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Global Arabian Horse
Flat Racing Festival

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HH Sheikh Mansoor Festival unveils 2017 calendar of events

The HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival unveiled its calendar of events for the year 2017, which apart from 108 events, also reflects many new countries and venues that will see action both on and off the tracks.

Ms. Lara Sawaya, Executive Director, HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival, Chairman of the International Federation of Horse Racing Academies (IFHRA), Chairman of Ladies & Apprentice Racing Committees in the International Federation of Arabian Horse Racing Authorities (IFAHR), at a press conference held at the Eastern Mangrove Hotel in Abu Dhabi, said the calendar for 2017 is bigger and all the progress since the 2009 launch of the Festival has only been possible due to the initiatives and action by His Highness Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, UAE Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Presidential Affairs.

“We also acknowledge the great support the Festival’s activities have received from Her Highness Sheikhha Fatima Bint Mubarak, Mother of the UAE, Chairperson of the General Women’s Union, Supreme Chairperson of the Family Development Foundation and Chairwoman of the Supreme Council for Motherhood and Childhood and Mother of the World,” she stated.

“We start with Muscat in Oman on January 20 and in total we will see 108 events being worked off in the six continents during the year 2017,” she said.

“Algeria is a country that will make its debut in staging the Festival’s events and following the directives of HH Sheikh Mansoor regarding the huge potential there, we are staging three Wathba Stud Farm Cup races and one leg of the HH Sheikhha Fatima Bint Mubarak Apprentice World Championship (IFHRA),” Ms. Sawaya said.

“Algeria is a fertile venue for racing with good potential and hopefully the Festival will support and help to develop the races there including the development of the infrastructure, where ever it is possible,” she added.

“They already have 130 horses in racing during the 10-month season plus one breeding center, but they have no rating or handicapping system. Algeria will also join IFHRA (International Federation of

Horse Racing Academies) after the next general meeting in February and that will raise the number of member countries to 52 nations,” Ms. Sawaya said.

“We have also added one Apprentice event to the Oman calendar while breaking new ground in the USA with Mammoth Park hosting the first ever Arabian race in its history. Turkey will also be a new venue while Germany is back in the Festival’s calendar. In endurance, Spain will be part of the Festival for the first time,” she said.

At the top of the racing programme is the Festival’s 14-race Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Cup series which will culminate in the Euros 1.2 million Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Crown Jewel (Group 1) race on November 12 in Abu Dhabi. The HH Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies World Championship series will work off 14 events around the globe while the HH Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak Apprentice World Championship series will see 12 races before the grand finale.

Ms. Sawaya also announced a new Wathba Stud Farm Championship Cup in Abu Dhabi where the top horses of the Wathba Cup races in Abu Dhabi and Al Ain will compete in the Dh 150,000 Wathba Stud Farm Championship Cup which will be run on the November 12 finale.

“Three of the top performing horses in the Wathba Stud Farm Cup, based on points earned, will be competing in the Sheikh Zayed Cup to be held on the sidelines of the World Arabian Horse Racing Conference in Morocco from May 1 to 7, 2017,” Ms. Sawaya explained.

“Furthermore, special rates for semen from the Wathba Stallions are on offer for UAE breeders including free semen for the winners of selected races at Al Ain and Abu Dhabi. These are from top stallions that include Raaziq, Mushrae, Areem, Lahib, Naseem and Musharab,” said Ms. Sawaya, who heads Wathba Stallions.

“The prestigious Darley US Awards and the HH Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak International Awards will be held at the Dolby Studio in Hollywood on March 31 while on the sidelines, the US \$ 100,000, HH Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak Stakes will be held at the Santa Anita Park,” she stated.

An equally expanded programme for endurance rides under the Festival’s umbrella was announced which included the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Endurance Cup, the HH Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies CEIO Cup and the World Championship for Young Horses. The rides will be spread over France, Portugal, Hungary, Spain, Italy and Belgium. “We will also make a few changes to strengthen the UAE Ladies team that will take part in the rides in Europe,” she added.

Meanwhile, the partners, associates and sponsors of the Festival once again pledged their strong support and backing for the huge effort towards promoting the UAE history, heritage and culture.

