



## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2014 – Rome

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May at Rome's Capannelle Racecourse saw the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Shadwell's support of a day of Thoroughbred and Arabian Racing under the new banner of "Dubai International Arabian Races".

Shadwell, have long aimed to put in place a programme of Arabian racing across the world to help develop the sport in countries where it is its infancy as well as continuing to support events in the UK and France where it is better established. Under the banner of Shadwell, events have been sponsored in several countries but this new initiative aims to bring these together under one banner.



Shadwell's Chairman, Mirza Al Sayegh outlined the aim of the initiative in a press conference with the Italian Racing media at Capannelle Racecourse on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May. "The idea is to help countries by supporting racing, in particular Arabian racing, to develop it as a sport. We know Arabian racing has a way to go before it is at the same level as Thoroughbred racing but we hope this programme will encourage breeders, owners and trainers to get more involved in the sport."



The race day on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May was a mixed card featuring 2 Arabian races valued at €25,000 each along with 7 Thoroughbred races headed by the Gr.1 Premio Presidente Della Repubblica Gbi Racing which was won by REFUSE TO BOBBIN. Other supporters of the day included Jebel Ali Racecourse, NAIP and Emirate Airlines who have been longstanding partners in Shadwell's Dubai International Arabian Race Day at Newbury each year.

The Arabian races attracted very respectable fields of 13 and 15 for the HH Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum – No Risk Al Maury Stakes and Madjani Shadwell Arabian Stakes respectively.



VALVIBRATA (Mujahid) had obviously read the scrip when she won the Premio Mario Perretti Mujahid Stakes delighting owners and sponsors alike. Shadwell's Thoroughbred stallion MUJAHID is currently joint leading sire in Europe by winners to runners and stands at Allevamento di Besnate near Perugia.



Further “Dubai International Arabian Races” events are planned for the rest of 2014 including races at La Teste, France on 19<sup>th</sup> July and a full day of Arabian Racing at Newbury Racecourse on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August. Shadwell’s Marketing Manager, Rachael Gowland commented:

“We are really looking forward to hosting a premier day of Arabian Racing at Newbury on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August this year. Not only does the day include 3 Gr.1 PA races but it is completely free for everyone to attend on the day. We are keen to introduce people to the sport of racing and Arabian racing and we hope that the family entertainment and the free entry to Newbury will encourage people to come along.”

Further events are in the planning stages including possible races in Dusseldorf, Germany; the Gold Coast Turf Club, Australia and in several countries in South America.