

## Poles best breeders in Paris

On the 27-29th of November the World Championships for Arabian horses were held in Paris. Battling it out for the top titles were Polish Arabian horses from the studs of Janów Podlaski and Michałow, under the auspices of the Agricultural Property Agency and private studs. The horses presented in Paris at the Championnat du Monde du Cheval Arabe had been qualifying for the most important show of the year for many months. The World Championships gathered as usual more than a hundred of the best horses, a complete elite, winners of shows from almost all continents. You cannot count on luck in Paris. Good results can only come from extra high quality.



*Adelita and Bambina (photo: Sylwia Itenda)*

Polish horses met with a very enthusiastic reception. Mares placed at third or fourth place in their respective age categories, whereas two superb stallions – Morion and Equator - qualified for the finals from first places in class. For a long time now Polish horses are regarded as the only group which can successfully compete with Middle Eastern champions, bought for extravagant sums. In the yearling fillies category two mares from Janów Podlaski qualified for the Top Ten: the grey Adelita – European Yearling Champion Mare from Verona and the dark bay Bambina – Junior Spring Show Yearling Champion from Białka.

Qualifying for the Top Ten in the Junior Mare category were also two Polish mares, this time bred at Michałow Stud: the bay Piacolla – this year's All Nations Cup Junior Champion from

Aachen, sold to Saudi Arabia in 2013 and the dark bay Pustynia Kahila – last year's World Yearling Champion Mare.

Polish horses dominated in the Senior Mare finals, though they did not claim the highest accolades. The Top Ten included as many as four beautiful Polish Arabian mares – two from Janów Podlaski and two from Michałów. Among them was the leased to the US Wieża Mocy bred by Michałów, dubbed the 2014 Horse of the Year in America after claiming the US Triple Crown from the shows at Scottsdale, Las Vegas and the US Nationals and whose name is translated on the international arena as the Tower of Power. She was joined in the Top Ten by: Potentilla and Euzona from Janów Podlaski and Wilda from Michałów. Espiria, privately bred and owned by Lech Błaszczuk placed sixth, however she did not qualify for the Top Ten.



*Wieża Mocy and Euzona (photo: Sylwia Henda)*

Extremely triumphant in Paris were Polish stallions. **The gold medal and title of World junior Champion was secured by the Michałów-bred two year old bay Morion, who over the next year will represent the country of Qatar. The stallion was leased by Al Thumama Stud.** The Paris show is an unending streak of successes for Morion. A year before on the same arena he claimed the title of World Yearling Silver Champion, drawing attention to his undeniable quality. Whereas in the Senior Stallion Championship the bay Equator, also from Michałów, improved his result from last year. 2014 brought him a bronze medal, whereas this year delivered a silver and the title of World Senior Reserve Champion. The international public awarded him with a long standing ovation.

Equator, the decisive crowd favorite, also received a special award for Best Movement. One of the most touching moments of the World Championships was the decoration ceremony of Pinga from Janów Podlaski, a granddaughter of the famous Pilarka, with the Platinum Mare title. Pinga is this year's All Nations Cup Senior Reserve Champion Mare and International Qatari Senior Bronze Champion Mare from Doha, 2012 World and European Champion Mare, Polish National Champion from 2005 and 2010, as well as numerous Top Ten title holder in Europe and the US.



*Espira and Equator (photo: Sylwia Henda)*

Once again the Platinum trophy was awarded to a mare bred in Poland, confirming the quality of Polish breeding. Pinga herself joined the elite group of stars, laureates of the Platinum Trophy, mares that wrote themselves down in the history of world breeding – Pianissima and Kwestura. Among the special awards, handed out to Polish breeders, were those for Best Breeder and Best Breeder-Owner. These were claimed by Michałów Stud and collected by its Director Jerzy Białobok.