

## THE POLISH SIDE SADDLE CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

The International Side Saddle Show and 13<sup>th</sup> Polish Championship took place on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017 in Janow Podlaski Arabian Stud, which situated is in east part of Poland. 16 riders competed in different classes: Dressage high and low level, also Junior Dressage, Jumping, Style jumping costume d'Elegance Adult and Junior, Equitation, Historical Costume, Caro Crips, Champagne Challenge and Beginners lead rein. We had visitors from the UK including President Mr Roger Philpot.



Dressage Champion title went to Aleksandra Luskiewicz on Colombo Elling and Jumping Champion to Sylwia Kolodziej on Krain. This year was the second time we had run an Open Equitation Class affiliated to the British SSA. It was judge by President Mr Roger Philpot and the first prize trophy in this class went to Aleksandra Adamczyk on Gubernator.



Congratulation to our guest rider from the UK, Elizabeth Roger, s winner of the Adult Costume d'Elegance Class on Arabian mare El-Zachra. Junior Costume d'Elegance Class winner was Sonia Schwalbe on Krain and Junior Dressage winner was Eliza Mordylo on Wrotycz.



The history of side saddle riding in Poland began around the 13th century. It was continued for a long period of time as a popular style of riding by the Queen and ladies at the polish court. Sadly this style of riding died after the Second World War, but now has been restored.

We all had a wonderful time in Poland and the chance to visit the oldest traditional polish stud established in 1817. The 19<sup>th</sup> century stable complex situated in an old park with the Clock Stable and the Main Stable are both works of architect Henryk Marconi. Each summer the Stud hosts the famous Arabian Horse Days and horse auction.

It is very optimistic to see interest in side saddle riding growing every year in Poland. We had a lot of people come up to chat and watch this year as well. It was an excellent opportunity and place to share and promote this elegant style of riding.

The Polish Association sends their huge thanks to British SSA for help and support over last few years.

*Sylwia Kolodziej – SSA Liaison – Polish Side Saddle Association*

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