



Marianne Tengstedt

With new elected President of Danish Arabian Horse Association about her nearest interesting plans regarding the national and international show scene development, her judging career and own exciting breeding program talked Urszula Łęczycka.

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Tutto Arabi: *First of all – we should congratulate you coming back as the President of Arabian Horse Association in Denmark. What does this mean to you personally and your professional plans regarding the future show and breeding scene in Denmark?*

Marianne Tengstedt: *Thank you. Actually it was not my intentions to be involved in the association work again. I have had twenty good years as a board member. The situation has changed in the last years; I here refer to the global economy crisis. The Danish Arab horse association is like many others, suffering in these difficult times. I had a number of appeals from various members, asking me to consider standing for election. After a quick assessment, I made up my mind and accepted to stand for elections again. After my first year as President, we have managed to break the*

curve and the association's economy has stabilized, but it is still up hill and a difficult task. We have cut into the bone and hope for better times ahead of us.

TA: *As we know a lot of small shows, also in Denmark, has been canceled in recent years due to the lack of entries- in your opinion did the situation changed nowadays or it may happen to change? What are the plans in Denmark to solve this situation and promote Arabian horse activity?*

MT: *Sadly we had to cancel our international show last year, but we are very happy to announce that this year we will open the doors, at the very well known manner house Vilhelmsborg. International B show, National Championships and the Danish Championships in Dressage, so It will be a very entertaining weekend.*



Scala El Jamaal (Ali Jamaal x SS Marietta)

Aisha (Aryes El Ludjin x Ally [Fakt x Arabella])



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TA: How would you persuade the breeders from your country and international ones to attend?

MT: Our Country and then of course Vilhelmsborg is in the Northern part of Europe therefore it is sometimes difficult to attract the big sponsors, so we have at limited budget to promote our show. Sometimes it is also difficult to get participants do to the long transportations of the horses. This year we are happy to be back at Vilhelmsborg which is very well known for its beautiful surroundings and super facilities, the whole set up are for us to use, but if the weather allows us we prefer to have the show outside. One thing that might encourage exhibitors to participate is that the competition might not be as strong as in the middle of Europe. To host an international show gives the Scandinavian breeders a chance to get inspired, and hopefully a chance to see some famous horses and compete with their homebred horses on an international level. Thanks to a lot of volunteers we once again can host the National and International Vilhelmsborg show 2012. The first weekend in June, we welcome everyone to come and take part in this fantastic arrangement and enjoy the Scandinavian atmosphere.

TA: What do you think about the current changes in ECAHO nowadays? There were a key changes of President and some new regulations, bodies, and people getting introduced... What would you wish to change looking from your perspective?

MT: Well I must say that there have been some changes in ECAHO. Unfortunately I do not think that it is enough to change the situation. In my opinion, we loose the „normal“ European breeders in this system which is running now. I have in my years in ECAHO fought for an elimination system, both for the horses but also for breeders. To me it is unfair for our breeders to have to compete against imported super horses from overseas, almost in their own backyard. As you know I travel a lot and judge horses all over. When I am in Australia, South America, US and several other places, the breeders in these countries compete among each other and once in a while they have imported horses in their competitions. If we don't find a solution to this phenomenon here in Europe, we will definately loose interest in the Arabian horse in Europe. Here I only want to remind everyone of, that a lot of BIG breeding programs have had their take off in European breed horses... Something



Bella Reyna El Bri (CH El Brillo x CH Rabina Shaklan)



Scala El Jamaal (Ali Jamaal x SS Marietta)



Aryes El Ludjin
(Ludjin El Jamaal x Aryana Shah)



With Lenita Perroy, Ferdinand Huemer and Ali Jamaal

to think about... Programs such as from Poland, Russia, Spain, Crabbet and many more.

I also find it kind of strange that some ECAHO member countries choose not to affiliate their shows with ECAHO, my question is why do they want to be members then?

TA: What in your opinion could be the ways to „protect“ European breeding then?

MT: If you like to call it European self-protecting system we can call it that. I have different ideas to protection of the European breeders. One could be special classes for European breed and born horses. For many years I worked for a elimination system in ECAHO show commission, some of the suggestions have been used but in general in never found the right form due to several objections - an example for the arguments against it is that the horses would not be easy to sell if they could not participate in all shows.

TA: You are of course, since many years, one of most respected judges not only in Europe – you are going to judge

in many countries almost all over the globe – can you tell us about your recent judging experiences and your plans for 2012? Are you especially satisfied with any particular shows you have judged or you will judge and why?

