

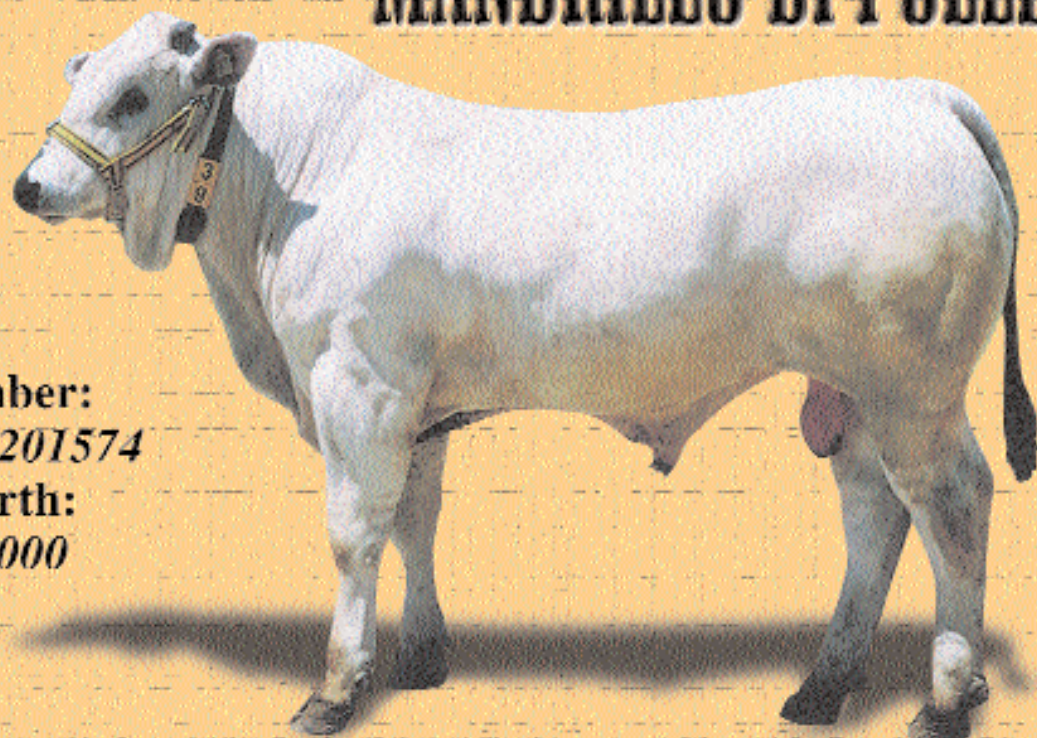
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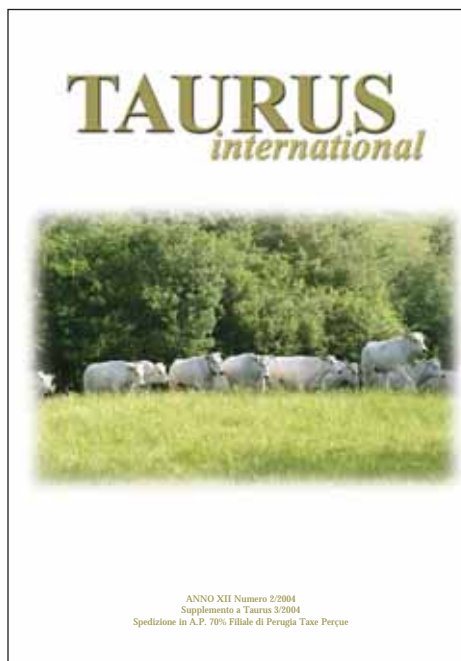
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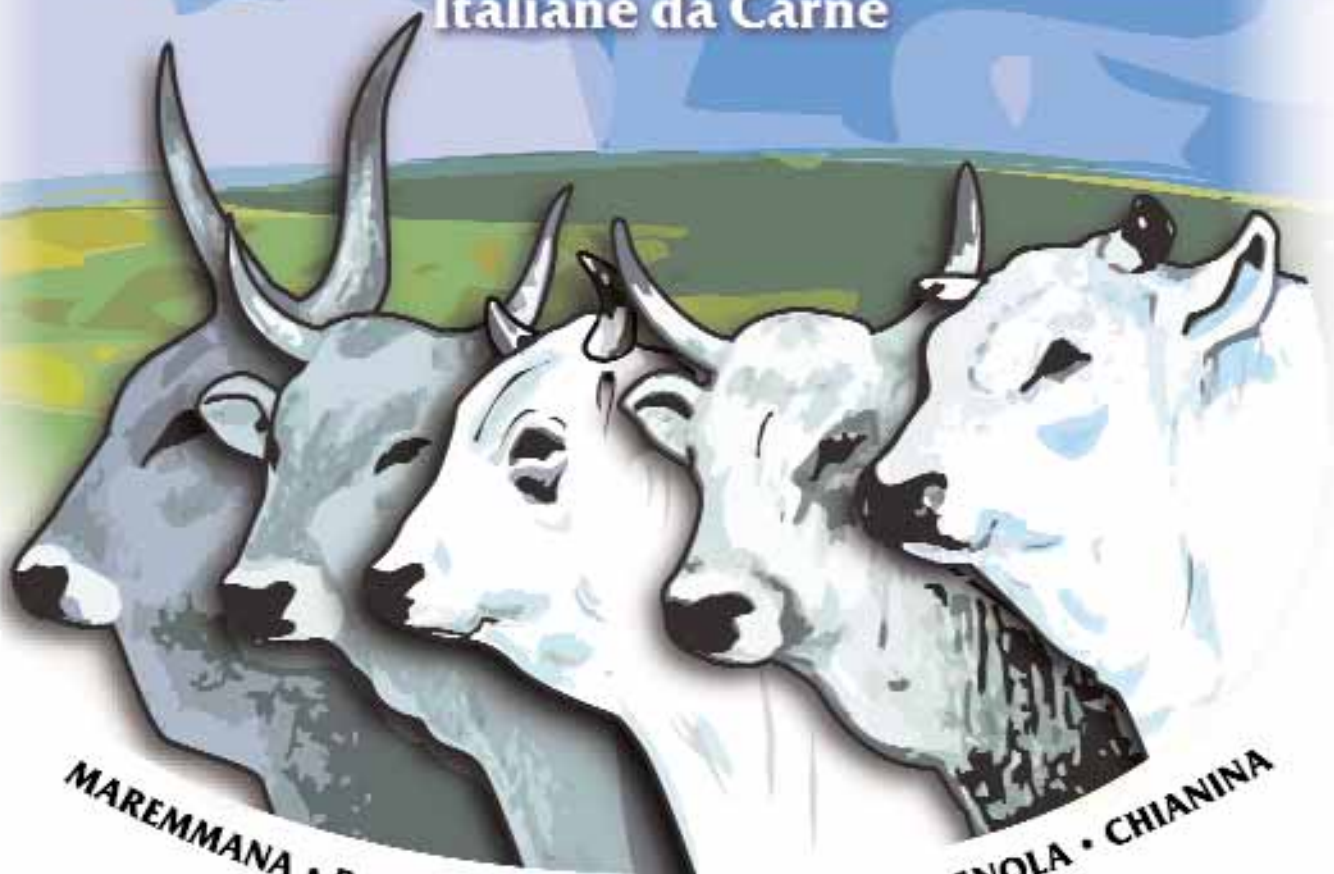
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4th World Congress of Italian Beef Cattle Breeds

