

WAHO CONFERENCE JORDAN 2021. INVITATION



Princess Alia and Aziza

Dear WAHO Members, Friends and fellow lovers and caretakers of the Arabian horse, It gives me great pleasure to invite you to attend the WAHO 2021 Conference to be held in Amman, Jordan.

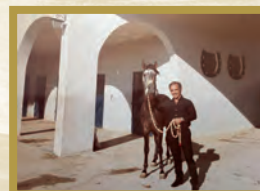
Jordan has been involved with WAHO from its very early days, and was I believe the first Arab country after Egypt (a founding Member thanks to the late Dr. Amin Zaher) to become a full Member with a recognized Stud Book, in 1980. It was considered a great feat back in those early times and all the more precious for the stringent inspections of animals, paperwork and historical support which were required. That first stud book contained extensive details of the horses from the long-standing breeding programme of The Royal Jordanian State Stud. To this day, the Royal Stables takes care to preserve the foundation male and female lines that are unique to Jordan.



HM King Abdullah of Transjordan



HM King Hussein of Jordan at the Royal Stables



Jordan's current horses are known worldwide, but what is perhaps less widely known is that they feature and have had significant influence on many other breeding programmes through horses which were sent abroad in the early to mid-1900's. They feature in the bloodlines of the Yeguada Militar of Spain, the EAO and private stud farms of Egypt- (perhaps most notably Shams el Asil of the Late Wegdun el Barbary) and Dr. Nagel's Katharinehof in Germany- and on through the breeding programmes of Ansata in the USA, Al Rayyan in Qatar and the Simeon Stud in Australia, among others.

In 1987 Jordan initiated the "Festival of the Arabian Horse at Home" in order to bring breeders from the Middle East together with their horses, as well as guests from around the world, to see examples of the region's breeding programmes. Since those days, interest in the Arabian horse has reawakened and there are new breeders of both show and performance horses increasing yearly in number and quality. Our Arabians are mainly used for breeding, endurance and pleasure riding, and to a lesser extent for showjumping, dressage and polo. We also supply the Mounted Police and Royal Guard with purebred horses for ceremonial purposes and competing in various disciplines. With their gentle temperaments and exceptional empathy with people, especially children, our horses also provide invaluable support at Growing Together, our dedicated hippotherapy project for young people with special needs.



Endurance



Showing



Therapy



Ceremonial Guard Mounted Display

Arabian horses have been an integral part of Jordan's culture and history since time immemorial, and we are very proud that in this modern age we still have so many excellent representatives of the very qualities for which our local Arabian horses were famous. During the Conference week, we plan to showcase some of our horses in a special Parade. We will also offer a variety of tailor made tours, including visits to Stud farms and the Al Ma'wa Reserve for Nature and Wildlife. We will do our utmost to ensure that during your time with us here in Jordan you will enjoy our traditional Jordanian hospitality to the full.

I do hope that many of you will join us here in Amman in 2021 to experience all that Jordan has to offer at first hand. I very much look forward to sharing our country, our culture, our history and our horses with you.

Alia al Hussein

HRH Princess Alia Bint Al Hussein



Princess Alia with broodmares of the Royal Stables



Planning for the WAHO Jordan Conference in October 2021 is well under way. The Conference venue hotel has not yet been selected, but of course our WAHO Members will be informed of all the details and proposed costs as soon as these are available. A dedicated and experienced Conference and Tour Organizer will ensure that everything goes smoothly from your arrival to departure. Final details will be sent to all WAHO



JORDAN 2021 PROPOSED SCHEDULE

Members at least one year in advance of the Conference. In the meanwhile, and as we know that many of you like to plan your trip well in advance, this is the draft schedule for the event to give you some idea of what our hosts are proposing. Until the Conference Office in Jordan is up and running, please send any queries to the WAHO office, at email: waho@btconnect.com and we will pass them on to our kind hosts at the Royal Jordanian Equestrian Federation.

Preliminary Schedule of Events:

Saturday 9th October 2021

Registration desk opens at Conference Venue hotel
Half day and Full day tours with lunch and/or dinner

Sunday 10th October 2021

Registration desk open.
Half day and Full day tours with lunch and/or dinner
WAHO Executive Committee Meeting

Monday 11th October 2021

Registration desk open
Half day and 3/4 day tours with lunch
WAHO Executive Committee Meeting
*WAHO World Registrars Meeting
*Welcome reception and dinner

Tuesday 12th October 2021

*WAHO General Assembly with lunch
*Dinner and social event

Wednesday 13th October 2021

*WAHO General Assembly with lunch
*Dinner and social event

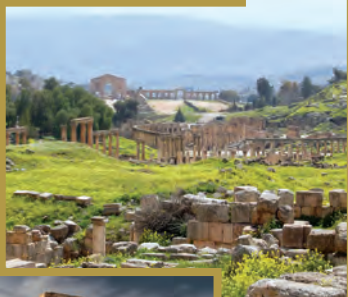
Thursday 14th October 2021

*Visit to The Royal Stables. Private Breeders Parade and lunch
*Gala Dinner

Friday 15th October 2021

Post Conference Tours start

*included in Conference registration fee



PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR PRE AND POST CONFERENCE TOURS.

A wide variety of Pre and Post Conference tours are being planned to take advantage of the wealth of sightseeing opportunities available. You will be offered the chance to see all the major sites in Jordan, covering everything from the natural environment to history and culture. We hope to arrange visits to some of the private breeders' farms. The shorter tours will include the historic sites and museums in and around Amman, as well as day trips to famous sites such as Madaba, Mount Nebo, the Dead Sea and Petra. The longer Post Conference tours will give the chance for a more leisurely exploration of Jordan's wonderful heritage in more detail, staying longer at places such as Petra and the Dead Sea, and will also include visits to the deserts of Wadi Rum and the Red Sea resort of Aqaba. We

are also hoping to plan visits to some less well known but fascinating nature reserves and conservation projects such as our Al Ma'wa Reserve for Nature & Wildlife, and we hope to organise the possibility of desert rides with camels or horses, and an overnight in a tented camp in the desert. Tour prices will be inclusive of all meals, experienced guides, transport and accommodation where relevant. Full details will be sent to all our Members at least one year in advance of the Conference dates.



With thanks to Reindert Jansen for his photos of the Middle East Championships Show.

Rescued lions and tiger now safe at Al Ma'wa Reserve