



## THE ARABIAN HORSE GALA

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# The Polish Nationals: historic moments for private owners

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**F**or the first time in the history of the Polish Nationals some gold medals and National Champion titles went to private owners. Up to now reserve championships were claimed by four private studs, each time in the junior category. Falborek could boast three reserve championships (Altis in 2007, Eksterna in 2008 and Emarc in 2012), Chrcynno two (Psyche Victoria in 2009 and Echo Aurora in 2011), Jan Głowacki one (Eternal in 2009) and Małgorzata and Józef Pietrzak one (Lord Bey Shah in 2008). Now the titles – the most important ones – were awarded to PPH Parys (owners of the Janów-bred Palatina) and Sami Ben Saad (owner of the 3yo colt Fuerte, bred by Jan Dobrzyński). Horse owned by Idris Hassan claimed the reserve championship in the senior stallion category (Espimar, bred by Falborek Arabians) – and so for the first time in history a private owned stallion took the podium in this category.

There was also a high number of entries – 140 and 133 horses were actually present. „Already last year it was visible that the representation of the private studs in the competition is very humble. Slowly the National Championship is turning into a state stud inspection – although it is maintained at an extremely high level of quality. However although the aesthetics do not suffer, the sport rivalry does, since there is no one to go up against”, we wailed after the Polish Nationals in 2015. This comment is now obsolete, because this time the private breeders entered plenty of horses. It appears that they had faith that their horses stood a chance at being noticed. They were not wrong and the invited jury panel (Scott Brumfield from USA, Koenraad Detaillieur from Belgium, Irina Stigler from Russia, Marc Veray from France and Michaela Weidner from Germany) generally judged in a uniform manner.

On Friday the guests arriving for the championship (colt and stallion classes began at 3:00 pm) were welcomed by great changes. An impressive VIP tent, with a foyer and terrace leading out onto the warm-up arena were greatly admired. The staff were very efficient and so was the catering. Instead of the ever present lawn chairs that Janów Podlaski frequenters have gotten used to, there were normal (as in comfortable) chairs. The new technical organizer of the Janów

event, the International Poznań Fair (MTP), did a fine job. There were additional attractions, for example on Sunday the 2be Violin Duo played for the guests during lunch time. The organization of the show was therefore not only flawless, but – as many guests confirmed – much better than in previous years. “The event is brilliant and the horses look very nice”, New York Times (14.08.2016) quoted Amy Dutkowsky Southworth from England. A similar comment was made for this newspaper by Faisal Al o Taibe from Saudi Arabia: “This year the quality of the organization, food and everything else was much better than in the past”.

For the first time in Janów the judges used tablets and the results were immediately uploaded onto the Arabian Horse Results website. The competition and results could be followed on screens inside the VIP tent and a large video wall.

In the yearling colt classes the first spots went to Janów's Abdank (Empire – Altamira/Ekstern, 90.88) and Michałó's Dastan (Equator – Dama Pik/Enzo, 91.0), a recent medalist from Białka. It was easy to predict the result in the two year old class, since one of the entries was the peerless this season Fuerte (Shanghai EA – Frymuszka/Ekstern), bred by Jan Dobrzyński, owned by Sami Ben Saad, winner from Białka and Radom. The judges awarded him with 92.63 pts, including a 20 for type and 19 for body, which does not happen that often. There were 5 competitors in the 3 year old colts class (last year only one), solely of private ownership. Victorious was Calateon (Vitorio TO – Calatea/Ekstern, 91), bred and owned by Marek Kondrasiuk. The best among 4–6 year old stallions was Espimar (Marajj – Espinezja/Psytafel, 91.38), bred by Falborek Arabians and owned by Idris Hassan. The son of Michałó's Emira, offered at this year's sale as Lot 0 – Empire (by Enzo) and Janów's Almanzor (El Nabila B – Alantina/Emigrant), who received 3x20 for movement (final score: 91.88), were the winners of the 7 year old and older stallions class. Second place in the last class was secured by Janów's Albano (91.75), son of Enzo and Emigrant daughter Alena. And it was him that was chosen on Sunday as Best in Show. In the finals the fun began all over again, meaning that every one



of the finalists, not only the winners of the classes, could receive the gold.

On Saturday starting from 10:00 am came time for the mares. As many as three series of yearling fillies were presented on the Janów arena and victorious were: Emanolla (Vitorio TO – Emandoria/Gazal Al Shaqab) with a score of 91.88 (incl. two 20s for movement) and Poganinka (El Omari – Pentra/Poganin, 91.63, incl. 2x20 for movement), both from Michałów, and Janów's Pamina, daughter of Pianissima and Pogrom (91.5). The two year old fillies class consisted of two series and their winners were Janów's Adelita (Kabil Al Shaqab – Altamira/Ekstern, 92.5, incl. a 20 for movement) and Michałów's Foggita (El Omari – Foggia/Gazal Al Shaqab, 91.63). Chosen as best three year old was Galerida (Shanghai EA – Galilea/Labeeb) from Michałów (92.5, incl. a 20 for type).

