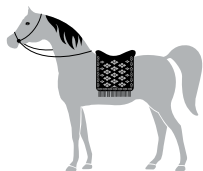
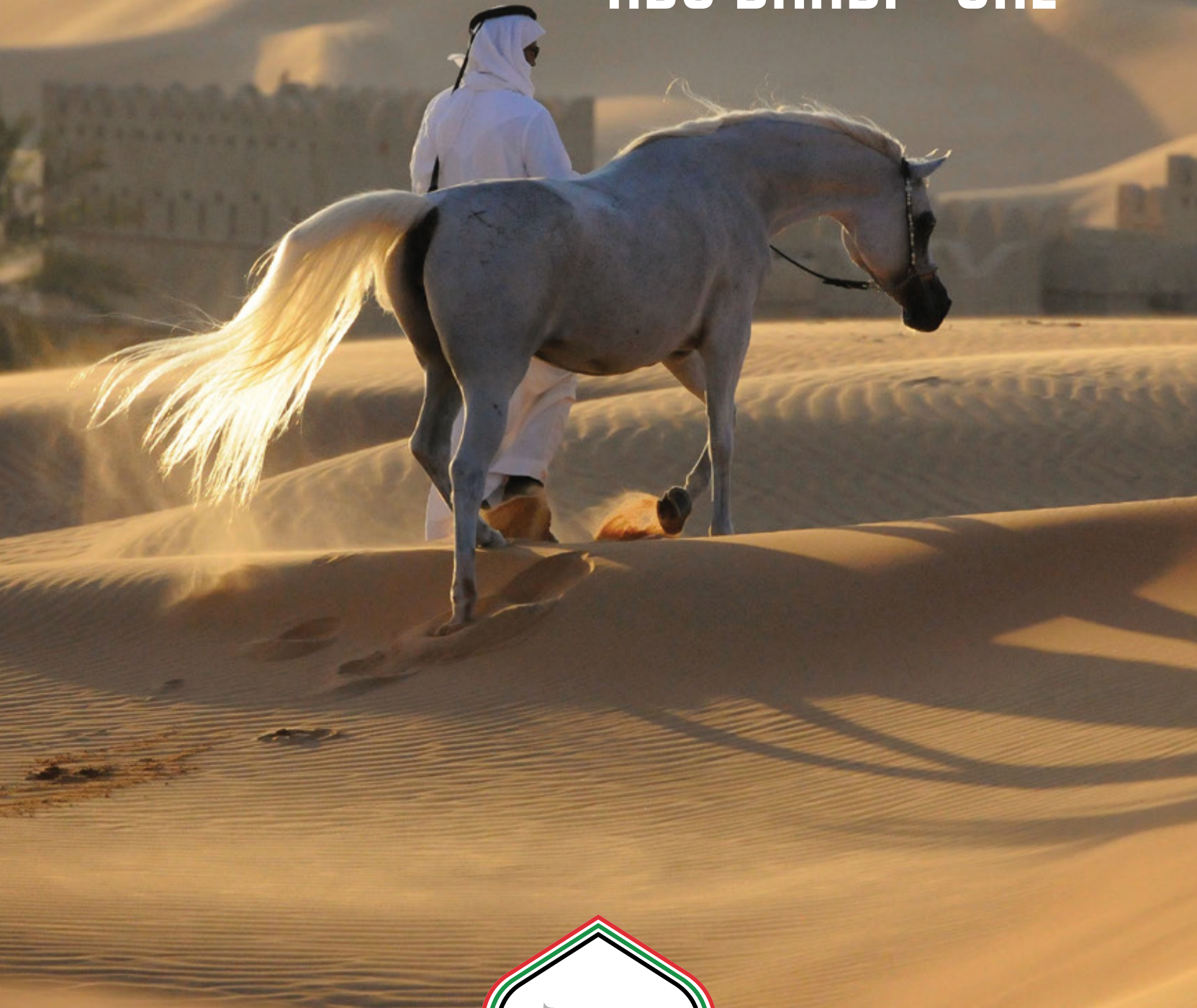


WAHO 2025 CONFERENCE ABU DHABI - UAE



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World Arabian Horse Organization

DEAR WAHO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE ARABIAN HORSE,



On behalf of His Highness Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, U.A.E. Vice President, Deputy Prime Minister, Chairman of the Presidential Court, and Chairman of the Board of Emirates Arabian Horse Society, and of Sheikh Zayed bin Hamad 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.

