



2014 European Appaloosa Championships

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This year the European Appaloosa Championships took place from October 8 – October 12, 2014. For the third year in a row they were held in Mooslargue, France, and very well organized by the Appaloosa Horse Club of Switzerland.



The show was judged by Janette M. Dublin from Texas, U.S.; Charlene L. Carter from Tennessee, U.S.; Andrea Kohn from Missouri, U.S.; and Jeffrey L. Ray from Minnesota, U.S.

Horses from all over Europe came to Mooslargue for a sportsman-like battle. The European Championships always have an atmosphere of a big family gathering.

Mrs. Diane Rushing was there, representing the Appaloosa Horse Club. It is almost impossible to imagine these Championships being held without her.

On Friday night a meeting was held with representatives from almost all of the European Affiliates.

For the Youth Exchange Program Alysha Hardy and Olivia Lasater from the U.S. were there to compete. Alysha rode the gelding Northern Tiger, owned by Anne Bescher from France. Olivia rode the gelding Glow Vision Du Coray, also owned by Anne Bescher. They both performed quite well and ended in fifth and 10th place in the Youth All-Around competition.

The Appaloosa Stallion Boemil Twin Robotop (above) from Italy also visited Mooslargue. This stallion is the NRHA highest money earning Appaloosa and the first Appaloosa entering the 2014 reining finals at the World Equestrian Games. He is owned by Lara Lorengo and trained and ridden by Giuseppe Prevosti. During his presentation at the Championships Mrs. Diane Rushing, representing the ApHC, donated a beautiful buckle to him. The European Reining Association handed him a plaque for his contribution to the fame of the Appaloosa breed in the reining industry. Boemil Twin Robotop with Giuseppe Prevosti in the saddle won the Open Senior Reining class at these Championships.

Lea Hoffner from Germany won the title All-Around Non Pro Champion on her gelding Top Gun BH (photo below, on left). Klara Veskmova from the Czech Republic won the Reserve title on her mare Surely Im Invited (photo below, on right).

Yara Deep from Germany won the Youth All-Around Champion title on her mare RR Moonlight Casey (right). Klara Hoppen, also from Germany, won the Reserve title on the mare CT Petunia Chocopops, owned by Christina Ottersbach.

The Title All-Around Champion Open went to Christina Ottersbach from Germany on her stallion CT Cookie Monster. The Reserve title went to Catherine Waldenmeyer from Switzerland on her gelding Royal Ambrose (below).



The Grand Champion Stallion title went to Pablo Star Reward, owned and shown by Ludovic De Potter from Belgium (right).

The Reserve Grand Champion Stallion title went to CT Cookie Monster, owned and shown by Christina Ottersbach from Germany.

The Grand Champion Mare title went to Perpetual Pizzazz from Italy, shown by Filippo Cerimele and owned by Daniele Cerimele (below).





The Reserve Grand Champion Mare title went to Eyota Mystic T-junior from Belgium, shown by Francesco Bassi and owned by Dominique Duchene (above).

Next year the Championships will be held again in Mooslargue—hope to see all of you there again! 🐾