The senior mares were shown in as many as five series – two for 4-6 year olds, two for 7-10 year olds and one for 11 year olds and above. The winners here were: Janów's Anawera (Piaff – Altamira/Ekstern, 92.38), Michałów's Diara (Eryks – Diaspora/Ganges, 92.63, incl. a 20 for type, a 20 for head and neck and 2x20s for movement), the bred at Janów Palatina (QR Marc – Palmeta/Ecabo), owned by PPH Parys, who broke the bank with her 20s, receiving two top marks for type, one for head and neck and two for movement (her final score – 93.5, was one of the two of the highest results of the show), Psyche Victoria (Ekstern – Pallas-Atena/Ecabo, 92.75, incl. a 20 for head and neck and a 20 for movement), bred and owned by Chrcynno-Palace Stud and finally Białka's Euspira (Gazal Al Shaqab – Euskara/Ararat), with a score of 93.5, incl. 2x20 for type and 2x20 for movement (the show's second highest score).

The Sunday championships, as we wrote above, brought historic results. The order on the podium in the junior mare classes (12 participants) was: Prunella – Pamina – Galerida. In the junior stallion classes: Fuerte – Elidus – Sokrates. Białka's Elidus (HK Krystall – Elidia/Pegasus) entered the finals from second place in the A series of the yearling colts class with a score of 90.13, while Falborek's Sokrates, bearing a truly international pedigree (EKS Alihandro – Sotika/WH Justice), was second in class on Friday behind Fuerte with a score of 91.13. Palatina – Euspira – Cheronea was the order of the podium in the senior mare category. Michałów's Cheronea (by QR Marc), daughter of the Summer Sale offer Chimera by Emigrant, found herself in the finals from second

place in the B series of the 4-6 year old mares class, with a score of 92.5, incl. a 20 for type and 2x20 for movement. And finally Albano – Espimar – Empire was the result of the senior stallion finals.

Three medalists from the junior mare category stood on the podium not for the first time. Prunella is a bronze champion from Radom, Pamina triumphed this year at Białka and the 3 year old Galerida, who began her career with a win in Białka, is also known from other successful performances. Fuerte is the best horse of his crop in Poland today – a week after the Polish Nationals he claimed the gold at the Al Khalediah European Arabian Horse Festival in Nowe Wrońska. Elidus was presented to a wider audience first at this year's Białka, then in Buksza, where he won the silver. During the Al Khalediah Poland show he received a bronze medal. Only Sokrates turned out to be a newbie among this company. Palatina was purchased by her current owners in 2013 at the auction for 90 thousand euro and they brought her condition to top form. The mare looks fantastic and her movement with a distinct suspension phase had to make an impression on the judges. Euspira matured, waiting for her chance which came this year. The beautiful dark bay Cheronea, class winner from Białka in 2011, always turned heads wherever she was shown. Albano and Empire are valued and handsome stallions and Espimar has lately shined brightly at the show in Radom (bronze medal). Therefore the results, despite their historic significance, are not surprising.

### The main sale

After a successful Polish National Show the organizers of the Janów event were full of optimism. There were stands full of people, 44 potential buyers who paid the required deposit, contentment on the faces of the guests from the VIP sector. First we heard the voice of Marek Grzybowski, organizer of the once Polish Prestige Sale, who visited Janów for the first time after 16 years of absence. It seemed that history made a loop, bridging new times with those past, though this time Marek Grzybowski did not conduct the sale, but represented a company which insured the sale horses. Auctioneer Greg Knowles (USA) started the bidding with humour and charm. Unfortunately the pleasant moments were not that numerous that afternoon.

The first bidding – of Lot 0, being the 16 year old Emira, Polish National Champion from 2001 and 2004, 2002 champion from Aachen, 2014 World Bronze Champion – went rapidly.

The price achieved 550 thousand euro but the buyer was not found. At the end of the auction the mare entered the ring again. The repeated bidding brought 225 thousand euro. The mare was sold to Qatar (Al Thumama Stud).

However before we get to that, other buyers from Qatar (Al Srayia Stud) successfully bid on Sefora (Lot 1) for 300 thousand euro (the highest price of the sale). Formia also surpassed the coveted 100 thousand euro mark and was sold for 125 thousand to Romania. Ballena received an offer of 60 thousand (Sweden). Piaconella was not sold, and next the young mare Al Jazeera came. She was not sold, although she was bid twice – the second time at the end of the auction. Eventually she was purchased some days later by Al Sraiya Stud (Qatar), after negotiations.