by *Roberta Guarcini**

In issue no. 2/200 of *Taurus* we had made the first announcement of the 2005 World Congress of Italian Beef Cattle Breeds, briefly mentioning the present situation of the breeds in Italy, the current relations with abroad, and the general event programme.

During these months, much progress has been made in the organization of the Congress, and we wish to bring you up to date on it in this article.

THE LOCATION

As already mentioned, the beautiful Park Hotel "Ai Cappuccini" of Gubbio (Perugia) will play host to the International Congress from 19 April through 1 May 2005. A masterfully enlarged and restored 17th-century monastery, the Park Hotel is a truly ideal setting for the event. Off the beaten path, yet very close to the magnificent centre of Gubbio, it is a structure that combines ancient environments with new comforts in a successful and balanced integration. Great cordiality, hospitality, large meeting and socializing areas, and a perfect place for work with its 12 meeting rooms, for all needs and sizes, accommodating from 20 to 450 persons. The excellent cuisine and a well-equipped wellness centre will contribute to making the guests' stay even more enjoyable.

THE PROMOTING BODIES

The ANABIC believes strongly in the opportunities

offered by the Congress, considered a fundamental occasion for comparison and reflection, a special opportunity for improving knowledge on the Italian breeds and exchanging experiences. For this reason, ten years after the last Congress organized in Italy, the Association decided to repropose our country, the cradle of origin of these breeds, as the location for the event. This was also in consideration of the great progress obtained in Italian genetics in recent years, and the significant development of the breeds nationwide.

In this project, the ANABIC found the immediate support of the Ministry for Agricultural Policies. During the various meetings held in January through March, the initiative as a whole was described to the competent officials, obtaining the attention and agreement of the Ministry, which granted its sponsorship and a financial contribution for the event. Contacts were also made with the Chamber of Commerce of Perugia and the Regional governments involved in breeding Italian beef cattle breeds, which responded with interest, expressing a general consent with regard to the initiative.

THE SCIENTIFIC BOARD

Last March the ANABIC's Board of Directors appointed the scientific board of the Congress, which will be made up as follows:

Prof. Giovanni Bittante (President), University of Padua, Livestock Science Department

Dr. Angelo Ciardiello, Ministry for Agricultural

The Park Hotel "Ai Cappuccini"





A view of the splendid town of Gubbio (Perugia)

was set at 30 July; the complete works must be sent to the ANABIC by and no later than 15 December 2004. After the meeting, the announcement of the congress and the participation procedures were sent to the APA (Provincial Breeders, Association), the Italian universities, the members of the ASPA (Scientific Association of Animal Production), and many other connected research organizations. The communication was then sent to foreign scientific institutions and foreign breed associations. Bearing witness to the interest and attention currently enjoyed by the Italian breeds, many participants have already signed up and the ANABIC has already received numerous titles of works to be presented at the Congress; these will be examined by the Scientific Board during the next meeting.

Consul' Travel Incentive & Congress Department
This is the agency specialized in organizing and managing congress events, which we have contacted for organizational support for the event. With 25 years' experience in the sector, it is one of the best and most reliable agencies in Perugia, and its headquarters is at Via Mentana 56 (Perugia), tel. 075/5003434.

THE GENERAL PROGRAMME

International guests are expected to arrive on Thursday, 28 April 2005; they will go to the hotel for check-in.

Friday morning, 29 April, Congress registration will continue. In the late morning the opening ceremony will be held, with greetings from the Authorities present. Following will be the speeches by the Presidents of the National Breeds Associations, who will describe the situation and development prospects of Italian breeds in the various breeding countries.

Then the proceedings of the scientific sessions will begin: 1) Genetics and Improvement, 2) Production and Management, 3) Quality and Market, 4) Posters, which will continue for the entire day on Saturday and will end in the early afternoon of Sunday.

Policies, General Directorate for Agro-Food Product Quality

Prof. Adalberto Falaschini, University of Bologna, D.I.M.O.R.F.I.P.A.

Prof. Sergio Gigli, Experimental Institute for Animal Husbandry of Tormancina, Rome

Prof. Alessandro Giorgetti, University of Florence, Livestock Science Department

Prof. Francesco Panella, University of Perugia, Livestock Science Department

Prof. Alessio Valentini, University of Tuscia, Viterbo, Animal Production Department

The Board took office last 30 April; during its first meeting the various congress sessions were defined and identified as follows: 1) Genetics and Improvement,

2) Production and Management, 3) Quality and Market, 4) Posters. The deadline for sending in the titles of the reports by the researchers interested

Since early May, a small crew of ANABIC technicians and our trusted photographer and operator Gaetano Panza have been collecting interesting images in the characteristic breeding environments of the five Italian breeds. Many hours of film have been collected in order to produce a DVD devoted to the Italian breeds, which will be presented during the Congress. Hundreds of stills have also been taken, among which the best will be chosen to set up a photography show focusing on the rustic breeds.



On Monday, 2 May participants will be accompanied to the after-congress tours at ANABIC headquarters, in San Martino in Colle (Perugia), with a visit to the genetic centre and a morphological evaluation demonstration by the Association's technicians.

A working lunch will be followed by departure for the chosen destinations: Zootechnical Tour of Umbria and Tuscany (3 days), for those interested in the Chianina breed; Zootechnical Tour of the Marches (3 days), for those interested in the Marchigiana breed; Zootechnical Tour of Emilia Romagna (3 days), for those interested in the Romagnola breed; Zootechnical Tour for the Maremmana and Podolica breeds scheduled on request.

