

Polish Arabian Horse Days

The Breeding Parades 2010

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Janów Podlaski Stud Farm

When the Pride of Poland Auction has come to an end and most people are heading back home, there are a group of people that choose to stay for additional days and attend the breeding parades at Janów Podlaski, Bialka and Michalów Stud Farms. This is the perfect opportunity to study the horses and see the results of the breeding choices made on the

Podlaski is the oldest state owned and operated horse stud in Poland, established in 1817. The famous clock barn *Zegarowa* and the main stallion barn *Czolowa*, both designed by the famous Warsaw architect Henryk Marconi, were built in 1848 and 1841 respectively. Director Marek Trela was proud to begin the parade, presenting 15 chief sires from different sire-lines. First out was the charismatic Ekstern

dam Palmeta (Ecaho x Pilica). Palatino raced for one season at the racetrack with nine starts, two firsts, two seconds and three times third. He was shown at this year's Polish Nationals just two days earlier, earning 90.67 points, which placed him fourth in the class. Piaff, the 2005 Polish National Champion Stallion, was shown prior to the auction under saddle and this powerful, masculine stallion

Piaff



different farms. After the parades, the barns are open for all to stroll in and have the unique opportunity to see several generations of horses in the stable. The first breeding parade was held at Janów Podlaski as we already were there and it could not be a more suitable ending to a wonderful weekend than to see some of the stallions, mares and youngsters that the solid breeding programme at Janów is built upon. Janów

have been used intensely with great results, as we would see. Prado is a five-year-old stallion who was named 2007 Spring Show Junior Champion and his dam is the great-producing bay mare Peęta (Visbaden x Petra), who is also the dam of the 2010 Bialka Spring Show Junior Champion Colt Pogrom (by QR Marc). Representing the Ilderim line was the grey, Palatino, very much Segławi in type like both his sire Pesal (Partner x Perforacja) and his

Albedo



impressed equally in-hand with his animated trot. Piaff is by Polish National and European Champion Stallion Eldon (Penitent x Erotyka) and out of the great mare Pipi (Banat x Pilarka). Piaff is also a representative of the Ilderim line through Partner (Eleuzis x Parma). Piaff raced successfully for two seasons before he went to Vlasakker Arabians in Holland, where he was named Dutch National Champion Stallion. He was also named Polish National Junior and Senior Champion Stallion, and during his lease to USA in 2006/2007, he was named US National Top Ten and Scottsdale Reserve Champion Sport Horse Stallion. Piaff has also

proven his value as a sire and is represented here by two of his sons, the bay four year old Albedo (ex Albigowa) and the grey Alert (ex Andaluzja), crowned Polish National Champion Stallion the previous day. Alert raced for two years and has been standing at stud for his first year in 2010 at Michalów. Two influential stallions have been incorporated into the Polish breeding programme during the past decade with great

Equifor



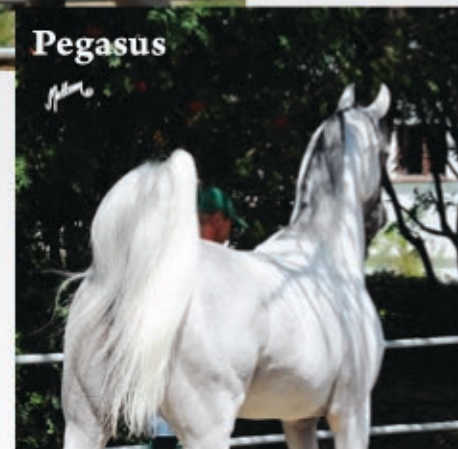
results, the straight Egyptian Laheeb (Imperial Imdal x AK Latifa) and the Egyptian/Polish Gazal Al Shaqab (Anaza El Farid x Kajora). Both stallions left Poland with several great sons and we were presented two sons of each stallion today. Equifor (Gazal Al Shaqab x Eqviria) has just returned to Poland following a lease by Canterbury Farms in USA between 2007 and 2009. Equifor has been standing at Janów this year and was shown in Sweden in July, where he was named Blommeröd Scandinavian Open Gold Champion Stallion. Marsha Parkinson has been very pleased with his offspring and it will be very interesting to see his first Polish-born foals when they arrive in 2011. Pegasus is another son of Gazal Al Shaqab and he has been successful in the show-ring as the 2007 Autumn Show Reserve Champion, 2009



Alert



Poganin



Pegasus

Autumn Show Champion and 2009 Top Ten World Champion Stallion. He started out his breeding career at Bialka for two seasons before he transferred to Michalów, where he stood in 2009-2010. Bialka Stud has been very pleased with his offspring. Pegasus is also the sire of the private-bred colt Gerard (ex Gwarka), bred and owned by Agnieszka Wojtowicz, who was placed second among the two-year-old colts

at the 2010 Bialka Spring Show. Pegasus' dam is the valued broodmare Pepesza (Eukaliptus x Pepesza), yet another great-producing mare from the P-line, and she is living a wonderful life at Hennessey Arabians in Florida. Pepesza is the dam of Regional Champion Mare Polifonia (by Primo) and the Laheeb son Perseusz, who was shown after his maternal brother. Perseusz also started his breeding career at Bialka Stud in 2005-2006 and then stood with the private breeder, Grabów Stud in Poland. In 2008, he returned to Janów Podlaski. The most successful son of Laheeb is the exotic, great-moving Poganin. He is out of the Pepton daughter Pohulanka, whose dam is the lovely

Pestka (Probat x Pentoda). Poganin stood at Michalów Stud in 2005-2006 and crossed very well with the Michalów mares. After two years at Janów he returned to Michalów in 2009, where he has stood for the past two seasons. Poganin was, as a colt, named Polish National Junior Reserve Champion and Summer Show Champion Colt. In 2007, he was named Polish National Senior Champion Stallion and was awarded with Top Five at the European Championship and World Top Ten in Paris. Poganin has also been 2008 Autumn Show Champion Stallion and Best in Show and World Top Ten in 2008 and 2009. After the representatives from the Saklawi I sire line, we were presented the only stallion representing the Kuhailan Afas sire line – Pilot. He is by the World Champion, Polish National Champion and Europa Cup Stakes winner Fawor (Probat x Fatma), and out of the illustrious mare Pipi (Banat x Pilarka). Pilot was Pipi's first son, born in 1987, and we had

seen her last son earlier, Piaff, born in 1997. Pilot is owned by Halsdon Arabians in the UK

is the US National Champion Mare Kawalkada (Penitent x Kabala), one of the most beautiful

and the colt Fortunat (ex Furina), and both mares were bred back to him for 2011 foals.

