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From Sept. 25th—27th, 2009 a "Shagya-Arabian Festival" was organized by the National Forrest Administration of Romania at the National Stud of Radautzi.

I had the privilege and honor to participate as apprentice judge, as I am accrediting further credentials and gaining more international experience at the same time to finalize my ISG-judge certification. The international ISG judges for this event were:

Eng. Michal Horny, Director of the National Stud Farm Topolcianky, Slovakia, Dr. Walter Huber, ISG BOD, Germany, and Josef Weiss, Austria. Hallie Goetz, USA was the second leaner judge.

Mr. Brabenetz also attended the show as special guest of honor.



M. Horny, Dr. W. Huber, H. Goetz, J. Weiss, D. Atam

It was a fantastic event and very well organized. I will write a more detailed report during the Christmas holidays, but here are already some highlights and a short summary:

The 3 day event had multiple disciplines and Shagyas were shown in different classes based on their age. Shagyas were shown on the Race-Track, in Jumping, some did Dressage and of course there was the Halter Show & Championship Classes. The first three of each class (stallions & mares) then did compete against each other on the third day to identify the overall winner for each discipline. There was also a "free jumping" event with spectacular scenes and wonderful action to see how the Shagyas (stallions and mares, too) – managed to "fly over" the obstacles.

The winner of the 2009 Shagya Championship was the stallion Shagya LXII (right) and second became the wonderful mare Shaganah (left), actually she was my personal favorite and winner.



Here are some additional impressions from that show:



I was most impressed by the performance of a beautiful Shagya mare **Siglavy Bagdady XV-59** (Siglavy Bagdady XV x 394 Hadban XXVII-49) – this is first rider from the left picture and the horse over the jump on the right picture. That mare was shown in a very professional way by her proud owner Shila in all disciplines and was the perfect example for the great versatility of the Shagya-Arabian breed.

A detailed report about the event with more pictures and interesting information will be published soon. Please check the ASAV Web-Site: <u>www.shagyaregistry.com</u> for updates and publication dates.

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