

ISG Delegates' Conference and the "2026 Festival of Arabian Horses" in Bábolna.

Because the ISG now sponsors an ISG European Championship only every other year, the MALE-Magyarországi Arablótenyészték Egyesülete, Hungary's private Arabian horse association, has agreed to organize a "Festival for Arabian Horses." In addition to a breeding show for Shagya Arabians and purebred Arabians, a stallion parade was presented. The horses were showcased on May 16 and 17 at the well-established Bábolna venue. Bábolna and the Hungarian National Arabian Horse Association are committed to high-quality horse breeding. For this reason, all stallions that have achieved Elite or Class One status on the Hungarian grading scale, or those that are still too young but have already attracted attention due to their ratings, were presented in a stallion parade and professionally evaluated, regardless of their breeder or owner. A stallion parade is a unique opportunity to assess the current state of Arabian breeding and where it is headed. Last but not least, it is a good opportunity to select the right partner for one's mare.

The stallion parade was held during each lunch break. On Saturday, there was also a carriage parade. The carriages in Bábolna are, by tradition, something truly unique. Where else can you see a five-horse team drawn by Shagya-Arabian broodmares? On Sunday, in addition to the stallion parade, the Foundation of the Pannónhalma Historical Military Academy presented the Fencing School, a demonstration of traditional saber combat.

On Friday, May 15, the ISG Delegates' Assembly was held, as is tradition, at Bábolner Stall 5, in the Kammertheater hall. As Chairman Ahmed Al Samarraie noted in his foreword to the conference invitation, the ISG Board

Stallion Champions, Senior



Gold medalist in the senior division. 6258 Shagya XI (Báb), Shagay, 2010, Bábolna, by 5103 Shagya VII (Báb), Shagay, 1993, DE-Wolfsburg, out of 277 Gazal XIX-3, 2004, Bábolna. Winner of the class for 11-year-old and older stallions, score 8.51.



Shagya Arabian mares. In the foreground Kuhailan Zaid-616 Katara, 2016, AT-Stainz, with her breeder and owner Karli Hemmer. Next to it, slightly hidden: Koheilan Boróka 2020, HU-Mágocs, by Koheilan-49 Kenitra, out of Dinár Boglárka.

aims to provide young breeders with a forum to carry the knowledge and heritage of our centuries-old breeding tradition into the future. The Hungarian Arabian Horse Association (MALE) has also launched a forum for young breeders, where experience meets youthful enthusiasm and where knowledge from the past helps shape the future. For this reason, several young people also participated as junior judges in evaluating the horses in all classes. The judges, listed alphabetically, were: Ahmed Al Samarraie, DE; Burchard Schröder, DE; Michal Horny, SK; Dr. Csaba Németh, HU; Judit Kovács, HU; Sabine Marchand-Furrer, FR.

On Saturday, starting at 10 a.m., the youth classes, one- to three-year-old stallions and mares, were presented to the judges, alternating between Purebred Arabian and Shagya Arabian

breeds. On Sunday, starting at 9:30 a.m., the senior classes, four- to eleven-year-old and older stallions and mares, were presented.

Eligible to participate were all horses registered in the stud book of the Hungarian Arabian Horse Breeders' Association (Magyarországi Arablótenyésztők Egyesülete), possessing a pedigree, and owned by one of its members. Shagya Arabians must be recognized by the International Shagya Arabian Society (ISG) and, at the time of entry, be registered in the stud book of a breeding association recognized by the ISG in accordance with the ISG Framework Stud Book Regulations. Pedigree must be verified through a DNA-based pedigree verification. Stallions must be registered in Stud Book I.

Twelve Shagya-Arabian classes were announced. These were: 1. One-year-



Silver medalist in the senior division. Mersuch IX-4, Jimmy, 2020, Bábolna. By 3928 Mersuch IX (Bab), 1992, Radautz, out of 290 O'Bajan XVIII-3, 2007, Bábolna. Winner of the class for four- to six-year-old stallions, score 7.89.



Bronze medalist in the senior division. 6844 Shagya XIII (Báb), Szemes, 2014, Bábolna. By 3640 Shagya IX (Báb), 1993, Bábolna, out of 258 O'Bajan XVIII, 1998, Bábolna. Runner-up in the class for stallions aged 11 and older, score 8.31.

old colts (6 entries), 2. One-year-old fillies (6 entries), 3. Two-year-old fillies (6 entries), 4. Two-year-old colts (6 entries), 5. Three-year-old fillies (6 entries), 6. Three-year-old colts (6 entries), 7. Four- to six-year-old mares (7 entries), 8. Four- to six-year-old stallions (6 entries), 9. Nine- to eleven-year-old mares (11 entries), 10. Nine- to eleven-year-old stallions (9 entries), 11. Eleven-year-old and older mares (9 entries), 12. Eleven-year-old and older stallions (4 entries). A total of 82 Shagya-Arabians were judged. The rules for ties in the qualifying rounds were as follows: If two horses achieved the same score (tie) in the qualifying round of a class, the following tie-breaker applied: The horse with the higher score for "Type" is placed higher. If there is still a tie (ex aequo), the horse with the highest score for "Walk and Trot" is placed higher. If a decision still cannot be reached, a judge is selected by lot and must state his or her preference.

The championships were a special feature of the event. The youth championships were held on Saturday evening, and the senior championships on Sunday afternoon.