Representing the Ibrahim sire line was the snow-white 2010 Polish National Bronze Champion Stallion Salar (Ecaho x Saba). This 10-year-old stallion raced for two

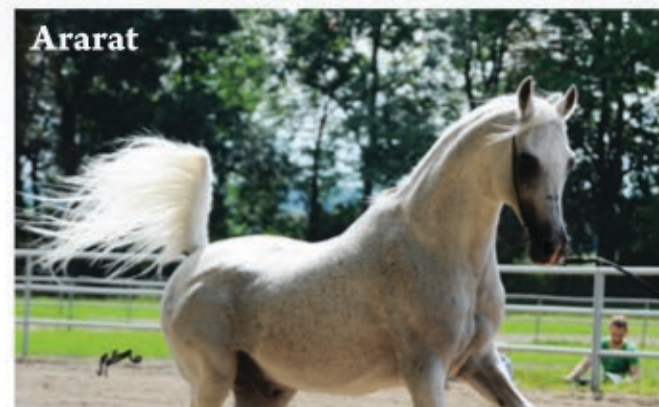


Pilot

and he returned to Poland in 2000 to stand at Janów for two seasons, producing several great daughters. In December 2009, Pilot returned to Janów once more to stand at stud in 2010 and it was a treat to see this charismatic old gentleman who did not look at all like 23 years of age; he really enjoyed himself showing off his wonderful attitude. Pilot was the 1988 Polish National Junior Champion Colt as well as 1996 UK International Champion Stallion and Scandinavian Open Champion Stallion. One of the highlights last year was the presentation of the 30-year-old Balon (Gwarny x Ballada), which would be the last time he was presented; he sadly passed away on 4 March this year. Balon was represented by his 19-year-old son Kulig, bred by Michałow and this year introduced into the breeding programme at Janów. He has just over 20 offspring so far and bred four mares at Janów this year. Kulig's dam



Sabat



Ararat

Penitent daughters. The next stallion representing the sire line of Bairactar was the chestnut race stallion Sabat (Wojslaw x Sarmacja). He raced for two seasons with 10 starts, earning six first places, two seconds and one third. Sabat had his first two offspring born in 2010, the filly Bonera (ex Botura)



Salar

seasons before his first breeding season in 2005 standing at Bialka Stud. He was leased to Holmes Farm in UK, where he was shown to Wessex Arabian Horse Show Champion and Devon County Reserve Champion. Salar has also been Falborek Reserve Champion Stallion, Warsaw Summer Show Reserve Champion, Autumn Show Bronze Champion and World Top Ten Champion.

25-year-old Ararat (Palas x Arra) impressed when he came into the ring, with his tail up and showing off his tremendous movement. This Polish National Champion Stallion has also been a great racehorse which is no surprise as his dam, Arra (Bandos x Arba), was a Triple Crown race winner (winning the Derby, Oaks and Criterium). She was also equally successful in the show-ring as the European and Polish National Champion Mare. Ararat has been a very valuable sire with daughters such as Euskara (ex Euglena) and Prawica (ex Palmira), both successful show horses. But his most recognised offspring is without doubt the European and Polish National Champion Stallion, Emigrant (ex Emigrantka). Emigrant has also been a very valuable sire in Poland and

was sold in 2008 to Valley Oaks Arabians in USA. One of Emigrant's sons was presented straight after his grandsire Ararat, the powerful Eurykles (ex Eutona), who just returned from a two-year lease to Turban Stud in Denmark. Eurykles is like his sire and grand-sire, being a very pretty stallion with great movement and lots of charisma. He was named Polish National Bronze Champion Stallion the previous day. Each year, the breeding parade has a different group of horses presented and this year, 24 mares were shown representing the three mares imported in 1845 to Jarczowce by Count Juliusz Dzieduszycki: Gazella, Mlecha and Sahara. The impact that those three mares have had in Arabian horse breeding the world over is tremendous, and has built the foundation on foremost Polish and Russian breeding. First out were Olita and Oktavia, representing the Gazella db (desert bred) dam family. Several great horses have been leased out to the USA or to the Middle East during the past 10



Olita

years and 14-year-old Olita (Ecaho x Orawa) has just returned from her time at Valley Oak Arabians in USA. She is a beautiful white mare with the amazing neck that is so significant to her sire Ecaho (Pepton x Etruria). Olita belongs to the great race family

of the legendary Orla (Pietusok x Ofirka), as Olita's dam Orka by Partner is out of the



Eurykles

Orla daughter Orgia (by Krezus); both Orla and Orgia were Racehorse Triple Crown winners. Olita did not return to Poland in foal and bred earlier this year to Equifor for a 2011 foal. Olita has a fan club all over the world, loved for her beauty and her totally



Cerebia



Cenoza



Oktavia

amazing neck. She was the 2002 Blommeröd Scandinavian Champion Mare, RCAHA Annual Spring Horse Show Champion Mare and Scottsdale Arabian Show Senior Reserve Champion Mare, as well as World Top Ten and Arabian Breeders

World Cup Senior Top Five Mare in Las Vegas. A month after this breeding parade, she would be named the Autumn Show Senior Bronze Champion Mare. Olita has produced three daughters at Janów and her 2003 daughter Oktavia (by Om El Extrem) was shown in this parade with her colt, Oktaw (by Ararat), at her side. She has been bred to Kulig for a 2011 foal.