The scientific part is sure to be rich and stimulating thanks to the numerous responses which have already been received from many qualified Italian and foreign research organizations; the works will be collected in a special volume of Congress Proceedings available at the congress. The programme will be further enriched by various other initiatives, such as the Italian Beef Cattle International Association meeting, the meeting of the technicians of the various breed associations, and the presentation of breeding animals of high genetic value. On the premises of the Congress, institutional booths will be set up for organizations operating in the sector, local craft products, typical local food products, and photography shows devoted to the autochthonous breeds.

The choice of Gubbio and the Park Hotel "Ai Cappuccini" is also connected with the high quality of restaurants throughout the whole town and in the hotel itself, which will make it possible to organize refined dinners during the congress period featuring typical local products and tastings of prized Italian meats carrying the "White Young Bulls of the Central Apennines" Protected Geographic Origin (IGP) mark. Another attraction is the tourism and social programme, which includes guided tours to the picturesque towns of Perugia, Gubbio and Assisi, entertainment shows, and music. The planned zootechnical tours will enable participants to become acquainted with all aspects of the Italian

breed production line, with visits to the most advanced breeding farms, the fattening centres, slaughter structures, artificial insemination centres, and slaughterhouses belonging to the IGP Consortium.

PROMOTION ABROAD

Among the activities to be encouraged in preparation for the Congress, an important part is certainly played by promotion abroad, aiming to attract and involve as many international operators as possible.

We are working hard on this aspect, trying to devote the utmost attention to our foreign contacts.

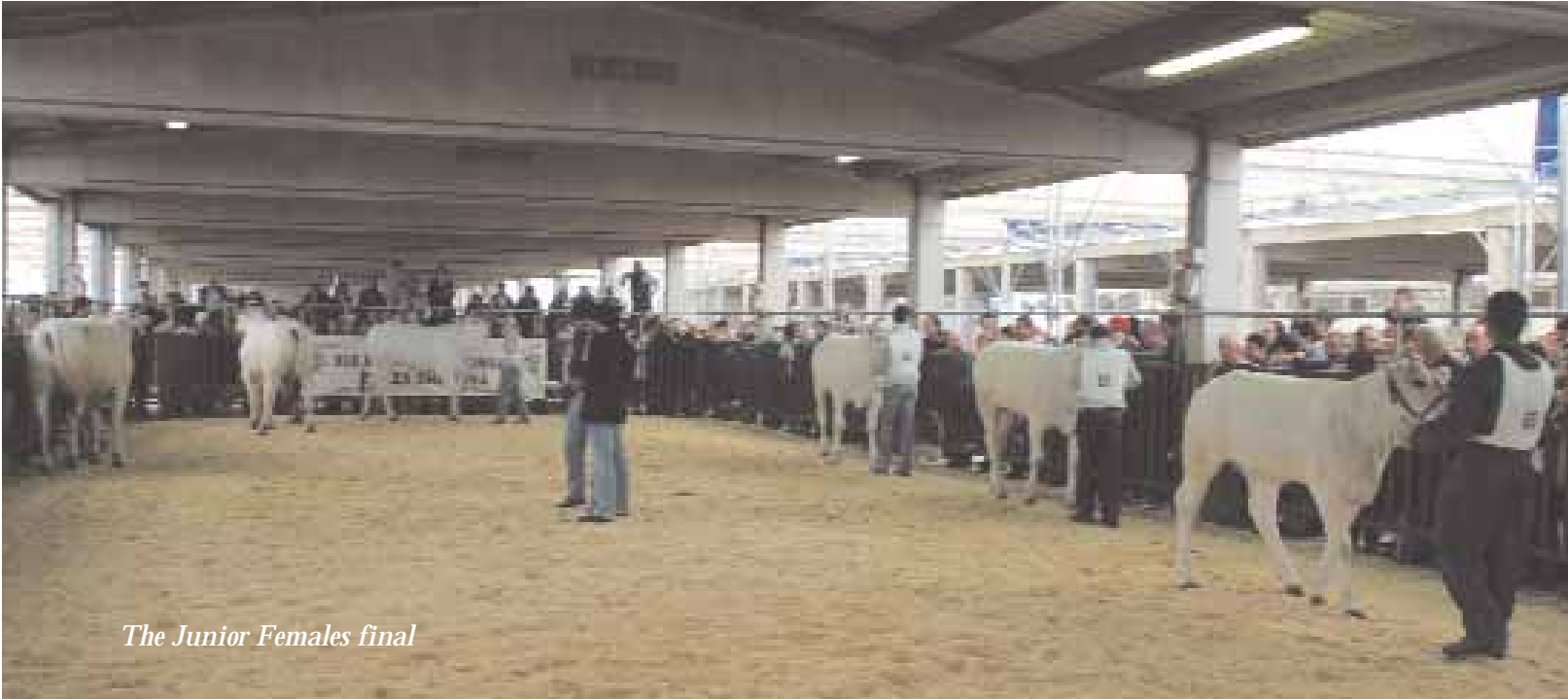
During the past month of April, an ANABIC technician judged the Marchigiana in the Brazilian Campo Grande and Londrina events, and on that occasion he announced the congress event. There is great anticipation among our Brazilian friends, who will participate with a numerous delegation at the 2005 Congress. In July the Association's technicians took part in a meeting in the United States, obtaining great interest and the promise of participation from American breeders also; during the coming months there will be meetings in Sweden, Australia, and Mexico. At our headquarters we have received Albanian, Hungarian, German, English, and Irish delegations. The latter, for their second visit this year, will return in October with a group of 40 breeders. In the meantime the ANABIC has already received the participation confirmations of Sweden (Chianina breeders), the Marchigiana Cattle Breed Society UK, the Hungarian Grey Cattle Breeders Association, the Marchigiana Stamboek Benelux, the Asociação Brasileira Criadores Marchigiana, the Marky Cattle U.S.A., the Chianina Society of Australia, the Romagnola Society of Australia, and the Asociação Mexicana Criadores Razas Italianas!

** Show Office*



Joe Garrett, an Irish Romagnola breeder, and Peter Young, a journalist from the Irish Farmers' Journal, one of the most authoritative agricultural-zootechnical publications in Ireland.

After coming to the 2004 National Romagnola Show in Reggio Emilia, they then went on to visit various farms in the breeding provinces. Peter Young has done numerous interviews and collected a great deal of interesting material, with which he has written very flattering articles on the Romagnola in his journal. In July Joe came back to Italy together with another breeder, and requested our collaboration in organizing a tour of Romagnola and Chianina farms in October for a group of forty Irish breeders.