But back to the auction. El Emeera again achieved a good price – 160 thousand euro, offered by guests from Qatar. Esparta was purchased to Kuwait for 90 thousand euro. Later came a stagnation and subsequent horses left the arena unsold. Surprising was the lack of interest in the WH Justice daughter, Ekspiracja out of a dam by Monogramm. An interesting pedigree and beauty of the mare offered a chance of a high price. A lack of buyers willing to purchase this mare is difficult to understand.

This stagnation was finally broken by Wabia (Lot 13), sold for 100 thousand euro to the Middle East. The buyers from France activated themselves during the bidding for Ebona (30 thousand euro). The Kuwaiti purchased Angelina (50 thousand euro). A decent price was offered also for Cerena (33 thousand, Kuwait). The clients from Romania successfully bid on Gabi (15 thousand euro), Cefena (15 thousand), Dama Trefl (18 thousand), Złota Korona (20 thousand) and Goltra (18 thousand). Edwina was sold to Saudi Arabia for 12 thousand.

The overall outcome of the main sale (achieved on August 14th) was 1.271 million euro. Among the 31 horses offered for sale 16 found buyers (Al Jazeera was the 17th horse sold). The result is the 9th best since 2003 (since the auctions' currency is EUR, not the USD).

It must be noted that the organizers worked under lots of pressure. Never before was there such a crowd of cameras and microphones right after the sale during an improvised press conference in a tent. There never were, because nobody expected such a conference before. No one attacked the organizers, even

if the results were not the best and all explanations were considered well-meant. This time the media made the sale a political matter, which could not benefit the selling.

„Everybody has the right to buy a horse where and whenever they want”, we read in one of the comments pointing to the ethical aspect of the entire situation. It seems that in the future potential buyers should not pay attention to information in the media or a negative campaign in social media. Because they will be acting to their own disadvantage.

### Monday: the success of the Summer Sale

The excellent impression which accompanied the participants of the Janów event after the Polish Nationals appeared again during the Summer Sale. Auctioneers – Greg Knowles and the accompanying him Michał Romanowski, who has conducted many sales at the Szczęwec Racetrack, were a harmonious duet and worked hard on each horse in order to sell it as best they could. The result of their efforts was very good – it was one of the best auctions ever since it became the Selection Sale and later the Summer Sale. Out of the 25 offered horses 18 found buyers. The prices stretched from 8 thousand euro for Michałów's Chimera (who will remain in Poland) and Janów's Poema (who will go to the UAE), to 50 thousand for Ersa from Michałów, purchased by Stanisław Redestowicz from Poland (StanRed Arabians). Ersa will also be joined by Kachiria (14 thousand euro).

Guests from Romania turned out to be rather good buyers. This is a new direction in the selling of Polish horses. During the Summer Sale the Romanians bought four horses: Oria (20 thousand), Czeszka (33 thousand), Egiptia (20 thousand) and Elekteria (20 thousand). Let's recall that they also made purchases the day before during the main sale. Buyers from Kuwait secured two horses (Fila with a colt by Pogrom for 36 thousand and Alshira for 27 thousand). Other buyers came from Namibia (Złota Rola – 28 thousand, Perylla – 17 thousand), the UK (Pustynna Pelta – 35 thousand, Felliza – 12 thousand), Saudi Arabia (Hulina – 13 thousand), Italy (Zenteria – 23 thousand) and the United Arab Emirates (apart from Poema also Entorja – 32 thousand and Fuksja – 13 thousand). The efficient and good atmosphere resulted in the total outcome of more than 400 thousand euro.

You can find all the results of the Pride of Poland auctions (2001-2016) online at the “Pride of Poland” section on the [polskiearaby.com](http://polskiearaby.com) portal. □



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## Polish Nationals results:

### Female Junior Championship

#### Prunella

(Abyad AA – Pradera/ Hlayyil Ramadan)

br./o. Janów Podlaski Stud

#### Pamina

(Pogrom – Pianissima/Gazal Al Shaqab)

br./o. Janów Podlaski Stud

#### Galerida

(Shanghai EA – Galilea/Laheeb)

br./o. Michałów Stud

### Male Junior Championship

#### Fuerte

(Shanghai EA – Frymuszka/ Ekstern)

br. Jan Dobrzyński, o. Sami Ben Saad

#### Elidus

(HK Krystall – Elidia/Pegasus)

br./o. Małopolska Hodowla Roślin w Krakowie SO Białka

#### Sokrates

(EKS Alihandro – Sotika/WH Justice)

br./o. Falborek Arabians

### Female Senior Championship

#### Palatina

(QR Marc – Palmeta/Ecaho)

br. Janów Podlaski Stud, o. PPH Parys

#### Euspira

(Gazal Al Shaqab – Euskara/Ararat)

br./o. Małopolska Hodowla Roślin w Krakowie, SO Białka

#### Cheronea

(QR Marc – Chimera/Emigrant)

br./o. Michałów Stud

### Male Senior Championship

#### Albano

(Enzo – Alena/Emigrant)

br./o. Janów Podlaski Stud – Best in Show

#### Espimar

(Marajj – Espinezja/Psytafel)

br. Falborek Arabians, o. Idris Hassan

#### Empire

(Enzo – Emira/Laheeb)

br./o. Michałów Stud





## Gold Medal Junior Female

### Prunella

(Abyad AA – Pradera/ Hlanyil Ramadan)  
br./o. Janów Podlaski Stud



## Silver Medal Junior Female

### Pamina

(Pogrom – Pianissima/Gazal Al Shaqab)  
br./o. Janów Podlaski Stud



## Bronze Medal Junior Female

### Galerida

(Shanghai EA – Galilea/Laheeb)  
br./o. Michałów Stud



## Gold Medal Junior Male

### Fuerte

(Shanghai EA – Frymuszka/Ekstern)  
br. Jan Dobrzyński, o. Sami Ben Saad

## Silver Medal Junior Male



### Elidus

(HK Krystall – Elidia/Pegasus)  
br./o. Małopolska Hodowla  
Roślin w Krakowie, SO Białka



## Bronze Medal Junior Male

### Sokrates

(EKS Alihandro – Sotika/WH Justice)  
br./o. Falborek Arabians



## Gold Medal Senior Female

### Palatina

(QR Marc – Palmeta/Ecaho)  
br. Janów Podlaski Stud, o. PPH Parys



## Silver Medal Senior Female

### Euspira

(Gazal Al Shaqab – Euskara/Ararat)  
br./o. Małopolska Hodowla  
Roślin w Krakowie, SO Białka



## Bronze Medal Senior Female

### Cheronea

(QR Marc – Chimera/Emigrant)  
br./o. Michałów Stud



# Gold Medal Senior Male

## Best in Show

**Albano**  
(Enzo - Alena/Emigrant)  
br./o. Janów Podlaski Stud



# Silver Medal Senior Male

## Espimar

(Marajj - Espinezja/Psyta del)  
br. Falborek Arabians, o. Idris Hassan



# Bronze Medal Senior Male

## Empire

(Enzo - Emira/Laheeb)  
br./o. Michałów Stud



## Sales results

(net prices in EUR)

### Pride of Poland 2016

(30 mares offered and 1 stallion)

Sefora 300 thousand, Qatar  
 Emira 225 thousand, Qatar  
 El Emeera 160 thousand, Qatar  
 Formia (colt by Vitorio TO sold after the auction with her) 125 thousand, Romania  
 Wabia 100 thousand, Kuwait  
 Esparta 90 thousand, Kuwait  
 Ballena 60 thousand, Sweden  
 Angelina 50 thousand, Kuwait  
 Cerena 33 thousand, Kuwait  
 Ebona 30 thousand, France  
 Złota Korona 20 thousand, Romania  
 Dama Trefl 18 thousand, Romania  
 Goltra 18 thousand, Romania  
 Gabi 15 thousand, Romania  
 Cefena 15 thousand, Romania  
 Edwina 12 thousand, Saudi Arabia  
 Al Jazeera sold after the auction to Qatar

### Summer Sale 2016

(25 mares offered)

Ersa 50 thousand, Poland  
 Fila (with colt by Pogrom) 36 thousand, Kuwait  
 Pustynna Perła 35 thousand, GB  
 Czeszka 33 thousand, Romania  
 Entorja 32 thousand, ZEA  
 Złota Rola 28 thousand, Namibia  
 Alshira 27 thousand, Kuwait  
 Zenteria 23 thousand, Italy  
 Oria 20 thousand, Romania  
 Egipta 20 thousand, Romania  
 Elekteria 20 thousand, Romania  
 Perylla 17 thousand, Namibia  
 El Kachira 14 thousand, Poland  
 Hulina 13 thousand, Saudi Arabia  
 Fuksja 13 thousand, UAE  
 Felliza 12 thousand, GB  
 Chimera 8 thousand, Poland  
 Poema 8 thousand, GB

Formia



Sefora



Wabia



El Emeera



Zenteria



Euskaria



Emira