The Gazella family is well represented at Janów through different mares and the next group shown was through the mare Cerozja (Wielki Szlem x Rozeta), founder of one of

the two C-families at Janów. Cerozja's great-granddaughter Cedula (Bandos x Cesja) produced several great daughters and today we saw two of her granddaughters, Cerebia (Emigrant x Cedra) and Cenoza (Ekstern x Celna). Cerebia is a rather small mare, measuring 14.3hh, with black skin and a desert look. She was shown with the colt Cezaryn (by Piaff) at her side. Cezaryn is very long-legged and elegant, with a very dished and pretty face, although his dam has a rather plain head. Her yearling filly Cervinia (by Enzo) was also shown and it is evident that she produces taller and prettier offspring

then herself. Cervinia is a tall, elegant filly with her dam's wonderful neck and a pretty head. Celna (Alegro x Cedula) produced nine offspring at Janów before she was sold to Sara Bagg of Scarab Farms in USA. Her daughters, Cerinola (by Ecaho) and Cenoza (by Ekstern), are now part of the broodmare band at Janów. Next, we were presented the striking chestnut Cenoza, who has been a great show horse winning the 2006 Autumn Show Junior Champion Mare and during

this season, the Blommerød Scandinavian Open Silver Champion, Prague Intercup Bronze Champion and Autumn Show Silver Champion Mare. Cenoza is a very elegant mare with the pretty head, great movement and attitude from her sire combined with the great conformation of her dam. Sanadik El Shaklan (El Shaklan x Mohena) was used through frozen semen in 1996 and 1997 siring the colt Epirus (ex Etopka) in 1997 and the daughters Andaluzja (ex Antwerpia), Eligia (ex Escalona), El Dorada (ex Emigrantka) and Escariola (ex Escoveda) in 1998. Today, the great El Dorada is retained as a broodmare at Michalów and the great-producing Andaluzja is at



Andaluzja

Wologda



Watra

Janów. Andaluzja is yet another member of the Gazella family, belonging to the Andorra-Arwill-Wilga branch of the dam family. She is a tall, white mare and very similar to her beautiful dam Antwerpia, the best daughter of Angola; Polish National Champion Mare and Masters Open Reserve Champion Mare in Oostende. Angola is herself by Palas and out of Andria (Bandos x Andorra), and was the dam of twice Polish National Reserve

Champion Stallion Angor (by Alegro) and Spring Show Junior Champion Mare and Best in Show Anegdota (by Eldon). Andaluzja's most celebrated offspring is, of course, Alert and she had a full brother to him this year, Agenor. She has been bred back to Piaff for 2011 with the hope of producing a daughter. We were fortunate to see Andaluzja's daughter Anilla by Pesal, a 2004 grey mare who was very feminine and of the Seglawi type, like both her sire and dam. The last representatives of the Gazella dam family were two daughters out of the bay mare Wanilia (Alegro x Wizyta): six-year-old Watra (by Metropolis NA) and four-

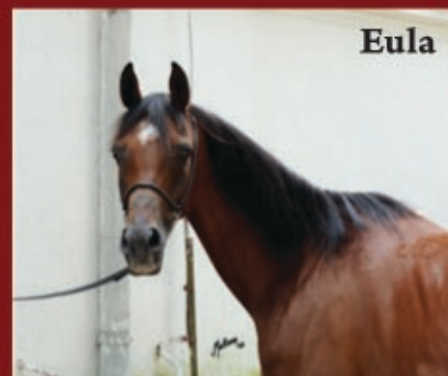
year-old Wologda (by Ekstern). Wanilia was bred by Kurozweki Stud and she was one of the 11 mares that moved to Janów when the Kurozweki Stud was privatised. She was later sold at the Pride of Poland Auction in 2007 to Australia after leaving three daughters and two sons at Janów.

Wanilia's dam, Wizyta, was one of the best mares ever bred by Kurozweki, a classic Kuhailan beauty who won the Scandinavian Open Junior Championship and Top Five placings as a Junior and Senior at the Polish National Show. Wizyta was by Wermut (Probat x Warmia) and out of the great Wiorsta (Banat x Wieza). Watra is a bay mare with white markings on all four legs and a narrow blaze. She has the huge, black eyes that are significant for this branch of the dam line and a pretty head with a long, well-set neck. She had a daughter by Ganges in 2009 and is now in foal to Kulig for a 2011 foal. Wologda is a full sister to Walpurgia, who was sold in 2009 to Hennessey Arabians in the USA. Wologda is a maiden mare in foal to Equifor; she is also very much Kuhailan in type, with a beautiful expression.

The next dam family presented was the Sahara db line and the first representative was the Polish National Junior and Senior Champion Mare Eula (Arbil x Euterpe), who also was named Best in Show in 2000 beating horses such as Ekstern, El Dorada and Kwestura. Eula is very classic Kuhailan in her look with huge, black eyes, a long neck and powerful movement. Her head could be considered a little long by today's standard, but she has a great jowl, a small muzzle with large nostrils and a broad forehead, something that often lacks on the short dished faces of today. Eula was leased by Mike Nichols in the USA from fall 2000 until fall 2004. She then arrived to Poland in foal to the great performance sire Afire Bey V (Huckleberry Bey x Autumn Fire), which resulted in the colt Europol, who later was gelded and sold. Eula's dam Euterpe (Probat x Eunice) was considered to be one of the best Probat daughters and one of Director Trela's favourite mares. Eula was now shown with her colt Elenor (by Ganges) and she is currently in foal to Equifor.