The Junior Females final

CHIANINA 2004: A TOP-QUALITY SHOW!

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by Matteo Ridolfi

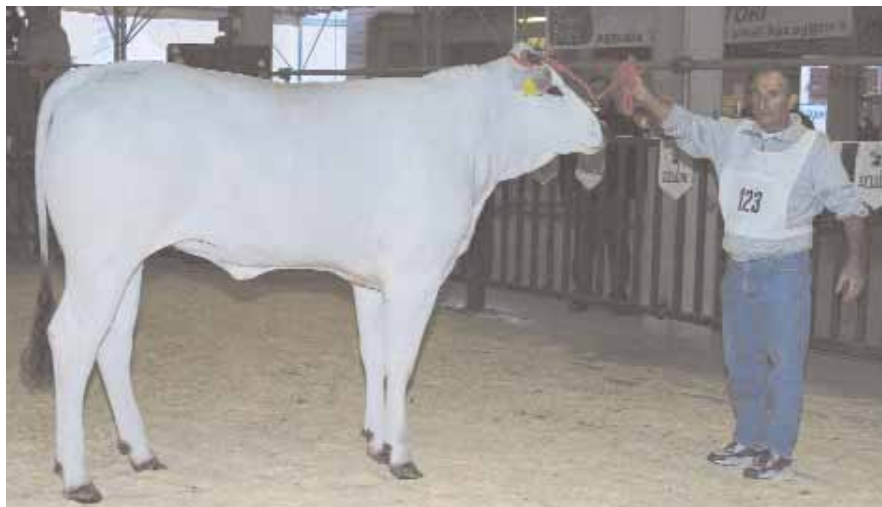
The breed was represented in Bastia Umbra with animals of excellent quality, in spite of the fact that cattle handling restrictions caused by the Blue Tongue outbreak prevented the participation of several important breeding provinces.

On 26-28 March, at the Umbriafiere Maschiella trade fair centre of Bastia Umbra (Perugia), the 19th edition of the National Chianina Herdbook Show was held.

We all fervently hoped that, in spite of the health-related problems, the breed would be able to be present in the show ring in Bastia. Only their great passion enabled the breeders to overcome the climate of

great uncertainty that had us holding our breaths right up to the very end. For this reason, the 179 animals listed in the catalogue by 23 exhibitors assume, on this occasion, a particular value and significance. The animals presented came from the provinces of Arezzo, Florence, Perugia and Siena, and even if the shelters were not as full as on the best occasions, the Chianina successfully displayed its charm, through the presence of many individual characteristics of extremely high level. Another noteworthy element is the ever-greater care shown by the breeders in the preparation and presentation of their animals, and this deserves a particular note of appreciation. The arrivals at the fair grounds began on Thursday afternoon and continued throughout the entire following morning.

As the shelters filled up, the usual judgment competition for students of the Technical-Agricultural Institutes (ITAS) took place. Since the general strike called on 26 March prevented some from arriving, only two schools were able to participate in the competition, organizing 7 teams: respectively four for the ITAS Ciuffelli of Todi and three for the ITAS Vegni of Arezzo. The animal presented to the students as the model of reference was Mina, a beautiful female from the



Oliva, Junior Champion of show, "Il Colle" farm (Florence)



Olimpia, Reserve Junior Champion of show, "Luchetti" farm (Perugia)



Mina, Senior Champion of show, "Luchetti" farm (Perugia)



Miss Jenny, Reserve Senior Champion of show, "il Colle" farm (Florence)



Moriero, Senior Grand Champion of show, "Luchetti" farm (Perugia)

Luchetti farm of Collazzone, which also provided the other four heifers for the competition.

The quality of the rankings and, no less important, of the justifying reasons expressed, was excellent, and after a very close competition the team from Todi, captained by Valentina Pasini, won over two Vegni teams, for whom the speakers, Valentina Dottorini and Dario Fè, stated their reasons like accomplished professionals of the ring.

After this "happening" characterized by the usual enthusiasm of the kids, the competition got into full swing. The show's judge was National Expert Umberto Basagni, aided, by Flavio Forabosco in his debut in the National Show ring as assistant.

The proceedings in the ring began with the female categories, which were more numerous, continuing with the males on Saturday. Below is a brief comment on the first-ranking animals in the various categories, participating by right in the finals for the naming of the show's Grand and Reserve Champions.

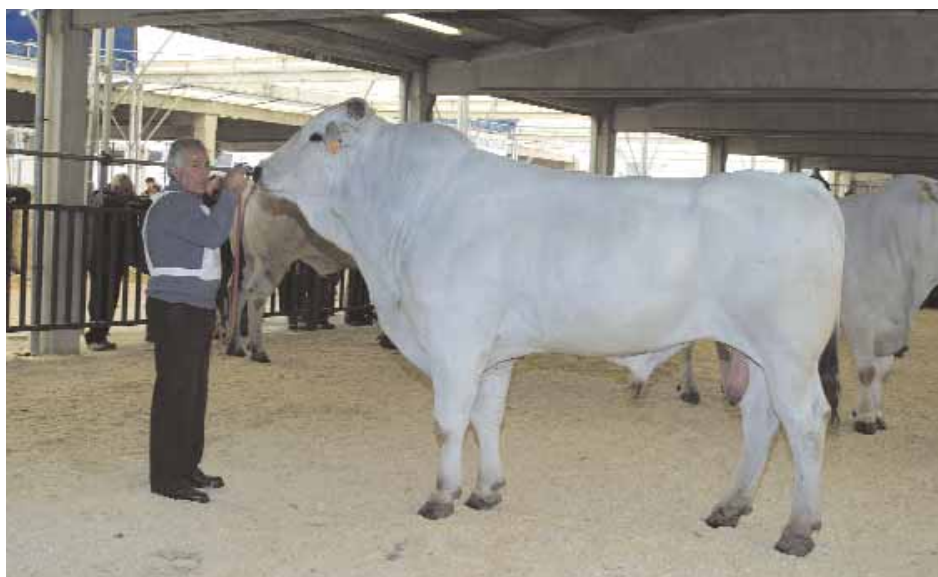
For the final reserved for Junior Females, the following animals were in the ring:

- Pina, a Moriero presented by the Luchetti Basilio e Claudio farm, standing out for her muscle development and transverse diameters, especially at the rump.

- Pinola, a lovely Mandrillo presented by Felice Giulivi, who had already made an impression in her category for her considerable size and general harmony.

- Panara, another daughter of Mandrillo from the same farm, striking for her extremely strong breed expression and elegant bearing.

