In second place was Nezhahat Al Sabhah (Orashaan x Nil Nafiza), owned by Brigitte Arnold (Switzerland). Third in this class was Horst Preuss' Shahneekha US (Anaza Bay Shahh x Anaza Dineekha), whose daughter won the filly championship on Saturday.

Right before the break, the jury chose the entries that would compete for the "Most Classic Head" award. Eventually, the coveted prize was awarded to the young mare GR Amaretto, a Mat Amy Bint Sharie daughter owned by Stefanie Eberlein (Germany) and to the Norwegian stallion Kamal. Top Ten horses were chosen among the entries



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Simeon Sharav
res. champion stallion



Pyramid Layyan K
res. champion colt



THE RESERVE champion

Ayah Bebo
res. champion mare



Najla Al Nakeed
res. champion filly



with the best total scores, instead of being selected by the jury.

The show had a final success in store for Horst Preuss, who brought home a double win with Maydan-Madheen and Shahneekha US, showing a lovely family group.

The final stage of the show was the much-awaited award of the Champion titles.

Italah Al Badeia was named Champion Mare of the Egyptian Event Europe, and Reserve to her was Najla AL. Royal Colours was crowned Junior Champion Stallion, thus confirming the audience's forecasts, with Reserve to Pyramid Layyan K.

Sharika could not but be awarded the Senior Champion Mare title, with the Reserve going to Ayah Bebo. Sahib was awarded Senior Champion Stallion and Simeon Sharav became Reserve Champion Stallion. The beautiful trophies awarded to the proud owners concluded the winners' parade.

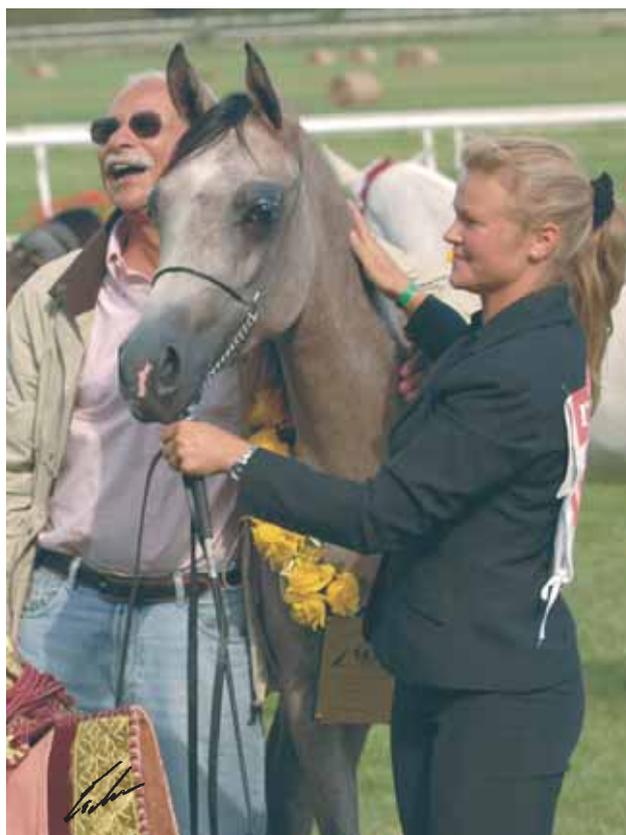
The last prize to be awarded was "Best Straight Egyptian in Show" won by Italah Al Badeia.

Visitors and organizers alike stated almost unanimously that the latest edition of the Egyptian Event Europe in Baden-Baden was a resounding success and one of the best events of the last few years.

The rendezvous is for next year! □

Itlalah Al Badeia

best in show



Sharuby HP

futurity champion



Farid HP

res. futurity champion