The National Archives was represented at the press conference by Dr. Abdulla Raisi, Salama Al Qubaisi represented General Women’s Union, Ahmed Al Qubaisi from Abu Dhabi Sports Council, Mubarak Al Nuaimi from Abu Dhabi Tourism and Culture Authority, Ahmed Al Mazrouei representing the Abu Dhabi Judicial Department, Adnan Sultan Al Nuaimi, Director General of the Abu Dhabi Equestrian Club, Stefano Daneri and Munira Almarzouki representing the National Feed and Flour Production Company, Nadim Lahad from the Emirates Airline, Khalid Khalifa Al Nabooda representing the breeders and owners, Pat Buckley from Abu Dhabi Equestrian Club and Faisal Al Rahmani, representing Al Ain Equestrian Club.

2017 CALENDAR

HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival

HH Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies World Championship

January

20, Alrahba, Oman

February

26, St Moritz, Switzerland

March

04, Sam Houston Park, Texas

17, Manama, Bahrain

April

21, Toulouse, France

May

06, Casa Anfa, Casablanca

29, Capannelle Rome, Italy

June

04, Stockholm, Sweden

25, Duindicht, The Netherlands

July

08, Pleasanton, CA

17 Hoppegarten, Germany

August

14 Ostend, Belgium

20, Sluzewic, Warsaw Poland

September

01 Sandown, UK

23, Caulfield, Australia

Nov

12, Finals, Abu Dhabi Equestrian Club

Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Cup:

February 12, St Moritz, Switzerland

March 04, Sam Houston Park, Texas

April 21, Toulouse, France

May 06, Morocco

June

04, Rome, Italy

06, Stockholm, Sweden
25, Duindicht, The Netherlands
July 08, Pleasanton, CA
August
14, Ostend, Belgium
20, Sluzeiwic, Poland
September
02, Sandown Park, UK
04, Mammouth Park USA
October 26, Toulouse, France

Nov 12, Finals

HH Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak Apprentice World Championship

January

20, Oman

May

06, Morocco

June

04, Rome, Italy

August

05, Copenhagen, Denmark
20, Sluzeiwic, Poland
23, Istanbul, Turkey
30, Tataristan Kazan

September

01, Lingfield Park, UK
04, Mammouth Park, USA

October

14, Algeria
15, Tarbes, France

November

12, Finals, Abu Dhabi Equestrian Club

Wathba Stud Farm Cup 2017

Algeria

May 14, Oct 14

Australia

Sep 3, Queensland

Belguim

May 15 Ghlin

Brazil

July 22

France

Feb 11, Pau

June 8, July 23, La Teste

Sep 27, Bordeaux

The Netherlands

June 25

May 14

Aug 13-27

Sweden

May 14 Jagersro, Malmo

Switzerland

Sep 8, Avenches,

Tatarstan

Aug 30, Kazan

UK

Hereford

24 races

(May, June, August, Sep)

USA

CA

July, Sacramento

Oct, Fresno, Texas

Sept, Rétama Park

Oct, Lone Star Park

World Arabian Horse Racing Conference, Morocco 2017

May 1-7, 2017

May 3-5, World Arabian Horse Racing Conference Morocco 2017

May 6,

Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Cup

HH Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies World Championship IFAHR

HH Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak Apprentice World Championship IFHRA

Darley Awards Hollywood 2017

March 31-April 2

March 31, US Darley Awards & HH Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak

Darley Awards at Dolby Theatre, Highland Boulevard, Hollywood

April 1, Santa Anita Park LA , CA

Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak Darley Awards Stake Grade 1

April 2, HH Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak Darley Awards Gala Dinner at the Beverly Hills Wilshire Rodeo Drive

HH Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak Conference for Education & Training

Nov 09-11: National Archives Abu Dhabi

Nov 11: Al Wathba Challenge Endurance at EIEV , Al Wathba Award Gala Dinner at Emirates Palace

Nov 12: Finals of HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Festival

Endurance Races 2017

Sep 15-17, Negrepelisse Endurance, France

April 21-23, CEI Atelerios, Alter, Portugal

April 28-29-30, Bablona Endurance Festival, Hungary

May 19-20, Madrid Endurance Festival Sponsorship, Spain

June 30, July 1 & 2, Sardinia Endurance Festival, Italy

Aug 11-14, or Aug 16-20, Brussels Endurance Masters including:

European Endurance Championship

World Championship Young Horses

HH Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak CEIO Cup

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