Eula's maternal sister Eutona (by Etogram) is a stunning bay mare who has proven to be a great broodmare, being the dam of the stallions Eurykles (by Emigrant) and Eol (by Gazal Al Shaqab). When you walk into the new arena

where the auction has been held the past four years, a huge painting of Eutona with a foal greets you. Eutona has a beautiful head and a perfect topline, always earning top placing while being shown, including class winner at the Polish National Show. She was now presented with a pretty filly by Ganges, Eunera,



Eula



Eutona



Europa

and she is in foal to another Monogram son, Ekstern. Eutona's stretchy, tall and elegant daughter by Polish National Champion Pesal (Partner x Perforacja), Europa, was presented straight after her dam. She is a maiden mare in foal to Ekstern for a 2011 foal. Etogram (El Paso x Etruria) was himself a stunning beauty with many champion titles. He would prove to be a perfect match with the Sahara db mares through the great mare



Euzetia

Eunice (Doktryner x Epigona) and they also presented the white mare Euzetia (Etogram x Euzebia) in the parade. Her dam Euzebia was by Palas and out of the great Europa (Bandos x Eunice), the full-sister of Eukalipus and the illustrious dam of the stallions Europejczyk (by El Paso) and Eurol

(by Alegro), Polish National Champion and Reserve Champion respectively. Euzetia is a classic Seglawi mare and is one of the mares in foal to Om El Bellissimo (Om El Shahmaan x Om El Benedict), a promising three-year-old colt on a two-year lease to Janów Podlaski from Om El Arab International in California, USA. Bordiura (Gazal Al Shaqab x Bogini) was the first representative of the Mlecha db family. Like the mares of this damline through Bokata and her dam Bint Munira, Bordiura is a powerful mare with the dark colour so appreciated by many. Bordiura was shown with her filly Bertina (by Ganges) at side and her two-year-old brown daughter Bursa (by Aslan) was also shown. Both daughters had the same charisma and were prettier than their dam. Bordiura is now in foal to Pilot, making the coming foal double Banat (El Azrak x Bandola) through Pilot's dam Pipi and Bogini's sire Arbil. Bohema

is a maternal sister to Bodiura and is by Ekstern (Monogramm x Ernestyna). Bohema is one of my favourite Ekstern daughters, with the power of the damline added to the extreme type of Ekstern. She has lots of "look-at-me" attitude with great movement. The four-year-old Bohema has been bred for the first time this year and like her sister, she is bred to Pilot. Ekstern has been a very good cross with the mares at Janów, which was seen when Bigamia (Ekstern x Barka) came in after Bohemia, followed by her full sister. Five-year-old Bigamia is a grey mare who raced for two seasons with 15 starts where she was among the three first placing in five of them. She is a tall mare being 15.3hh and she impresses with her movement, a nice, well-set neck and pretty head. Bigamia was bred for the first time this year and is also in foal to Pilot. Batawia is a chestnut four-year-old mare and she was offered the previous day at the Pride of Poland Auction, although she did not sell. Batawia is a



Bigamia

very typical Ekstern daughter and will be a very good mare for show and breeding. She spent



Bordiura

one year at the racetrack with six starts and good results in major stakes. Batawia is in foal to Om El Bellissimo for a 2011 foal. Bigamia and Batawia's damline traces to the queen of Janów, the incomparable Bandola (Witraz x

Balalajka) through her last offspring Ballada (by Partner).

From the same branch of the Mlecha line, but through Beatrice (Pietuszok x Bandola),



Batawia

comes the exquisite Belgica (Gazal Al Shaqab x Belladona). She was named Autumn Show



Belgica

Gold Champion Mare and Best in Show a month later and, at the same show, her yearling filly Berenika (by Eden C) became the Autumn Show Junior Silver Champion Mare. Belgica was shown with her stunning Ganges filly Bernadetta and her yearling filly Berenika. I am pretty sure that we will see more of both fillies in the future.

This damline is known to produce the sought-after black colour;

Belgica's dam, Belladona, is by Europejczyk and out of the black Bellona, a result of the two dark-brown horses, Czako (Banat x Czapelka) and Beliza (Etap x Beatrice). Belladona was sold to Joseph Geenen of France in 2007 and her black daughter Bellanda (by Pilot) was sold to Belgium last year. Bellanda's two-year-old filly Bellisa (Poganin x Bellanda) was shown and she is a striking brown beauty with lots of show attitude, elegance and charisma. The final group of mares are one of the most



Celsjusz



Bellisa

celebrated at Janów Podlaski, the line that descends from the great race horse Sabellina (Abu Afas x Sabda), herself an Oaks and Derby winner and the dam of Oaks and Derby winner Santa, Derby winner Sabbat and the all-time sire of race-winners Sambor, all three by Czort. She is also granddam of Triple Crown winner Sasanka (Almifar x Santa) and Oaks and Criterie winner Samarra (Arragon x Sala). Sasanka, in her turn, is the dam of Oaks and Derby winner Saszetka (by Engano) and

Oaks winner Sanna (by Wist). Saszetka is the dam of Oaks and Derby winner Sarmacja (by Gil) and the granddam of Oaks winner Sajra (Harbin x Samoa). Sarmacja is now 24 years old and it was a real treat to see this amazing mare. She was awarded the WAHO Trophy in 2007 for her great achievements. She is the dam of 14 foals including four offspring by the great racehorse Monarch AH (Wiking x Sasanka) when she was standing at Magness Arabians in the USA. Her offspring by Monarch AH are Sunny Surprise, Savannah, Starrstruck MRV and Saracen. Savannah was an amazing race

horse, with 18 starts in 2000-2003 earning 13 wins and 11 Stakes victories, making her the most successful female runner in Polish history. She had one colt in Poland, Soldi (by Espadero), before she was sold in 2004 to Saudi



Perian



Celina

Arabia. Saracen was born in Poland and he has been racing for five seasons with 40 starts (11 first, six second and five third places) before he was put into the breeding barn.

Sarmacja was followed by her daughter Salsa (by Wojslaw), a tall chestnut mare like her full brother Sabat who we saw earlier. Salsa has also high stockings and a true sabino belly spot. She has had five foals so far and was shown with the colt Sebastian (by Ganges) at her side. Salsa is now in foal to the race stallion Portmer (Amer x Portella).

These horses are often great examples of those with great beauty combined with great racing abilities, such as Brazilian National Champion Stallion and great racehorse Sarmata (by Pepton), and the amazing Sefora (Ekstern x Sawantka), a granddaughter of Saszetka. Sefora was the last horse presented and she is always such a joy to see; she always loves to show herself off.

It was a wonderful presentation of an old and extremely successful breeding programme, all originating from three mares imported from the desert.

During the lunch that followed, a painting of the mare Mlecha db was presented as a gift to Janów Podlaski. Together with the painting, a worthy representative of the dam family was presented, the exotic Hekla (Primo x Harpia), sold to Halsdon Arabians the previous day.

