

Award to Sheikh Hamdan for best Arabian Race Horse in the World

In December 2011 the first ever world ranking of Arabian Race horses was presented by the **International Arabian Horse Racing Federation - IFAHR.**

Topping the list was **No Risk Al Maury** - owned by HH Sheik Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum who received his award on Dubai World Cup night on March 31 in Dubai.

No Risk Al Maury was given a rating of 128 by the organisations Pattern Race and Handicappers Committee.

Presenting a world ranking of Purebred Arabian Racehorses has been a major strategic issue for IFAHR since many years. But it was not until late 2011 that this was made possible, after a long period of work by handicappers from all leading Arabian Racing countries. The handicappers have compared all Pattern Race results from several years, to find a common base of calculation.

"Comparing results and ratings from several countries is complicated," says Pam Cordrey. General Handicapper of Scandinavia and a long-term expert on handicapping. "In Arabian Racing we have in a few years done what the Thoroughbred industry developed over decades."

Caption: HH Sheik Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, deputy ruler of Dubai and minister of Finance and Commerce in the UAE receiving the "Highest Rated Arabian Race Horse in The World Award" for his horse "No Risk Al Maury" by IFAHR Secretary Mats Genberg in the presence of Ms Lara Sawaya, Head of IFAHR Ladies Racing.

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