

WAHO ABU DHABI 2025 CONFERENCE INVITATION

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Dear WAHO Members, Friends of the Arabian horse, on behalf of His Highness Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, UAE Vice President, Deputy Prime Minister, Chairman of the Presidential Court, and Chairman of the Board of Emirates Arabian Horse Society, and Sheikh Zayed bin Hamed Al Nahyan, Vice Chairman of the Board of Emirates Arabian Horse Society, we have great pleasure in inviting you to attend the 2025 WAHO Conference in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.



The late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan

The UAE's efforts to join the World Arabian Horse Organization (WAHO) began 37 years ago, when the late President, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, may Allah rest his soul, sent delegates to Morocco to attend the 1986 Conference to start the process of joining WAHO and forming the Emirates Arabian Horse Society. In 1989, Volume 1 of EAHS Studbook was produced, which received final approval in 1990 in the United States of America when the Emirates Arabian Horse Society was accepted into WAHO as the Registering Authority for the United Arab Emirates.

Volume 1 of the studbook saw the registration of 318 horses, 213 of which belonged to the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, and the total number of owners was only 21 at the time. Now however, the EAHS registers more than 1,400 horses annually, and there are more than 26,000 registered Arabian horses and 5,000 owners. In addition, the EAHS arranges a very busy calendar of activities including halter shows, race meetings and endurance events, as well as seminars, auctions and exhibitions.



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Al Kaheela Al Zarga (1976, EAHS Vol. 1)



Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque

When the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan laid the solid foundations for this activity, his goal was not only having a Studbook and Registry for recording horse lineages. His aims went much further than that, as he wanted to preserve and promote these purebred Arabian horses in the world, and during his lifetime, Horse Shows and Race meetings around the world received his generous sponsorship. This continues in his name today led by His Highness the President's Cup Award, which has encompassed important capitals all over the world for more than 30 years, in addition to the His Highness Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan Racing Festival, which includes more than 150 races around the world. The initiative of His Highness Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, represented by the Emirates Arabian Horse Global Cup, was recently launched, which was specifically designed to support smaller breeders around the world.

In 1996, the WAHO Conference was held in the UAE, an unforgettable event which welcomed a record number of participants and showcased the achievements of the major studs at the time. Many new studs have been developed since, producing some of the world's best Arabian horses in all disciplines.

During this conference, we would like to take the opportunity of your presence to arrange a variety of visits and tours before and after the conference to a few major landmarks in the UAE, so that you can learn about our cultural experience that combines authenticity and modernity, and we look forward to welcoming you to Abu Dhabi in 2025.

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WAHO ABU DHABI 2025 GENERAL INFORMATION



We are galloping ahead towards 2025 - planning is now well under way for the 2025 WAHO Abu Dhabi Conference.

At the time of writing, the central week is planned to take place from 5th to 12th April, followed by Post Conference Tours. WAHO

Conferences are unique, offering the chance to meet friends old and new from all over the world, mixing business with pleasure as we celebrate the Arabian horse and its importance to the culture and history of the United Arab Emirates. During the 2 full days of the WAHO General Assembly we will have Guest Speakers on topics of interest to all Arabian horse owners and breeders. Following the General Assembly and before the Post Conference Tours, we are planning to emphasize the Arabian Horse Heritage of the Emirates with 3 very special days of visits to the major Studs in Abu Dhabi, Ajman, Dubai and Sharjah, which will be included in the Conference Registration Fee.



There is so much to see and do in the UAE that it is going to take us some time to plan everything for you, not just for the tours but also for the social events which are such a large part of any WAHO Conference. Among the options are likely to be a trip to the oasis city of Al Ain with its date palms and museums, to give you a flavour of life in the UAE past and present. In Abu Dhabi there will be an opportunity to visit the remarkable Sheikh Zayed Mosque, and the equally beautiful Qasr Al Watan, as well as a tour of the Cultural District on Saadiyat Island to see spectacular modern architecture such as The Louvre with its beautiful dome; Abu Dhabi's very special Interfaith Complex; The Abrahamic Family House; and the new Zayed National Museum dedicated to the story of the UAE.

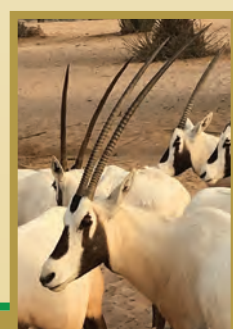
PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR PRE AND POST CONFERENCE TOURS



Of course, we have not forgotten our WAHO members' interests in animals and wildlife. The Abu Dhabi Falcon hospital provides a unique experience with its state-of-the-art facilities, as does a day trip to the wildlife sanctuary of Sir Bani Yas Island to see the results of the Arabian Oryx breeding programme, along with many other wild animals. We also plan to offer an overnight stay at a resort on the edge of the Empty Quarter, where you can take a camel trek into the world's largest sand desert and experience a night under the desert skies.



As we know that many of you like to plan your trip well in advance, we have prepared a preliminary schedule of events which we hope will tempt you to join us. The Conference venue hotel has not yet been confirmed, but of course full details, including all the accommodation options, social events, tours and prices, will be in the Conference Brochures and Registration forms which will be sent to you approximately 9 months before the Conference takes place. We will also post updates on the WAHO website in due course. Until the Conference Office in Abu Dhabi is up and running, please send any queries to the WAHO office, at emails: wahoexecsec@gmail.com or thewahoffice@gmail.com and we will pass them on to our kind hosts at the Emirates Arabian Horse Society.



PROPOSED DAILY SCHEDULE

Saturday 5th April to Saturday 12th April 2025
followed by Post Conference Tours

SATURDAY 5TH APRIL 2025

from 08.30

Conference Registration Desk open, Conference Venue Hotel

from 10.00

Pre Conference Morning, Afternoon or Full Day Tours, with lunch

SUNDAY 6TH APRIL 2025

from 08.30

Conference Registration Desk open, Conference Venue Hotel

09.00 - 17.30

WAHO Executive Committee Meeting, Conference Venue Hotel

from 09.00

Pre Conference Morning, Afternoon or Full Day Tours, with lunch

MONDAY 7TH APRIL 2025

from 08.30

Conference Registration Desk open, Conference Venue Hotel

09.00 - 17.30

WAHO Executive Committee Meeting, Conference Venue Hotel

09.00 - 17.00

WAHO World Registrars Meeting, Conference Venue Hotel

from 09.00

Pre Conference Half Day Morning Tours, with lunch

from 19.30

Welcome Reception and Dinner

TUESDAY 8TH APRIL 2025

09.00 - 17.30

WAHO General Assembly with lunch, Conference Venue Hotel

from 19.30

Evening Social Event and Dinner

WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL 2025

09.00 - 17.30

WAHO General Assembly with lunch, Conference Venue Hotel

from 19.30

Gala Dinner

Thursday 10th April to Saturday 12th April 2025

from 09.00 each day

Heritage of the Emirates.

Specially organized visits to the major Arabian farms in Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Ajman, and Sharjah.

Transport from your booked hotels, with lunches and dinners,
all included in the Conference Registration Fee.

SUNDAY 13TH APRIL 2025

from 09.00

Start of Optional 2, 3 or 4 day Post-Conference tours.

Note: The above programme is subject to change. Timings are approximate.

