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For Francesco and Serenella, the passion for horses began in their youth. In their late teens they bought their first Avellignese mare, Dalina, which allow them to fulfil a dream. This mare was followed by a female Maremmana, Assurda, with which Francesco used to ride for days on end in the company of Serenella riding the half-blood Principessa

(this mare is now 34 and still living a healthy life at La Frasera). These were years of great passion for horses, but their still unrealized dream was having an Arabian horse.

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Until one day they saw Satir, then a two-year-old colt and now a superb twenty-nineyear-old, undisputed "chief" of FRASERA, which changed all the plans of the Santoro family. He was the basis for FRASERA. His first 'wives' were purchased: Klarinzia della Rocca, a stunning daughter of Klarnet, one of whose daughters is still living at the stud, and Asunta Gazelle by A K Khattar Moniet, now a beautiful 26-year-old which grazes with Principessa and Bint Klarinzia.

As Mr. and Mrs. Santoro

The first Egyptian to be purchased was the wonderful A K Khattar Moniet. He sadly died only after a few months, so he could not be used with the two new sisters just arrived from the US: BF Sharika (The Egyptian Prince x Bint el Hadiyi) and BF Hadiyah Sharaf (Moniet el Sharaf x Bint el Hadiyi). In that period, always in search of bloo-



Francesco Santoro with his wife Serenella Zerbini

dlines that would be able to guarantee the passing on of the Arabian type - snub noses, athletic bodies and Arabian movement - during one of their European trips Franco and Serenella visited the Maiworm family in Germany. There they had another encounter which would leave a mark on their breeding program. Even though they were looking for Egyptian fillies, they went home with a stunning colt with an outstanding pedigree: Shahil (Maysoun x Shahila). He soon became the promising stallion that everyone hoped for as an outcome of this purchase. During a visit to the Imperial Studs in America, two beautiful fillies were chosen: Imperial Safeekah (Ibn Safinaz x Abas Maree-

started breeding PBAs, they also began to travel more extensively, getting to know new studs in America, Europe and especially in Egypt. So they decided to focus their breeding efforts towards the small group of (at that time) rare PBAs of straight Egyptian bloodline. kah) and Imperial Madayyah (Imperial Madheen x BKA Nafayya). The basis was created, and soon enriched by two other excellent fillies. Ansata Nefer Isis (Prince fa Moniet x Anasata Nefertiti) was purchased from Judith Forbes. Soon afterwards it was the turn of M B Madora (Imperial

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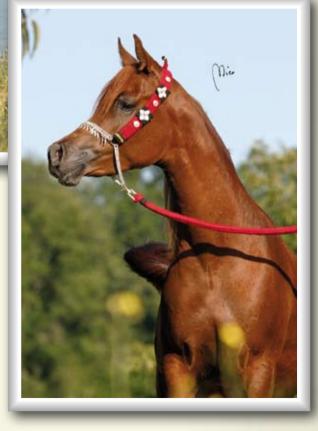
Madheen x SRA Johara). "We select our mares according to a very accurate criterion, the result of our many trips and the many books we have read. The pedigree is very important and must prove to have genetic strength. It is important that the pedigree show the quality we are looking for and that we want to be transmitted to our horses" told us Serenella. And the results speak for themselves. Not only are there many successes at shows but also in sport competitions. One of Shabil daughters was world champion in the 120 km race in Pratone del Vivaro, one of Shabil sons was European champion at the Barrel Open and others among his sons obtained good places in gallop competitions: all this proves that the choices made were spot on.