Bialka Stud Farm

After a picturesque drive from Janów Podlaski down to Bialka Stud farm we arrived just in time for the breeding parade to start while food was served to all the guests. Bialka is the youngest of the Arabian State Studs since the decision was made in 1981 by the Ministry of Agriculture that Bialka should be the fourth

Arabian State Stud in Poland, the others being Janów Podlaski, Michalów and Kurozweki. Bialka has been a stallion depot and a Little Poland Stud since 1930, standing around 100 stallions and more than 120 Arabians.

The breeding parade at Bialka always presents all the damlines present at the farm. However, the parade started out with



Cymra

the stallion Celsjusz (Ekstern x Carina) and the colts Emogen (Pegasus x Emlkira) and Perian (Piaff x Perita). Celsjusz was born in 2004 and he has earned great success to Bialka when, as a two year old, he was named Belzyce

Junior Champion Stallion and Autumn Show Junior Reserve Champion Stallion. When he turned three, he captured the title of Polish National Junior Champion Stallion, the second time a Bialka-bred colt has been awarded with that title, the first being Pesal (Partner x Perforacja) in 1993. Celsjusz's first offspring were born this year and he once more stood at Bialka this year.

Bialka often stands stallion at stud for their



Euspira

first years, and the successful Michalow-bred Esparto (Ekstern x Ekspozycja) went to Bialka when he returned from his lease to Ajman Stud in UAE. Esparto's offspring are amazing and it is so great to see how the breeding programme

at Bialka takes leaps forward and the quality of the horses gets higher each year. Esparto has been standing at Bialka this year together with another Michalów stallion, Eryks (Gazal Al Shaqab x Emmona), and they bred most of the mares here.

The first damline to be presented was that of the rare family of Bent-El-Arab db. Bialka is the



only State Stud farm where this family can be found and it was almost extinct for a while, which makes it so great to see how Bialka now has several mares representing this family. Bent-El-Arab was bred in the desert in 1880 and was bought by Babolna

Stud. In 1946, two mares from this family were imported to Poland: Bona (Kuhailan Zaid db x 23 Mersuch 1) and Balia (Kuhailan Zaid db x 25 Kemir). Bona was the dam of Como (by Witraz) who sired Forsycja and Fortel, both out of the mare Forta. In 1951, Bona returned to Babolna with no producing daughters left in Poland. Balia also returned to Babolna the same year, but she had the Pietuszok daughters Cela and Cecora as well as the Doktryner daughter Cedrela to carry on the damline in Poland. Cela was sold to Sweden while Cecora had the daughter Cerisola (by Carrador) prior to her exportation to Mr Rubin in USA.

Cerisola was the dam of Cewka (by Celebes), one of the mares picked out at Janów for the



newly-started Arabian Stud at Bialka. Another mare chosen to be one of the foundation mares at Bialka was Cedrela, who was picked out from Kurozweki where she actually had

been one of the first mares when they started in 1973. The line of Cewka is no longer represented at Bialka, although there is one daughter, Ceptona (by Pepton), owned by a private breeder. Cedrela had five offspring at Bialka and the only one that was put into breeding was the daughter Cudna (by

Eternit). She had six offspring before she was sold to Jordan and in the beginning of 2000, the only representative left at Bialka was the grey mare Cyfra (by Pesal). Cyfra had seven offspring, luckily five fillies and two colts, which later were gelded. Celina (by Metropolis NA) was the first mare shown today and this chestnut mare has produced one foal each year since she returned from the racetrack. She had a filly, Celma, by Esparto at side and is now bred to Eryks. Celina is an elegant mare but, although not extreme in any way, she has free and floating movement with her tail always carried high over her back. Her filly, however,

had a very sculptured head and great show attitude. Celina's Ekstern daughter Cella was



also shown; she has a beautiful eye and it is interesting to see how Ekstern constantly puts pretty heads on his offspring. Cymra (Ekstern x Cyfra) next and she is a very feminine mare of very good size at 15.3hh. Cymra had a colt by Piaff last year, but was barren this year; she is in foal to Eryks for 2011. Cymra and Cella are a big step forward considering how the mare Cyfra looked and it will be very interesting to see how they will produce at the farm.

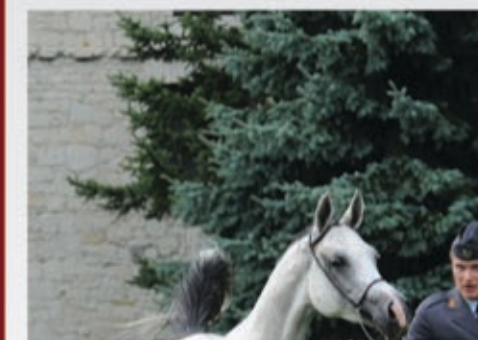
Only one mare was shown from the Sahara damline, the grey Euspira (by Gazal Al Shaqab). Her dam, Euskara, was one of the most beautiful mares bred by Kurozweki Stud and she came to Bialka when the horses were divided among the three State Studs. Euskara is now owned by Liezl Els in South Africa and is Euspira is retained by Bialka to continue the damline. She is a stunning mare with a great show attitude. Since 2008, she has had three fillies by Ekstern, Piaff and Esparto, and she is bred back to Esparto.

