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Festival of H.H. Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan the First Arabian Cup in Frankfurt.

DRAV – what's it all about?

For more than 30 years, the German Racing Association for Purebred Arabians (DRAV) has been instrumental to establish and conduct Arabian horse racing in Germany. From humble beginnings in 1977 to today, Arabian racing has increased in numbers and especially reputation. Today, several internationally renowned events are drawing the attention of the major training and racing stables to German racetracks each year. The DRAV enjoys more and more support from the English Thoroughbred Racing Authority, the racetracks and the general public, thanks to the sponsorship from several Middle Eastern countries.

Today, the major Arabian races are the Qatar and Doha Cup run during the same weekend as the German Derby for English Thoroughbreds, the most important race meeting in Germany, which takes place each year in Hamburg-Horn at the first weekend of July. Other important races are

held at Cologne, Frankfurt and, of course, Baden-Baden Iffezheim and all of them attract horses from the surrounding countries such as France, Switzerland, Poland, Great Britain, Scandinavia, as well as from the Middle East and North Africa.

The DRAV is proud to have established excellent contacts to several countries in the Middle East and their generous sponsorship help to pursue the goal to establish and further German Arab Horse Racing in the centre of Europe. In 2009, around 30 races with a total purse of close to 300.000 € are scheduled, of which the Qatar Cup with a purse of 80.000 € is the most important. „We are very happy that our good relations with Sheikh Mohamed Bin Faleh Al Thani made it possible, for the third time in 2009, to organize the Qatar Cup in Hamburg with a purse of 80.000 €. In times of the financial crisis this is not self-evident. To choose Hamburg as venue for such an important event is based on the possibility to organize it along with the German Derby for English Thoroughbreds, and our long co-operation with the racetrack there.

The race meeting is very popular and attracted some 40.000 to 50.000 spectators this year“, explained Hubert Lorenz, General Manager of the DRAV. „We are also very happy to have hosted the third leg of the racing series established by Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan at Frankfurt. Frankfurt is known as a centre of commerce and trade in the whole of Europe and therefore the ideal venue“, he concluded.

Racing in Germany is synonym to racing in the center of Europe, with high standard racetracks, organisation and horses.

Come and see for yourself!