- The Florentine Oliva, daughter of Lento and the well-known Giostra, presented by the "Il Colle" farm of Baroncelli, who thanks to her general correctness and masterly presentation had won in her



Dazzo del Chioistro, born '94, special career award, "Melani" farm (Florence)

category over the remarkable Olimpia, presented by Luchetti, after a neck-to-neck competition.

- Ostia, a daughter of Isonzo presented by the Querce de'Chiari farm, characterized by a long, cylindrical trunk and striking muscle development.
- Orchidea del Chioistro, a Luano presented by the F.lli Fabbri farm, balanced as a whole and with a strong dorsal line.

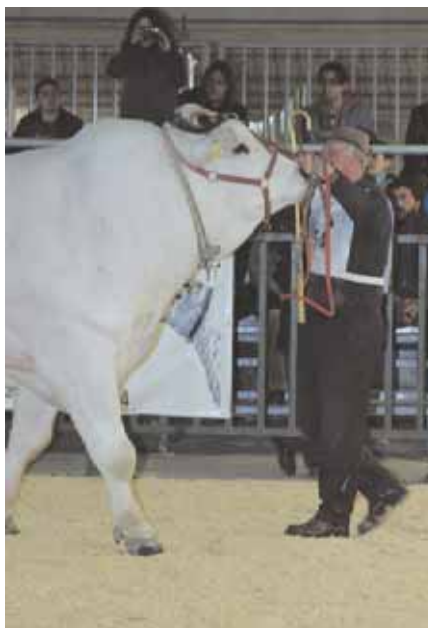
The champion named in this final was Oliva, splendidly prepared and with impeccable limbs, handled in the ring with great skill by Lorenzo Ugolini. Her worthy Reserve was Olimpia, the Moriero of the Luchetti farm who had placed second in the same category, and who stood out for her style, diameters, and the breadth of her transverse diameters.

The next final, for Senior Females, was particularly competitive, and featured cows of extremely high level:

- Mina, the Giunone presented by the Luchetti farm, formerly Junior Reserve Champion of the 2002 National Show, who, thanks to her longer trunk and larger dimensions, had beaten in her category the well-known Miss Jenny, a Dazzo from the "Il Colle" farm.

- Ionella, a daughter of Elvo della Favorita presented by Alessandro Ceccobao, who stood out for her size, femininity, breed traits, and elegance of gait.

The winners of the titles of Senior Champion and Reserve were, respectively, Mina and Miss Jenny who, as had happened previously in the Junior final, confirmed in



Vanni Ottorino, handling Nurso, Reserve Senior Grand Champion

the final the placings they had obtained in their categories.

The Junior Males final featured the following contenders:

Pierrot del Chioistro, a correct son of Leonardo del Chioistro presented by the Fratelli Fabbri farm; Pinco, a muscular and correct son of Ifeo, presented by the Luchetti farm;

Paperone del Chioistro, a son of Gigante with striking muscle development, presented by the Fabbri farm.

Otto, a son of Mafino di Abbadia, who stood out for the general balance of his forms and the marked breed expression, presented by Luciano Roghi.

The winner of the first prize was Pinco of the Luchetti farm who,

thanks to his greater diameters and better rump characteristics, won over Otto, the representative of the Roghi farm.

Lastly, the Senior Bulls final featured three monumental animals in the ring, all previously tested at the ANABIC Genetic Centre:

- Orione, a vigorous son of Dazzo of the Luchetti farm who, thanks to his cleaner limbs, had beaten in his category Oceano, another Dazzo presented by the F.lli Fabbri farm of Siena.

- Nurso di Moglie, a Eugenio whom many will remember as the absolute Top Price of the auctions at the Genetic Centre, presented by Vanni Ottorino e F.lli of Arezzo. Nurso had won in his category over the also noteworthy Nilo, owned by Alessandro

Ceccobao, who had stood out for his gigantism and breed typicity.

- Moriero, the son of Ianto of the Luchetti farm who, thanks to his greater muscle development and breed traits expression, had won out in his category over Luccio del Chioistro, the well-known son of Dazzo of the Fedeli farm.

It was precisely Moriero who won first place, topping Nurso, thanks to his greater distinction and a stronger dorsal line.

As side attractions to the finals, numerous special competitions took place. One of the most enjoyable was centred around Dazzo, of the Ivan Melani farm (Florence), a progenitor who has made history for the Chianina breed over the past decade, who received a prize "for his career", appearing in the ring at the age

of 10 years with impeccable limbs and excellent locomotion. Alongside Dazzo, on the same occasion was presented Isonzo de' Chiari, shown outside of the competition as the outgoing Senior Champion of the 2002 National Show, presented by F.lli Atanasi. These two veterans, still in great shape, were warmly applauded by the audience.

Another fine moment was that of the awarding of the trophy in the memory of Dr. Augusto Chiacchierini, which featured in the ring a parade of fine animals, sons of important sires who have been in operation at the Bull Centre of Perugia, such as Cavour, Esco, Eugenio, Fanfullo, Faldo, Mandrillo, and Mirko di Polledraia. For each of them a presentation of the pedigree and perfor-



Pinola, top price in heifer auction

In her brief comment during the awarding of the trophy, Anna Chiacchierini thanked the ANABIC, expressing her affectionate greetings to Lucio Migni, who was unable to attend this edition of the National Show; this salute was joined by warm applause from all.

The next competition scheduled was that of the Breeding Groups, which featured 6 representatives, each made up of 3 animals, obligatorily born on the farms in the competition.

In the ring were the groups presented by the Giulivi, Luchetti, Fabbrini, Lombardi Ilio, Lombardi Lamberto and "le Querce de' Chiari" farms. The winner of the prize was the group presented by the Luchetti farm, which won for the greater uniformity of its animals, over the highly competitive group presented by Felice Giulivi.