All horses that placed in the top three in their class were eligible to compete in the championship. The judges judged independently of one another. The judges and the audience first observed the finalists one after another in motion. They were then lined up in the judging ring, where the judges entered gold, silver, and bronze on their scorecards, as well as a fourth-place reserve, which was added by the judges, and the results were announced.

The following titles were awarded in the championship:

Junior Champion Mares, Gold, Silver, Bronze; Junior Champion Stallions, Gold, Silver, Bronze; Senior Champion Mares, Gold, Silver, Bronze; Senior

Mare Champions, Senior



Gold medalist in the senior division. Koheillan Rubin, 2014, HU-Nagyberki. By 3029 Koheillan-49 Kenitra (H), 1992, out of Shagya Rezeda, 2003, HU-Kaposvar. Winner of the class for mares aged 11 and older, score 8.03.

Champion Stallions, Gold, Silver, Bronze.

Points are awarded to the nominated horses as follows: A horse nominated for gold by a judge receives four points. A horse nominated for silver by a judge receives two points. A horse nominated for bronze by a judge receives one point.

The gold medal is awarded to the horse with the most votes for the Gold Champion. In the event of a tie for the Gold Medal Champion, the Gold Medal is awarded to the horse with the highest total point total in the qualifying classes. From among the remaining horses, the Silver Medal is awarded to the horse with the highest point total in the championship. The Bronze Medal is awarded to the horse with the third-highest point total in the championship.

If you want to see a large number of beautiful Shagya-Arabians, you should never miss the event at the Bábolna National Stud. That was certainly the case this year, 2026. The organizers – Gábor Haal, director of the Bábolna National Stud, and Tamás Rombauer, president of MALE – along with their numerous staff members, once again did an excellent job. Nevertheless, it rained for two days.

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The MALE Board of Directors has decided that six judges will be appointed for this show, five to judge and one alternate. This was intended to ensure greater fairness. However, an analysis of all the scores showed that in most cases, the evaluations were very consistent. From the left: Michal Horny, SK; DE; Sabine Marchand-Furrer, FR; Burchard Schröder, DE; Judit Kovács, HU; Dr. Csaba Németh, HU; Ahmed Al Samarraie, DE.



Silver medalist in the senior division. O'Bajan XXXI-3, 2021, Bábolna. Out of 6124 O'Bajan XXXI (Báb), Osama, 2003, IT-Kiens, out of 298 Gazal XXI-4, 2009, Bábolna, winner of the class for four- to six-year-old mares, score 7.77.

Stallion, Champions, Juniors

Junior gold medalist.

Gazal XXII-10, Diego, 2023, Bábolna.

Out of 5181 Gazal XXII (Báb), 2004, Bábolna, out of 33 Siglavy Bagdady VIII-1, 2010, Bábolna. Winner of the three-year-old stallion class, score 7.77.

Silver medalist in the junior class.

Shagya XIII-1, Silver, 2024, Bábolna. By 6844 Shagya XIII (Báb), 2014, Bábolna, out of 44 Shagya VIII-1, 2012, Bábolna. Winner of the two-year-old stallion class, score 7.71.

Bronze medalist in the junior class.

Koheillan XVII-2029, Gatsby, 2025, Bábolna. By 6479 Koheillan XVII (Báb), Pagur AV, 2007, RU-Khrenovoe. Third place in the one-year-old colts class, score 7.60.

Mare Champions, Juniors

Junior Gold Medalist.

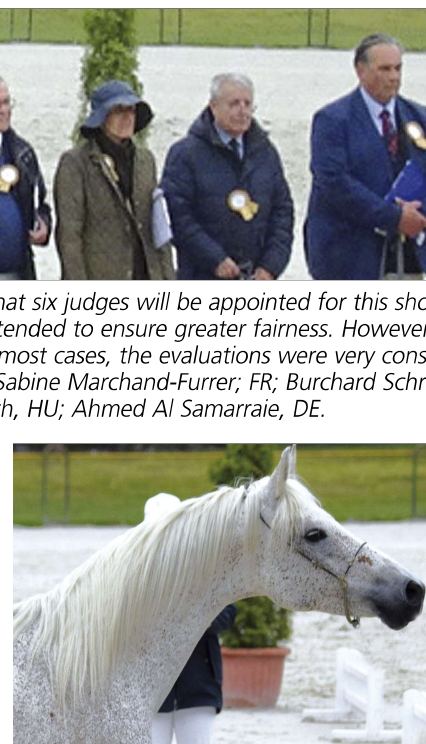
Gazal XXV-10, 2023, Bábolna. By Gazal XXV, Shahim des Charmes, 2011, FR-Vélorcey, out of 48 Shagya VI-1, 2009, Bábolna. Winner of the three-year-old fillies class, score 7.71.

Silver medalist in the junior class.

Kemir IX-2, 2023, Bábolna. By 6652 Kemir IX (Báb), 2015, Bábolna, out of 270 Gazal XIX-8, 2003, Bábolna. Third place in the three-year-old fillies class, score 7.54.

Bronze medalist in the juniors.

O'Bajan XXXI-5, Tejpor, 2023, Bábolna. By 6124 O'Bajan XXXI (Báb), Osama, 2003, IT-Kiens, out of 38 Gazal XVIII-1, 2012, Bábolna. Second place in the three-year-old fillies class, score 7.63.



Bronze medalist in the senior division. Kuhailan Zaid-616 Katara, 2016, AT-Steinz. By Kuhailan Zaid-111, 2011, AT Stainz, out of Saklawi I-124. Runner-up in the class for mares aged 11 and older, score 8.03. Same score as the winner.