In 1990, the Emirates Arabian Horse Society was first accepted as the WAHO Registering Authority Member for the United Arab Emirates, and Volume 1 of our EAHS studbook was approved. Over these decades, our WAHO Membership has played a most important part in fulfilling the wishes of the late President of the UAE., HH Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, may Allah rest his soul, to promote and ensure a good future for the Arabian horse both at home and internationally. Volume 1 of our studbook included 318 horses, 213 of which belonged to the late HH Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, and the total number of owners was only 21 at the time. Today, we are proud to say that more than 26,000 Arabian horses are registered, over 1,000 foals are registered yearly, and there are 5,000 owners.

Abu Dhabi was honoured to host the 1996 WAHO Conference, which allowed us to showcase the progress our breeders and owners were making at the time. That same year Abu Dhabi held its first Arabian horse show, and the inaugural Dubai World Cup race meeting took place, including the Kuhayla Classic for Arabians. In 1997, Sharjah held its first show, and in 1998, Dubai hosted the FEI World Endurance Championships, and shows and races in other emirates were soon organised, followed by a rapid increase of owners and breeders. Within 15 years, we were proud to witness our Arabian horses winning prestigious international show titles and major races in Europe, all while racing at home evolved into one of the most competitive scenes in the world.. Today, 12 domestic shows are organised or supported by EAHS annually throughout the Emirates, and several important international shows, races, and endurance events are held here throughout the season, during which we welcome horses and guests from all over the world. The EAHS also runs regular educational seminars and judging courses.

These remarkable achievements, accomplished in a relatively short period, were made possible by the unwavering efforts and support of HH Sheikh Zayed, both domestically and internationally. These international initiatives continue to thrive today, spearheaded by the UAE President's Cup Award and the HH Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan Racing Festival, which spans multiple countries worldwide. In the realm of international horse shows, the Emirates Arabian Horse Global Cup was recently introduced under the guidance of HH Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan. This initiative includes 10 shows, each hosted in a different country, specifically designed to support smaller owners and breeders.

During the WAHO General Assembly, we will have interesting Guest Speakers on several topics. As you can see from the Conference Programme and Tours details, we are planning various events so that you can fully appreciate the hospitality and friendship of our country and our people. The highlight of this conference will undoubtedly be the chance to see many of our splendid Arabian horses during the specially arranged Heritage of the Emirates days from 10-12 April.

Our conference venue, The St. Regis Saadiyat Island, is ideally located near the cultural heart of Abu Dhabi and within easy reach of the city's renowned landmarks. The UAE boasts a vibrant and dynamic multicultural society, with each of the seven Emirates offering unique attractions. Across the country, visitors can explore a stunning blend of ancient and modern wonders, from skyscrapers to archaeological sites, mountains to beaches, deserts to oases. Whether this is your first visit to the UAE or a return trip, we are confident that the pre-and post-conference tours will offer something new and exciting. We eagerly look forward to sharing our country and the beauty of our Arabian horses with you.

Mohamed Alharbi

**Director General
Emirates Arabian Horse Society**

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is mandatory to have a valid comprehensive travel insurance policy when visiting the U.A.E.

CURRENCY

The UAE Dirham (AED) is fixed to the US dollar, with an exchange rate of around \$1 = AED 3.67. Foreign currencies can be exchanged at airports, licensed exchange offices, banks, and hotels; ATMs for cash withdrawals are widely available. Major credit cards are accepted almost everywhere, but cash is essential when purchasing from local souks or smaller shops.

ELECTRICITY

The UAE operates on a 230V supply voltage with a frequency of 50Hz. It uses plug type G, which features three rectangular pins arranged in a triangular pattern, similar to those used in the UK.

CLOTHING

The UAE is a culturally diverse country with a conservative approach to personal attire and behaviour. Visitors are encouraged to dress modestly, particularly in public spaces such as shopping malls, souks, rural areas, and when visiting mosques or other places of worship. Light summer clothing is suitable for most of the year but should not be transparent, tight, or revealing, with shoulders and knees covered. Beachwear is acceptable only in hotels, at pools, or on beaches. Sweaters, pashminas, or jackets may be needed during evenings or on desert and mountain tours. For daytime outings, it is recommended to bring hats, sunscreen, sunglasses, comfortable flat shoes, and insect repellent.

To help with your packing, this is our suggested dress code for the WAHO Conference:

Welcome Reception & Dinner	Smart Casual
General Assembly and Social Events	Smart Casual
Gala Dinner	Smart Casual
Heritage of the Emirates Days:	Casual

MEDICATION GUIDELINES

Some over-the-counter medications permitted in other countries are prohibited in the UAE. These include certain antihistamines containing promethazine, cold and flu remedies, cough mixtures with pseudoephedrine, and more potent painkillers containing opiates such as codeine. If you are taking prescribed medication, carry a valid doctor's prescription and bring only the quantity required for your stay. For further guidance, please feel free to contact us.