Another great damline originating from Kurozweki is the one with the two full sisters Hulanka and Heroldia (Eukaliptus x Heraldyka), from the Mlecha dam family through Balalajka-Arfa-Harfa. Both mares now live their life in the US, but both are represented by daughters and granddaughters at Bialka. Hulanka is owned by Toskhara Arabians in Texas and her best daughter at Bialka was the Pentagonn daughter Hula. Prior to her exportation to Australia, she had the fillies



Hulala (by Pamir) and Husara (by Pesal) as well as the US National Top Ten Stallion, Hun (by Gazal Al Shaqab). Hulala is retained by the stud and we saw her and her colt Hugon (by Esparto). Hulala was not in the mood for showing off, but this did not matter as her son stole the show. He has a great arch to his neck and uses it perfectly when he is moving or gets excited. His expression is wonderful and he charmed the whole audience. Heroldia, now owned by Scarab Farms, has two daughters at Bialka and first out was the white Herca (by Pesal), one of my favourite mares at the farm. She is a classical beauty with great movement, a very pretty head and the long neck that distinguishes the Eukaliptus

horses. She was heavily in foal for an early 2011 Esparto foal and it will be a very interesting match. Herlina (Ekstern x Heroldia) is a little bit smaller than her maternal sister, but with a very nice Arabian type. She is the perfect cross between Ekstern with his pretty head and the long neck from her dam. Heroldia is an amazing moving machine, so it was evident that Herlina would be a great mover with Ekstern as her sire. So far, she has had two colts by Piaff and has



been bred to Eryks for a 2011 foal. Manny and Diana Vierra at Valley Oaks Arabians in California bought Herlina's full sister, Halima, last year. Halima is bay and an even better mover than her sister, with an equally pretty head although Herlina has a longer neck. Halima had a filly by Piaff last year, Harfia, and she displayed her great movement.

Polish National and European Champion Emigrant (Ararat x Emigrantka) and her dam Emkira is by the Race Champion Batyskaf (Pamir x Bajeczka) and out of Emza (Partner x Embara). As Emigrant also is a representative of the Milordka line, which gives Egira two



lines to this valuable family. Egira resembles a lot of her paternal granddam Emigrantka with the classical dryness and the Seglawi look, she carries her tail high and has floating movement. Her filly Egema (by Esparto) was already weaned, like many others, so we looked at her in the barn. With three crosses to her damline, she is very pretty and elegant and her dam has been bred back to Esparto.

The mare family that most people associate with Bialka is the Szamrajowka family with the foundation mare Pentoza (Ellorus x Pentoda), the dam of 10 great offspring at Bialka. Pentoza was bred by Janów and she was out of the beautiful Bandos-daughter Pentoda, also the dam of US National Champion Mare Penicylina (by Palas), Polish chief sire Pers (by Enos), the great broodmare Pestka (by Probat), and the champion mares Petarda (by Ernal), Perfidia (by Palas) and Perelka (by Ernal).

Perolia is a brown charismatic daughter of Gazal Al Shaqab with an amazing neck that she uses to perfection and a wonderful way of showing herself in-hand. Her dam Pereira (Eldon x Per Pani) was sold to Cullinghurst Arabian in UK, with three

The Milordka line is very well represented at Michalów, but here we only saw one mare that belonged to that family: Egira is by the

daughters retained at Bialka: Perolia and Perra, both by Ararat, and Penika (by Perseusz). Perolia has been very successful in the showing as the 2006 and 2007 Autumn Reserve Junior Champion Mare, 2006 Belzyce Junior



Cirilla

Reserve Champion and 2009 Mince Senior Champion Mare and Supreme Champion. Pentozia's best-producing daughter has been Perforacja (by Eral), the dam of Bialka's pride Pesal (by Partner), Polish National Junior and Senior Champion Stallion, as well as the stallion Plagiat (by Batyskaf), a great race and endurance horse and Norwegian International Champion Stallion. Perforacja's daughter Perfirka (by Gazal Al Shaqab) is a stretchy mare with a short back and a beautiful, arched neck. She was shown with her colt Pernal by Esparto and she is bred back to him for a full-sibling the coming season. Permila (Ararat x Perfazja) is very much like her sire and she also had a chestnut colt, Permon (by Esparto) at her side

who will be very interesting to watch growing up. His dam is slightly long in her head, but Permon had a short head with a very broad forehead and a tiny muzzle. He is very elegant with a big eye and a very chiselled head. It was very obvious that Esparto has been the perfect match for Bialka.

The great mare Fatma (Anarchista x Forta) spent her last years at Bialka. Bred by Michalów in 1961, she moved to Bialka in 1985 and



Camilia

produced two fillies by Alkazar (El Paso x Algeria) in 1986 and 1987. Fatma is a representative from the Ukrainka dam family and while none of her daughters are represented at the farm today, the mare

Bialka mares and I would say that he, together with Ekstern, have helped to raise the quality in the breeding programme with great result. Another Gazal daughter that impresses a lot is the grey Fabryszka (ex Fula) and she was shown with her filly Fabra (by Esparto). Fabra has an extreme head that just blows you away; she will be a very exciting yearling next show season as she is not just a pretty head, but also has a very nice neck and great movement with her tail glued to her back.

The last family presented was the Gazella damline and it is very interesting to see how they distinguish themselves compared to the group we had seen earlier at Janów. Cirilla's (by Ekstern) dam Cirka (Borek x Cuma) was bred by Kurozweki and she is well-known by the frequent visitors as the mare with the longest neck at the farm. She is very much Kuhailan in type with a straight profile, huge black eyes, that amazing neck and a strong body and wonderful movement. She has been a very valuable broodmare and Cirilla is a very elegant maiden mare bred to Eryks for a 2011 foal. Her damline traces down to Cerozja (Wielki Szlem x Rozeta) and her daughter Cyneraria



Kabsztad

Fula (Partner x Florena) has two daughters in the breeding programme and her damline traces down to Forta through Forsycja (Como x Forta). Gazal Al Shaqab did a very good job with the

(by Sedziwoj) is part of this very valuable dam family. Camilia (Piaff x Calineczka) is a nearly white yearling filly with lots of presence and a beautiful front with a dished face and a wonderful arch to her neck. Like both her sire and her dam, who is a daughter of the great-moving Metropolis NA, Camilia is a great mover and will most likely have a bright future ahead of her in the show-ring. Her damline traces down to the mare Cartagena (Muharyt x Candida), one of the mares chosen from Janów to be one of the foundation mares at



Gaspar

Bialka. Her great-granddam is the well-known Carmen (Trypolis x Wilga), foremost known as the dam of Comet (by Abu Afas). Camilia ended the presentation and we were all invited to visit the barns to look at all the horses. It is a very nice farm and you can spend a long time there, studying the foals and the



Gaskonia

mares standing in their stalls. But eventually, we had to leave for Zamosc and our hotel for the night. It is a wonderful place and the evening was filled with great wine and food in the company of old and new friends. It was with a sad feeling when we went back to the hotel as we were upon the last day of the big adventure: tomorrow was the Michalów breeding parade.