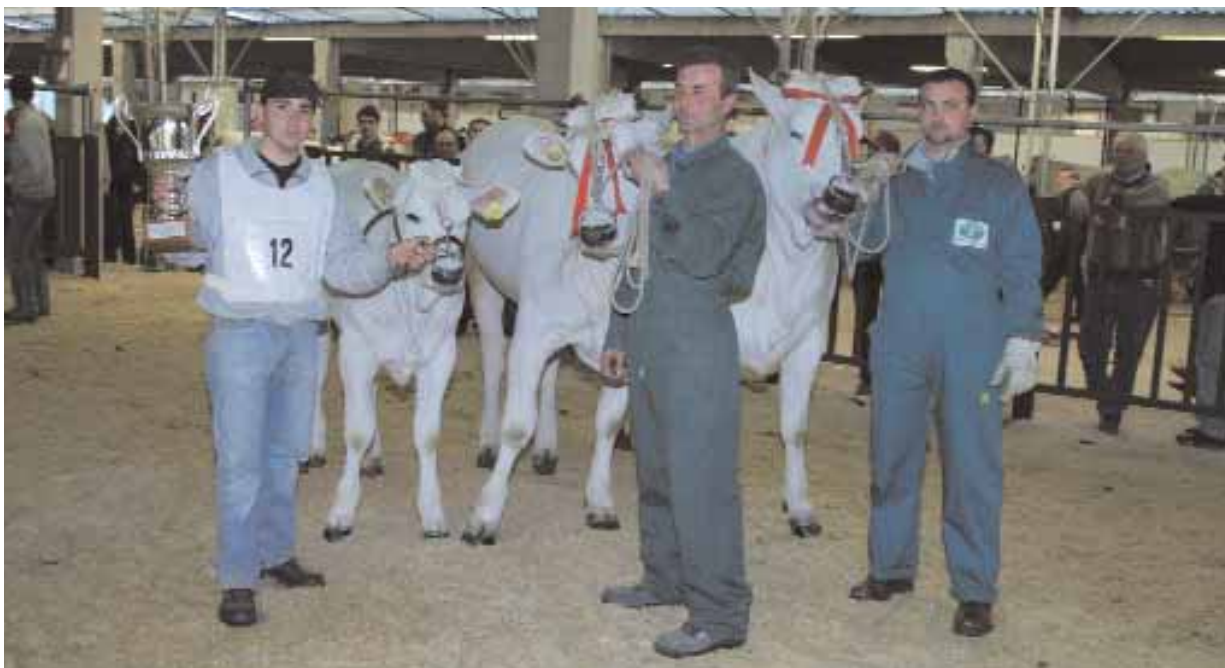
The wonderful view offered by this competition was



Animals competing for the Chiacchierini Trophy meeting

mance test results was given, at the end of which the trophy was awarded by Anna Chiacchierini to Felice Giulivi, who won it with Panara, a daughter of Mandrillo, who had already placed 1st in the 3rd category.

Best breeding group, "Luchetti" farm (Perugia)



This year the traditional auction of the Chianina heifers, held on Sunday morning, was really special. The 9 animals present, of ages between 9 and 18 months, were all sold at prices from 2,300 euro up. In the photo, Pinola of the Giulivi farm (Perugia) champion of the second category and Top Price of the auction, bringing in 4,650 euro. Our compliments go to the Giulivi farm for this fine result, and to the new owner of this beautiful female, Mr. Dino Anemone of Monteleone di Orvieto (Terni).



The ANABIC's thanks to Dr. Lazzaro Bogliari, Umbriafiere S.p.A. president, for his contribution to the enhancement of the Chianina breed

the backdrop for the presentation of a special plaque to Dr. Lazzaro Bogliari, President of Umbriafiere, who received the award from the ANABIC President Dr. Lemarangi for his diligence in the enhancement of the Chianina breed. Returning the words of esteem and appreciation, Dr. Bogliari mentioned the interest and full availability of Umbriafiere towards the Chianina breed, to which the Fair Centre of Bastia owes its birth and development.

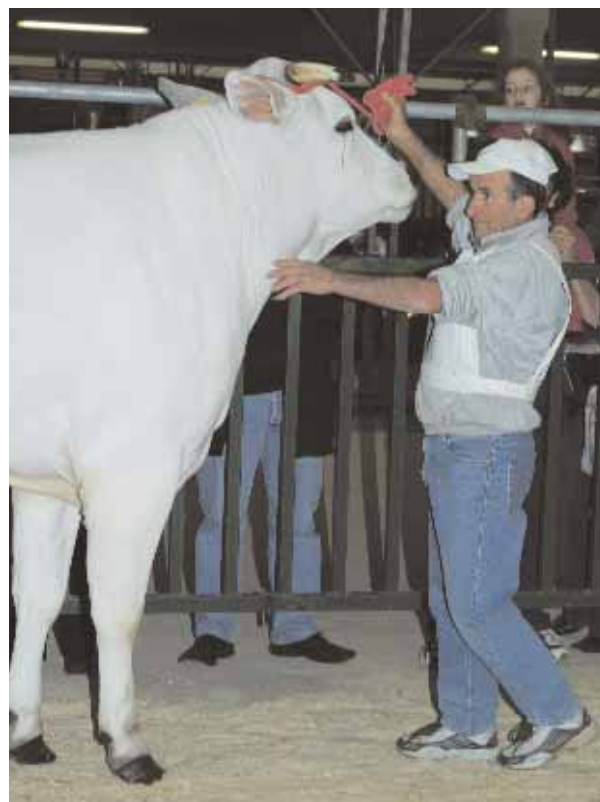
Next came the awarding of the "Year's Best Breeder" trophy, which is not only the acknowledgment of the exhibition skill of a farm, but highlights the contribution made to selection through the provision of the bull calves to the genetic centre and the productive efficiency of the dams. Winning the award for the second consecutive time was the "Luchetti Basilio e Claudio" farm of Collazzone, Perugia. This farm also has the merit of having been present at the show with 20 animals, all perfectly groomed and perfectly handled in the ring. Accepting the prize from the ANABIC President, Dr. Lemarangi, was a radiant Basilio Luchetti, the mainstay of this great family of breeders.

The last competitions on the schedule were those for the handlers. Among the veterans, the most accomplished Chianina handlers took part in the competition. Winning the title was the very fine Lorenzo Ugolini, who won it for the second year in a row, topping Mauro Rimini, another "ring wolf", Florentine like the winner. Third place went to Silvano Luchetti, adding another recognition to the many won by the Luchetti farm during this edition of the National Show.

Presenting the plaques to the winners in this competition was Gianluca Giuliani, another great handler designated as the judge of the next National Show of the Romagnola Breed, to be held in Reggio Emilia.