MT: This question is often asked to me, and yes I have had the pleasure to judge in many different countries all over the world. I must say that It is always a challenge to try to use a different judging system and also to get to know new people and tune in with their judging systems.

I have many favorites' places and many dear friends all over the globe.

My last show was Scottsdale where I was judging the International classes – very nice experience, and we managed to find the best horses for the Championships. I was especially impressed with the whole industry around Scottsdale, 2200 horses all used in various classes. Imagine if we in Europe had a show like that. Try to calculate how many liters of horse shampoo, flight tickets, horse shoes, boots, trailers, etc etc... It seems like the Americans are capable of keeping the steam up - this year was the 57th Scottsdale show – Fantastic.



Filly by El Sid x Shaila

Manilla, dam of Fire Fighter with Marianne's daughter - Sara



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I have my traditions show, every year since many years I have judged Wels and Blommeröd, and I am sure if I was not invited, I would go anyway, kind of family to me. Aachen is always a treat, having the chance to get close to all the wonderfully creature in the first line, amazing. This year I also will go to UK for the Nationals, very special and very inspiring. In-between I have several other nice shows to attend. End of the month I will go to South Africa once more, this is also always special. I just love to go visit different game parks to watch the wild animals. I will finish judging 2012 in Paris, also a special atmosphere and a special time of the year, here I get a chance for doing some Christmas shopping!

TA: *Travelling around the world for judging for sure brings some new experiences for you as a breeder as well observing the other breeding programs. Can you tell us about your recent, interesting purchases of horses you did and your breeding plans?*

MT: *You are right, I get very inspired of watching how other breeders are doing. My recent purchase is four mares of some of*

the bloodlines I really really love. From La Movida Arabians in Austria I have got Scala el Jamaal, remarkable bay Ali Jamaal daughter in foal to Lawrence el Ghazal, and from the same farm Bella Reyna El Bri, a white very pretty double El Shaklan mare. In Denmark I found with a very old breeder Pajb, two older ladies a Maysoon daughter and an El Mokari daughter, both very classic and lovely mares. All four of them will be bred this year.

In 2012 I will have 5 foals, 4 from Aryes El Ludjin on different blood lined mares and Scala is having a Lawrence baby. In 2011 I had the pleasure to have Aryes El Ludjin from La Movida, here on my farm for the breeding season. He is a significant Ludjin son with a wonderfully temperament and a super nice pedigree. I have already two 2 year old fillies by him with which I am extremely happy with. Aryes El Ludjin was as a young colt imported to La Movida Austria from Brazil, he was born on the famous farm Haras Meja Lua and of course breed by Lenita Perroy. In January I had the pleasure once more to visit Lenita Perroy and also had the enjoyment to see Ali Jamaal once more, this great stallion will celebrate his 30



Bella Reyna El Bri
(CH El Brillo x CH Rabina Shaklan)



Marianne with Aryes El Ludjin
(Ludjin El Jamaal x Aryana Shah)

Fire Fighter
(FS Eternal Flame X Manilla)



birthday this year. He is for sure a marvelous horse and it has been an honor to meet him

My breeding plans for this year is also something new. I have purchased some breedings to ZT Marwteyn, on which mares I will use Marwteyn, I have still to decide. But very exciting, also I have thought of using Aryes El Ludjin or Lawrence El Gazal again. I have for the moment twelve mares, so I am lucky to have some options to choose from...

TA: But as we know you are successful not only with good purchases, you are one of very few lucky breeders having your homebred stallion on 2 years lease to the State Stud in Poland. Can you tell us how this story began and what are your expectations from that lease?

MT: I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to have my lovely stallion Fire Fighter in Poland. The story behind it is actually very sad. I had brought Fire Fighter to the International Show in Ströhen, where he was shown for the first time since many years. He did a great show and ended up being Bronze Champion. At the show several people showed interest

in him. As I am the breeder and have his close family here I never really used him in breeding, due to too close breeding with my mares. So it was clear to me to give this nice boy a chance in breeding. Wojtek Kowalik was very interested in bringing Fire Fighter to Poland, and we arranged on having a meeting the next week. I came as a great shock for all of us to learn that Wojtek, much too early had passed away only the day before we should have had our meeting. God bless his soul, he was a great horse man. In the meantime Wojtek had spoken to the Stud managers in Poland concerning my stallion and Ms. Anna Stojanowska took contact with me and we made a leasing contract for two years. I am very proud and feel very fortunate to have a home breed stallion in Poland a country with so much success and long traditions, of breeding great Arabian horses.

Latest news is that the first 3 foals from Fire Fighter are on the ground and one colt and a filly are extremely nice. I look very much forward to go to Poland soon and see how my boy is doing!