Michalów Stud Farm

A special moment for me is always the breeding parade at Michalów and this year, the location was moved into the new indoor arena. While the arena is light and impressive,



Démona

it was a little bit sad to be there as it did not really feel like the breeding parade without the usual beautiful outside surroundings.

Debowa Polana



Champion Colt, all while on lease to the Athbah Stud in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Kabsztad has been at stud for his first year in 2010 at Michalów and it will be very exciting to see his first offspring in 2011.

The 23-year-old Gaskonia (Probat x Gizela) was presented next. She has a topline like a six-year-old mare and loves to show off in front of the audience. She is the last Probat daughter at Michalów and the oldest mare at the farm. Gaskonia is the dam of four offspring, the Menes-son Gaskonczyk, the mare Garsoniera (by Wojslaw) and the chief sires Grafik (by Eukaliptus) and Gaspar (by Emigrant). No one that attended the Polish Nationals in

A total of 52 horses were to be shown and first out was the young stallion Kabsztad (Poganin x Kwestura) and he is just getting

Drabant



better and better, with an amazing front end and powerful movement. Kabsztad has been Bialka Spring Show Junior Champion Colt and Polish National Junior Champion Colt. He was intensively shown during 2008-2009, being named European Reserve Junior Champion, International Reserve Junior Champion Menton, Al Khalediah Arabian Horse Festival Reserve Champion Colt, Dubai International Bronze Champion and Sharjah International

2006 can ever forget the great performance Gaskonia did when, at 19 years of age, she was named Polish National Champion Mare and Best in Show with her sons Gaspar and Grafik awarded with Polish National Champion and reserve respectively. The oldest horse at Michalów is the Polish National Champion Stallion and European Supreme Champion Eldon (Penitent x Erotyka) at 25 years old. Eldon is always positive and full of charisma and he always puts up a good show when he has an audience. He is the leading progenitor of the Ilderim sire line and has been an excellent sire of more

than 200 offspring; they are regularly great producers as well as race and show horses. Eldon is the sire of the great Janów-bred mares



Dama Kier

and international champions Epruwetka (ex Euzebia) and Persenkowka (ex Perelka), and the chief sires Piaff (ex Pipi) and Espadero (ex



Palanga

Esparceta), the latter being a Polish Derby, Michalów, and Wielki Szlem Stakes winner. Eldon was shown together with two of his daughters, both born in 2005: Gazira (ex Gehenna) and Debowa Polana (ex Debowa Góra); two very good representatives of their sire.

Demona (Monogramm x Dalida) is one of the highly-valued daughters of Monogramm and she always impresses with her movement and attitude, something you also can see when it comes to her son Drabant (by Gazal Al Shaqab). Demona is a very tall mare at 15.2hh and she is very slim and long-legged, with a long neck and a chiselled head with huge, black eyes. Her dam is the

incomparable Dalida (Probat x Draperia), Derby winner and class winner at the Junior Spring Show and a great producer as the dam of Derby winner and twice Criterie winner Druid (by Wojslaw), the high-selling lot at the



Panika

Pride of Poland Auction. Demona was offered for sale in the auction, but her price never reached the reserve so she will stay at



Padova

Michalów. She was now shown together with her masculine and powerful son Drabant, Polish National Junior Champion Colt and twice Polish National Reserve Champion Stallion and frequent winner of the Best Mover Award. We also saw his full sister Dama Kier, retained as a broodmare at stud

and the dam of two fillies by Enzo (Padrons Psyche x RD Bey Shahmpane). Panika (Eukaliptus x Plisa) was presented with two of her daughters, Palanga (by Ekstern) and Padova (out of Galba). Panika

is very classic in her look as a fleabitten grey mare, she is not that tall at 14.3hh, but she has very good proportions and a bloody shoulder mark over the right side of her head. Her dam Plisa (Probat x Pliszka) was sold to Onsala Arabians in Sweden in 2000 – one one of the most beautiful Probat daughters, she was not impressed by shows, but always showed her best at liberty. Panika's daughter Palanga is one of Ekstern's best daughters; she is extremely pretty with an extraordinary show attitude. She has been Polish National Junior and Senior Reserve Champion Mare. Padova has been a class winner at the Spring Show at Bialka. Ganges (Monogramm x Garonna) is such a joy to see as he is always so animated

and full of life. He came into the arena with lots of confidence, followed by his daughters Diaspora (ex Dalida) and Wiselka (ex Wilnianka), two mares of very high quality with long necks, great bodies and very nice movement. Both had foals waiting for them in the barn – Wiselka, a colt by QR Marc,

and Diaspora, a filly by Eryks, making the last one double Monogramm through Ganges and Emmona.



Ganges



Chimeryk

Emmona (Monogramm x Emilda) was the next horse on the list. She is such a perfectly-built mare, which is evident on her so often being the highest-scoring horse at shows including All Nations Cup in 2009. Her son, Eryks (by Gazal Al Shaqab), also has the great Monogramm movement and has now been used quite intensely, with very good results. His charismatic brown son Chimeryk (ex Chimera) has been very successful in



Emmona

the show-ring and he entered the arena here with such self-confidence. He is a promising colt and it will be very interesting to follow

him in the future. His dam Chimera (Emigrant x Czereda) traces down in tail female line to the valuable mare Canaria (Trypolis x Saga), the dam of Celebes (by Witraz). Ernestyna (Piechur x Erwina) is most well-known for being the dam of the champion-producer Ekstern (by Monogramm). She was shown together

with her daughter by Monogramm, Ernera, who is already a proven producer as the dam of Ernesta (by Emigrant), exported to the USA, and Emeeria (by Angor), exported to Saudi Arabia. In the same group, two

offspring by Ekstern were shown, the full siblings Ekliptyka and Esparto. Both are out of Ekspozycja (Eukaliptus x Esperanca), a full sister to the Polish National Junior Reserve Champion Colt Esperanto, now owned by Haras de Cárdenas in the USA.

