



JAROSLAV **LACINA**

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AFTER THE FIRST YEAR  
OF NEW

**ECAHO**

PRESIDENCY



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European Conference of  
Arab Horse Organizations

*It has been almost one year ago when Arabian horse breeders community in Europe was curiously waiting for the result of the new European Conference of Arab Horse Organizations (ECAHO) President election. It was the more awaited as the General Meeting was preceded with emotional discussions, a lot of essential as well as personal arguments in public medias and meetings and the community was looking forward to see who of the two final candidates will follow the uneasy future of ECAHO. What were the major goals of Jaroslav Lacina – the new elected President when he was starting his cadency? How many of them happened to be executed and how many didn't work out and why? What are the thoughts and feelings after the first year of presidency and the further plans of Jaroslav Lacina for the nearest future to realise?*

**Tutto Arabi:** *Starting from the beginning – what were your most*

*important goals to be executed that you started your cadency with?*

**Jaroslav Lacina:** *Before the election situation in ECAHO was very tense so my first goal arise automatic – to calm whole situation around ECAHO down. I was very happy that many small fights disappeared after I was elected. This gave me a chance to focus on my previous promises and ideas. Very important for the future of all of us was the first meeting of the Executive*



Price giving during Prague Intercup 2011



First straight Egyptian filly foal born during JL Presidency





National show Prague 2011

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*Committee which we organized at the end of May. There I had the first chance to discuss my thoughts with other members and tried to find agreement on our goals. Before this meeting we already started to make a few preparations on the new ECAHO website project. Thanks to Gideon Reisel who made a project presentation for us we had been able to specify our requirements and upgrade whole idea to a higher level. This new website became slowly our main goal and now we are proceeding with financial offers from IT companies. Absolutely fantastic result of our new website would be possibility for ECAHO to offer for the first time a real services to others as there will be available a lot of publicity, automatic updating and very fast information exchanges. All this together with totally new show software (part of the project) reflecting all current needs and distributed for free will help a lot not only to all*

*officials of ECAHO but also to all people around. For sure such a big project will take some time to be realized but within one year should be most of it in a function.*

**TA:** *How many of the goals you mentioned at the first meeting have been realized already and which of them haven't been and why?*

**JL:** *Just a few days ago I checked by a chance my speech for the President election and I found quite a lot of small bureaucratic promises which most of them have been already realized. For example publishing of the Executive Committee meeting minutes, publishing of proposers on the agenda etc. However, there are some other more important changes which need approval of the General assembly such as Constitutional changes. During the last General Meeting of ECAHO we found*



some rules unpractical or useless. All those problematic points we tried to rectify so their new version should be discussed and approved by our members during the next General Meeting in February 2012 in Amman.

On the other hand there is still a lot of those which have not been yet brought in full to live. The reason is very often difficult or long-term solution. From those is the most complicated financial balance of ECAHO specially during the worldwide economical instability where all costs are increasing and we have to be still searching a new incomes and reducing current costs. Very difficult is also to find a new instruments which could support whole show scene and Arabian horse breeding. Those are for sure important tasks for the near future.

**TA:** Did you have to go through many compromises during that past year and what was their function?

JL, his wife Martina, M. Tengstedt and A. Nordén during the European Championship 2010

**JL:** Well, lets say that compromises are our daily business. We are not always able to find a general agreement. ECAHO is composed from many different countries, geological areas, economical diversity, human characters and religion. No wonder that even we have in many cases the same intention we want to use a different process to reach the goal. In such cases the communication is the only way to get over those problems finding a compromise at the end. Very good example could be election and acceptance of handlers



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JL and artist I. Glaserová together with Fire Cup - Trophy with real gold - Prague Intercup 2010





Prague Intercup 2011 with Ronny Vosch

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*representative for the Show Commission when after many different opinion exchanges that had been taking few months, the new person has been finally welcomed in the meeting. This presence is highly appreciated there now.*

**TA:** *What are your personal impressions after one year of your presidency and your personal opinion about the work for ECAHO looking from that perspective?*

**JL:** *One year is really a short time for any essential declarations or changes but I do believe that we are mainly taking good direction. For sure imaginations are a bit different from reality and I have to say that in many things I have been positively surprised, on the contrary with some others not. There is a lot of problems arising up nearly every day and we have to solve them as soon*

*as possible using current rules and regulations and even if some of us see this procedure "heavy" we have to use it since acceptance of its modification. This is what some other people do not understand, but we have to work this way as without following rules we could make only mess. For sure all the things seems to be more easy from outside, however, if you would like to keep democracy and objective judgment things are usually getting more and more complicated. This makes me sometimes a bit more busy then necessary so I do not have time enough to react immediately to some emails for example but usually I try to do in the next few days. Together with me there are also few new members of the EC so we all have to use procedures and adjust our life to it.*

**TA:** *We spoke about the past and present, but how about the most important - the future plans to follow?*

Price giving ceremony  
during the Dubai Show 2011

*JL: As I already mentioned, our concentration will be focused mainly on our new website now. This will take a lot of time as it will be not so easy to "catch up" all details and problems in such as complicated project. We have some other ideas for the future too (e.g. ECAHO Cup) but we still have to find a good system to use them. Very important for me is also an attempt to discuss again the acceptance of the prize money in Europe which has been refused many times but in my opinion could be one of those necessary stimulants for our show scene. Promising news are coming from the Sport Commission too about the European Championship in Sport, which should be organized again and I hope will attract so*



*many Arabian horse riders as in the past. For sure we should solve a stormy discussion about horse abuse and horses welfare which has been open during a last few weeks. In this case I do believe in improvement done by better cooperation between handlers and Show Commission now. Mutual understanding and respect not only in this case could bring such as required stability and integrity in the whole Arabian horse community. So taking this chance to speak publically to all the readers of Tutto Arabi – I wish everybody peaceful and successful 2012 year full of unforgettable moments with their Arabian horses!*