As usual, the show ended with the young handlers' competition, in which the competitors performed in

a close competition won by Massimo Generini, of the Florentine school, since he works on the "Le Querce de' Chiari" farm. Second prize went to Matteo Luchetti, who needs no presentation, while third place was won by Marco Blasioli, a descendent of the Gobbi family it was particularly pleasing to see among the best. Marco, in fact, has been a fixed presence at Chianina shows since the youngest age, and he would have been in this edition also, if the well-known problems caused by the Blue Tongue out-



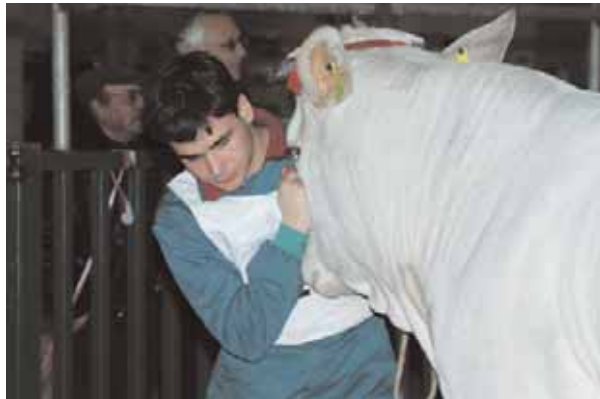
Lorenzo Ugolini (Il Colle farm - Florence) Best handler



The ANABIC President, Dr. Francesco Lemarangi, awards Basilio Luchetti, "Breeder of the Year 2004"



*Massimo Generini (Le Querce de' Chiari), 1st place.
Young handlers competition*



Matteo Luchetti, 2nd place.



Marco Blasioli (Gobbi farm – Perugia), 3rd place.

break had not, at the last minute, prevented the Gobbi farm from participating when the animals were already ready for the show. Marco's prize thus assumes greater value, considering that it was won with the handling of an animal he had not trained himself. The following prizes were won, respectively, by Gabriele Famoso and Francesco Luchetti.

Lastly, with the junior handlers still in the ring, an award was given to Umberto Basagni, this edition's judge, to whom the director Dr. Canestrari expressed his particular thanks for the demanding work done in his debut in the "super-hot" ring of the National Show.

Concluding these notes commenting the show, thanks must be expressed to the breeders, who were the true protagonists, but with an appeal for greater sportsmanship because of several uncalled-for gestures which we feel are not appropriate in a national show, and which we would not like to see again in the future.

The National Chianina Show took place in spite of

the many unfavourable signs beforehand, and bringing the breed back to Bastia with so much determination, placing it at the centre of the general attention, was an important and significant result of the attachment of breeders to this great breed.

** Morphological Evaluation Office*

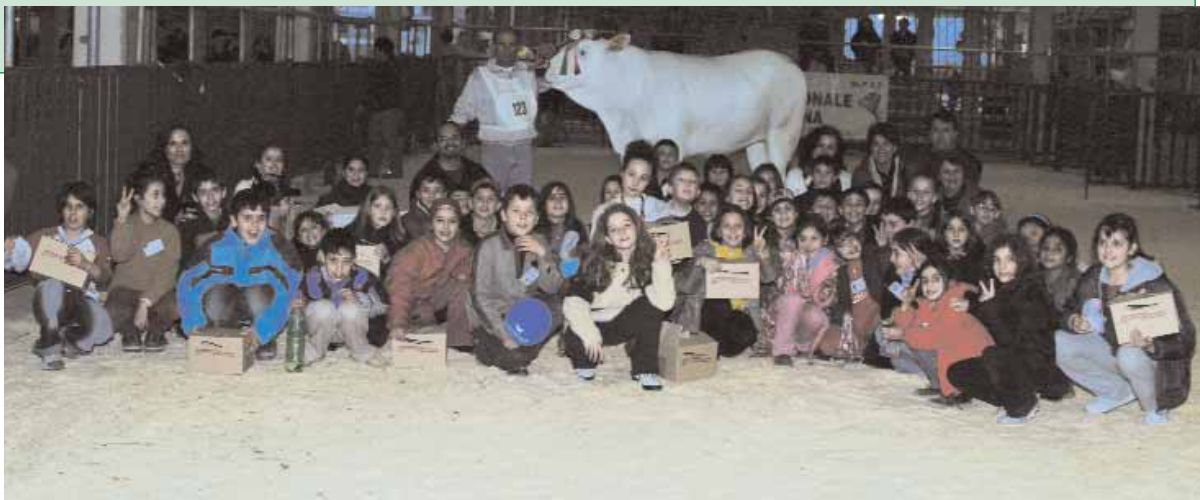
BUDDING TALENTS

Promise is debt! The ANABIC staff is happy to dedicate this photograph to the pupils of the second, third, and fourth grades of the elementary school of San Giustino Umbro and to their teachers Silvana Carboni, Mara Francioni, Laura Galvani, Veronica Mocci, and Fabrizio Corsini.

Visiting Agriumbria, the kids decided to test their skills in an improvised judging contest, making a prediction as to which animal would win the fourth females category.

Whether by luck or by early talent, the fact is that these nice, bright kids succeeded in guessing the first-place winner, the beautiful Oliva of the IL COLLE breeding farm (Florence), and greeted the judge's decision with a cheer. Here they are, smiling and satisfied with their champion.

We send you our affectionate greetings, kids, hoping that this fun-filled experience arouses your curiosity, and perhaps a future passion, for our beautiful Chianina.



RANKING

XIX MOSTRA NAZIONALE RAZZA CHIANINA

FEMALES Section

Category: 1F

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
1	69	IT054000086391	Pina	Moriero	Gerana	Luchetti Basilio & Claudio	PG
2	71	IT054000086390	Panca	Esco	Ladisa	Luchetti Basilio & Claudio	PG
3	76	IT048990001505	Pia De' Chiari	M. Di Polledraia	Ebe	Le Querce De' Chiari	FI

Category: 2F

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
1	89	IT054000110424	Pinola	M. Di Polledraia	Delina	Giulivi Felice	PG
2	92	IT054000086375	Penny	Ifeo	Lovia	Luchetti Basilio & Claudio	PG
3	86	IT054000110395	Pollina	Mito Di Moglie	Gaia	Lombardi Ilio	PG

Category: 3F

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
1	104	IT054000110423	Panara	M. Di Polledraia	Ganza	Giulivi Felice	PG
2	105	IT054000085778	Pola	Moriero	Colta	Luchetti Basilio & Claudio	PG
3	110	IT051990000330	Pelata	Linzo	Ideata	Az. Agr. Vanni Andrea, Giovanni & Ottorino	AR

Category: 4F

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
1	123	IT048000213733	Oliva	L. Del Boccaccio	Giostra	Allev. Il Colle di Baroncelli S.	FI
2	117	IT054000085761	Olimpia	Moriero	Ialia	Luchetti Basilio & Claudio	PG
3	125	IT054000080990	Ombra	Dazzo	Efora	Luchetti Basilio & Claudio	PG