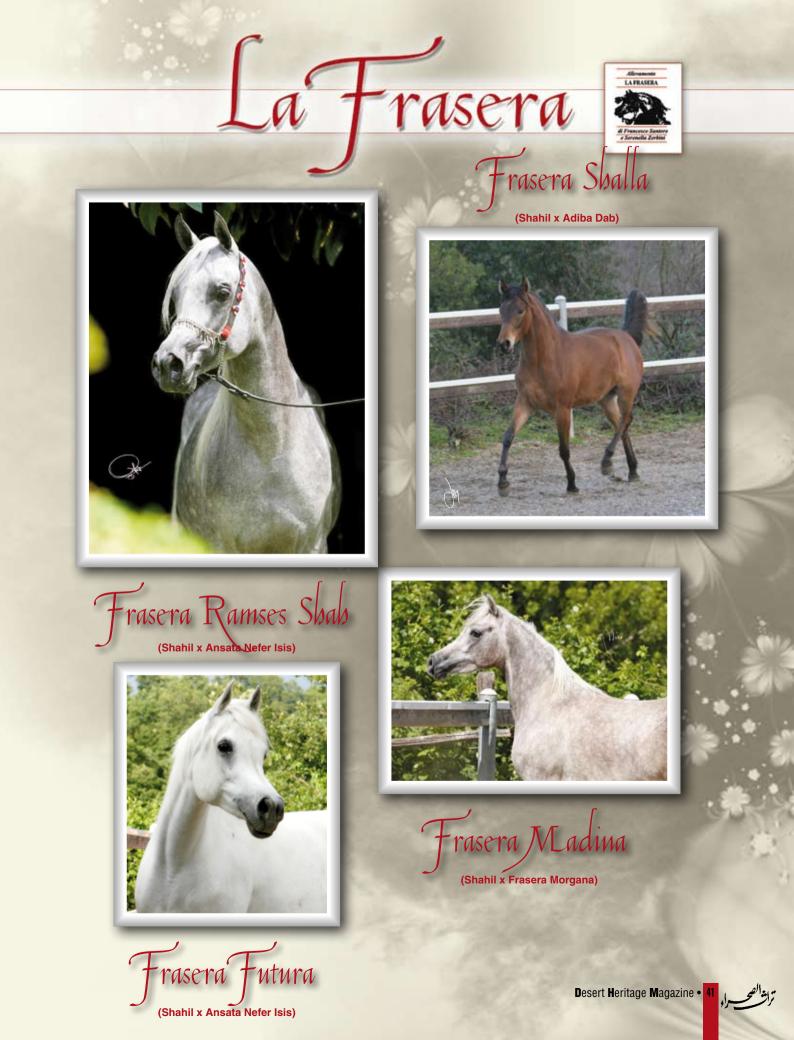
Francesco explained to us: "we have selected females from

various families, from Dahama Shawan to Saqlawi, from Hadban Enzahi to Kohailan. All of them have the same traits, strong bodies, great movement, lovely heads but above all lots of type. If Shahil has set our standard adding pigment and a mellow nature to his offspring, qualities that can be seen also in subsequent generations, it is also true that his daughters were able to enhance the quality of their foals thanks to the right choice of the new stallions we have used. I am talking about Majd al Rayyan, taken on lease aged six months from Sheikh Abduaziz al Thani (Qatar), one

rasera Masbara (Shahil x MB Madora)







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Frasera Rabif

(Frasera Ramses Shah x Frasera Shaghira)

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(Frasera Ramses Shah x Frasera Neitsa Shaghira)







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(Frasera Ramses Shah x BF Hadiya Sharaf)



of the most important studs in the world. He went on to become a fantastic sire. Some examples? Our first Egyptian, Hadiya Sharaf, foaled with Shahil one of my famourits, Shahilla, which, together with Frasera Imperial (born from our Imperial Safeekah imported already in foal by Imperial Madheen from the USA) gave birth to the beautiful Frasera Hadiyeh (now owned by the Ferrero family in Spain). Before being exported, Frasera Hadiyeh left us the fantastic Frasera Hadyra (one of Majd daughters), or the superchampion Frasera Mashara (Shahil x M B Madora), which now is part of the magnificent collection of the Dubai Arabian Horse Stud (UAE); with Majd she foaled a future stallion, Frasera MASHAR, which will have the responsibility, from this year, of maintaining a high quality in our production. Another example of the effectiveness of our program is Ansata Nefer Isis, exported to Qatar and now living at the Al Rayyan Stud. She has foaled two of our most important 'pearls', Frasera Ramses Shah and Frasera Futura, both sired by Shahil. Ramses, already champion at shows, sires horses of great quality all over the world. With Majd, Futura had the stunning Frasera Magica, which will start foaling this year. We have high expectations from her".







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Majd Al Rayyan (Safir x Ansata Nawarra)

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Frasera Masica (Majd al Rayyan x Frasera Futura)

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(Majd Al Rayyan x Frasera Shahilla)







The pride you can sense when they talk about their horses seems to be fully justified, not only because of the excellent sport results obtained but also because of the joy they get seeing their horses in the most important studs in the world, in Europe but also in Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Libya.

"And the passion continues" – says Serenella – "and this year we are going to get the progeny of a stallion taken

(Majd Al Rayyan x Frasera Shahilla)





Frasera Hercules

(Hadban Al Shaqab x Frasera Shahilla)

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Ansata Nefer -sis

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(Prince Fa Moniet x Ansata Nefertiti) owned by Al Rayyan Farm





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(Frasera Imperial x Frasera Shafina)



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