WATER

Water is a precious resource, and visitors are encouraged to use it responsibly. Most tap water in hotels is desalinated and considered safe for drinking, while bottled water is readily available in other locations.

HOTELS

The conference will be held at the St. Regis Saadiyat Island. We have thoughtfully selected two alternative hotels for your consideration, catering to different budgets and preferences. Please visit their websites or contact us with any questions for further details. We can also provide information about premier rooms, suites, or accommodations for three people sharing a room.

The St. Regis Saadiyat Island Resort:

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/auhxr-the-st-regis-saadiyat-island-resort-abu-dhabi/overview/>

Sheraton Hotel & Resort:

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/auhsi-sheraton-abu-dhabi-hotel-and-resort/overview/>

The Southern Sun Hotel:

<https://www.southernsun.com/southern-sun-abu-dhabi>

CLIMATE

April is normally a warm and sunny spring month, with the average daytime temperature in Abu Dhabi ranging between 28°C (82°F) to 33°C (91°F), becoming cooler in the evenings to an average of 20°C (68°F) to 25°C (77°F).

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Please carefully review the visa information in the enclosed registration forms, as it is essential. If you require assistance with your visa, please contact us. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel upon arrival; additionally, we will arrange your transfer back to the airport at the end of your stay for your return flight home.

OUR SPECIAL WAHO CONFERENCE TOURS

We have curated a variety of tailor-made tours to ensure your stay in the UAE is as enjoyable as possible. We hope this wide range of options allows you to experience the best of our country. Please note that the final daily schedule for the special Heritage of the Emirates Days (10th to 12th April) is still being finalised. The enclosed Tours brochure provides full details of all other pre- and post-conference tours. Please review the options and select your preferred tours on the enclosed registration form. Assistance is available for guests with mobility challenges.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact us.

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PROPOSED DAILY SCHEDULE: 2025 WAHO CONFERENCE ABU DHABI, U.A.E.

Conference Venue: The St. Regis Saadiyat Island Resort Hotel

SATURDAY 5th APRIL TO SATURDAY 12th April 2025, FOLLOWED BY POST CONFERENCE TOURS

Note: This programme is subject to change, all registered participants will be notified of any amendments on arrival.

SATURDAY 5TH APRIL

08.00 - 18.00
from 09.00

Conference Venue Hotel: Conference Registration Desk open.
Choice of Pre-Conference Tours for registered participants, see Tours Brochure. Free evening.

SUNDAY 6TH APRIL

08.00 - 18.00
from 08.00

Conference Venue Hotel: Conference Registration Desk open.
Choice of Pre-Conference Tours for registered participants, see Tours Brochure. Free evening.

09.00 - 17.30

WAHO Executive Committee Meeting.

MONDAY 7TH APRIL

08.00 - 17.00
from 08.00

Conference Venue Hotel: Conference Registration Desk open.
Choice of Half Day Morning Tours for registered participants, with lunch.

09.00 - 17.30

WAHO Executive Committee Meeting.

09.00 - 17.30

WAHO World Registrars Meeting, with lunch.

19.30 - 23.00

Welcome Reception and Dinner at St. Regis Saadiyat Island Hotel.

TUESDAY 8TH APRIL:

09.00 - 17.30
19.30 - 23.00

Conference Venue Hotel: WAHO General Assembly with lunch.
Evening Social Event and Dinner.

WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL:

09.00 - 17.30
19.30 - 23.30

Conference Venue Hotel: WAHO General Assembly with Guest Speakers and lunch.
Gala Dinner.

THURSDAY 10TH APRIL to SATURDAY 12TH APRIL

Heritage of the Emirates Days. Enjoy unique private visits to some of the UAE's most renowned stud farms, showcasing the finest Arabian horses. The final daily itinerary will be provided upon arrival; the details shared here reflect the current plan.

April 10th: 09:00 Depart from Abu Dhabi and drive to Sharjah. Today's itinerary includes a parade of horses from several of Sharjah's most renowned and successful stud farms. Dinner and overnight stay will be at a hotel in Sharjah.

April 11th: Check-out and drive to Ajman for a morning visit to a stud farm. Continue on to Dubai for another stud farm visit before returning to your original hotel in Abu Dhabi.

April 12th: Start the day with a morning visit to a stud farm or enjoy a Horse Parade in Abu Dhabi. In the afternoon, attend a race meeting at the Abu Dhabi Equestrian Club Racecourse.

SUNDAY 13TH APRIL:

from 08.00

Start of optional fully inclusive Post-Conference tours for registered participants. See Tours brochure and Registration form.



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