DUBAI INTERNATIONAL ARABIAN RACES SPONSORS ITALY'S FIRST EVER INTERNATIONAL STAKES RACE FOR PUREBRED ARABIANS

The committee of the Dubai International Arabian Races (DIAR) in association with ANICA (Associazione Nazionale Italiana Cavallo Arabo) are proud to announce that the first ever IFAHR authorised stakes race for purebred Arabians in Italy will be run on Sunday 8th May at Capannelle Racecourse, Rome. The race will be accompanied by a contest for domestic (Italian) Arabians on a card sponsored entirely by companies from the UAE, including Shadwell Stud.

The initiative was discussed at the Dubai sponsored race day in 2015 and DIAR have supported ANICA in their bid to gain IFAHR membership and stage international races. The Dubai International Arabian Race (Listed) will carry a prize fund of €30,000 and will be open to horses of 4 year and up over a distance of 1900m.

This major step forward for Arabian racing in Italy and has been the result of hard work from IFAHR, ANICA and the Italian Ministry of Agriculture as well as key global sponsors in the Arabian racing community.

DIAR and Shadwell have sponsored Arabian racing in Italy for over 10 years and it is hoped that the, winner of this Listed race will make the journey to compete for the bonus fund at the DIAR showpiece fixture, held at Newbury Racecourse on Sunday 24th July.

"We are thrilled at the decision and very pleased to be the sponsor of the first international stakes race for Arabian horses in Italy" said Richard Lancaster on behalf of DIAR "ANICA and the Ministry of Agriculture have worked very hard and we hope this is the start of a prosperous and optimistic time for Arabian racing in Italy."

NOTES FOR EDITORS:

- The Dubai International Arabian Races is an initiative set up and patronised by His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum (UAE Minister of Finance; Deputy Ruler of Dubai).
- HH Sheikh Hamdan is the figure head of Shadwell Stud and is one of the most successful owners of Arabian racehorses in the world.