Norma (Gazal Al Shaqab x Nina) is a very charismatic young mare with an animated trot and a long neck with a wonderful throatlatch and a great tail carriage. She was shown together with her son, the bay yearling colt Nomad (by Eden C) who was an Autumn Show Junior Top Five Stallion. He is a tall colt with a short back and a short, triangular head and the same great tail carriage as his dam. This damline was brought back to Poland through WN Nastasea (Nabor x Kirkors



Eryks

Gazal) and traces down to the mare Karramba (Witraz x Karmen II), bred by Albigowa Stud and exported to Patricia Lindsay in the UK in 1958, and the dam of the great stallion Karadjordje (by Gerwazy). WN Nastasea had two daughters in Poland, Nadia (by Endel) and Nina (by Monogramm). Wiazma, the daughter of US National Champion Mare Wizja, is now owned by Paul Gheysens in Belgium. She always impressed



Ernera

with her high, animated trot, something she passed on to all her offspring including her two daughters retained by the farm – Wieza Babel (by Laheeb) and Wieza Marzen (by Ekstern). We were now presented the elegant Wieza Babel and her celebrated daughter Wieza Róz (by Ekstern), 2009 Polish National Junior Champion Mare. Wieza Babel herself was the

(by Ararat) – South East Championships Senior and Supreme Champion Mare and Best in Show – and Parmana (by Al Maraam), International Junior Gold Champion Mare Ströhen and Elran



Diaspora

Champion Mare. Pistoria is like her dam, being very powerful, and this tall mare has just started out her breeding career and had her first foal in 2009, the grey colt Psalm (by Enzo). Another beautiful and great-producing Monogramm daughter is Zagrobła (ex Zguba), the winner of numerous champion titles including US National Champion, World Champion, Scottsdale Reserve Champion, Babolna International Junior and Senior Champion, and European Reserve Champion Mare. Her daughter Zigi Zana (by QR Marc) has had a very successful season and the previous weekend, she was the Polish National Junior Gold Champion; earlier in May, she was the Spring Show Junior Silver Champion and she would later become the European Junior Silver Champion in Moorseele. My personal favourite is the glorious snow-white World Champion Mare Emanda, very much like her great dam Emanacja (Eukaliptus x Emigracja), with the ethereal beauty of her sire



Ernestyna

2001 Bialka Spring Show Junior Champion Filly and Best in Show, something her maternal sister Wieza Wiatrów (by Ganges) repeated

Cup Junior Bronze Champion Mare. Parmana is currently on lease to Athbah Stud and Prawica is owned by Cullinghurst Arabians in the UK. Palmira's most famous daughter, however, was shown here today alongside her dam – Pistoria (by Gazal Al Shaqab), European Junior



Esparto

the following year. Wieza Babel had a filly by Ekstern this year as well, Wieza Basni, a full sister to Wieza Róz. Palmira (Monogramm x Palestra), Polish National Champion Mare and Best in Show, All Nations Cup Champion Mare, Senior Champion Mare and Best in Show at Belzyce and Falborek Senior Champion Mare, is a very highly-decorated mare and is always a joy to see in the show-ring. She has also been a great-producing mare as the dam of Prawica



Dombra

Ecaho (Pepton x Etruria). Emanda is the dam of the incomparable Emandoria (by Gazal Al Shaqab) – World Champion, US National Champion, Arabian Breeders World Cup



Eldon

Senior Champion, Polish National Champion and Best in Show, All Nations Cup Champion and European Champion Mare. Emandoria is the epitome of Arabian type, with her amazing front end, a great body and terrific movement. After this group of horses, 11 mares with foals at side were presented: three daughters of Gazal Al Shaqab – Foggia (ex Fortissima), Elara (ex Elganda) and Windawa (ex Wilnianka) with foals by Gaspar, Eden C and Ganges; and the

Ekstern daughters Pustynna Rosa (ex Pustynna Roza) and Elgina (ex Egna), both with elegant fillies by Poganin. A third Ekstern daughter, Wieza Marzen (ex Wiazma), was presented



with her filly by QR Marc. She is sure to be a future star with her high-set and long neck,

pretty head and great movement. Diaspora (Ganges x Dalida) and Mata Hari (Ganges x Martynika) were shown with their great-moving daughters, Diara and Mia Rosa, both by Eryks. The feminine Karbala (Emigrant x Karolina) was presented with her first foal, an extremely pretty filly named Karbona (by Ekstern). Another well-known Michalów mare is the well-decorated, stunning El Dorada (Sanadik El Shaklan x Emigrantka), Polish National Junior and Senior Champion, US National Champion, European Junior Champion and Scottsdale Reserve Champion Mare. El Dorada was on lease to Valley Oak Arabians in the USA for 2005-2006, where she produced the colts El Fornio VO (by Grafik) and El Palacio VO (by Al Lahab) as well as the fillies El Euphoria VO (by Ecaho) and Elle Dorada (by Enzo). On her return to Michalów, she was in foal to Enzo and had the colt El Dorett in 2008 and another colt by Enzo in 2009, El Dor. El Dorada was now presented with her filly El Dorra (by QR Marc), a long-legged, elegant chestnut.

QR Marc (Marwan Al Shaqab x Swete Dreams) has done an excellent job in Poland with his almost 30 offspring so far. Proof of that was seen the previous weekend at the Polish National Show where his offspring was named Gold and Silver Junior Champion Filly – Zigi Zana and Piacenza – as well as Silver Junior Champion Colt and Top Five Champion Colt – Pogrom and Zimarc. As a special treat, we were shown five of his great yearling fillies at Michalów: Eustachia (ex Euscera); Waranga (ex Wilga); Piacenza (ex Primawera); Wieza Marca (ex Wieza Marzen) and Zigi Zana herself. We will certainly see more of those exceptional fillies in the future.



Gazira

The last horse to be shown was the newly-crowned Polish National Gold Junior Champion Colt Empire (Enzo x Emira), a very elegant and pretty colt, long-legged and with great movement. After this impressive breeding parade, we were invited to visit the barns and to walk here among the mares at Michalów is a true blessing for the heart. For here, you get a glimpse into the future, where you can see the future stars standing quietly alongside their mothers. ❖