Category: 5F

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
1	137	IT054000086203	Ostia	Isonzo De' Chiari	Marina	Le Querce De' Chiari	FI
2	139	IT054000080955	Oata	Fondo Del Chioistro	Emiliana	Luchetti Basilio & Claudio	PG
3	141	IT052000453063	Ornella	Liso Di Polledraia	Iara	Az. Agr. Ceccobao Alessandro	SI

Category: 6FA

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
1	146	IT052000207623	O. Del Chioistro	L. Del Chioistro	I. Del Chioistro	Fabbrini Giuseppe & Maurizio S.S.	SI
2	148	IT054000086030	Osima	Dazzo	Ganza	Luchetti Basilio & Claudio	PG
3	153	IT052000453058	Natascia	Liso Di Polledraia	Lucia	Az. Agr. Ceccobao Alessandro	SI

Category: 6FB

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
1	158	IT054000041233	Nabira Dei Colli	Gorino	Gemma	Fedeli Francesco & Andrea	PG
2	157	IT054000065247	Nica	Inno Della Favorita	Isa	Fiorucci Nazareno & F.Ili	PG

Category: 7F

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
1	166	IT054000043090	Mina	Giunone	Delina	Luchetti Basilio & Claudio	PG
2	163	IT048000213731	Miss Jenny	Dazzo	Giostra	Allev. Il Colle di Baroncelli S.	FI
3	165	IT054000043091	Mescola	Giunone	Besa	Giulivi Felice	PG

Category: 8F

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
1	170	IT008SI010C011	Ionella	Elvo Della Favorita	Donella	Az. Agr. Ceccobao Alessandro	SI
2	169	IT014PG042C091	Isa	Focosio	Elsa	Luchetti Basilio & Claudio	PG
3	174	IT025AR012B013	Gelida	Cavour	Eroica	Az. Agr. Vanni Andrea, Giovanni & Ottorino	AR

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FEMALES Section

Category: 1M

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
1	5	IT052990001446	P. Del Chioistro	L. Del Chioistro	Gerina	Fabbrini Giuseppe & Maurizio S.S.	SI
2	1	IT054000110181	Pirro	M. Di Polledraia	Mira	Fiorucci N. & F.lli	PG

Category: 2M

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
1	21	IT054000086371	Pinco	Ifeo	Giora	Luchetti Basilio & Claudio	PG
2	20	IT052000455423	Poldo	Liso Di Polledraia	Livia	Az. Agr. Ceccobao Alessandro	SI
3	18	IT054000110417	Peloso Delle Logge	Lauro Di Moglie	Barca	Bosi Antonio & Carlo	PG

Category: 3M

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
1	34	IT052000207649	Paperone Del Chioistro	Gigante	Erizza	Fabbrini Giuseppe & Maurizio S.S.	SI
2	22	IT052000456442	Piffero	Mafino Di Abbadia	Ifara	Roghi Luciano	SI
3	29	IT054000110409	Pardo Delle Logge	Lauro Di Moglie	Cannara	Bosi Antonio & Carlo	PG

Category: 4M

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
1	39	IT052000456435	Otto	Mafino Di Abbadia	Imola	Roghi Luciano	SI
2	36	IT054000110178	Orco	Inno Della Favorita	Isabella	Fiorucci Nazareno & F.lli	PG

Category: 5M

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
1	46	IT054000080981	Orione	Dazzo	Gina	Luchetti Basilio & Claudio	PG
2	47	IT052000207634	Oc. Del Chioistro	Dazzo	Baviera	Fabbrini Giuseppe & Maurizio S.S.	SI
3	43	IT054000080989	Odero	Fondo Del Chioistro	Drusona	Luchetti Basilio & Claudio	PG

Category: 6M

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
1	54	IT054000063694	Nurso Di Moglie	Eugenio	Edaca	Az. Agr. Vanni Andrea, Giovanni & Ottorino	AR
2	52	IT054000084435	Nilo	Lavio	Elusa	Az. Agr. Ceccobao Alessandro	SI
3	53	IT052000207610	N. Del Chioistro	Faldo	Brulla	Fabbrini Giuseppe & Maurizio S.S.	SI

Category: 7M

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
1	55	IT054000043278	Moriero	Ianto	Gilda	Luchetti Basilio & Claudio	PG
2	60	IT052000202215	L. Del Chioistro	Dazzo	Epica	Fedeli Francesco & Andrea	PG
3	59	IT052000204925	Mammut Del Chioistro	Dazzo	Eolda	Le Querce Dei Chiari	FI

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JUNIOR FEMALES CHAMPION

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
CAM	123	IT048000213733	Oliva	Lento Del Boccaccio	Giostra	Allevamento Il Colle di Baroncelli S.	FI
RIS	117	IT054000085761	Olimpia	Moriero	Ialia	Luchetti Basilio & Claudio	PG

SENIOR FEMALES CHAMPION

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
CAM	166	IT054000043090	Mina	Giunone	Delina	Luchetti Basilio & Claudio	PG
RIS	163	IT048000213731	Miss Jenny	Dazzo	Giostra	Allevamento Il Colle di Baroncelli S.	FI

JUNIOR MALES CHAMPION

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
CAM	21	IT054000086371	Pinco	Ifeo	Giora	Luchetti Basilio & Claudio	PG
RIS	22	IT052000456442	Piffero	Mafino Di Abbadia	Ifara	Roghi Luciano	SI

SENIOR MALES CHAMPION

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
CAM	55	IT054000043278	Moriero	Ianto	Gilda	Luchetti Basilio & Claudio	PG
RIS	54	IT054000063694	Nurso Di Moglie	Eugenio	Edaca	Az. Agr. Vanni Andrea, Giovanni & Ottorino	AR

THE ROMAGNOLA, PROTAGONIST AT THE FAIR OF REGGIO EMILIA!

by Matteo Ridolfi

“The breed honoured the event, presenting itself in the best possible way in the stronghold of the dairy cow.”

On 16-18 April, at the trade fair centre of Mancasale, in Reggio Emilia, the 17th National Romagnola Herdbook Show was held.

It had been clear that the breeders held the appointment with the Reggio National Show in particular consideration, but the participation level in this 2004 edition was worthy of the best occasions, and forms a milestone for the breed's future, not only in exhibitions. Starting with the National Show of 2000, the year when the Romagnola appeared for the first time in this important showcase, much progress has been made and, although there is a wide margin for improvement, the transition from the role of “extemporaneous presence” to that of a consolidated reality regarded with respect implies a great leap forward in terms of mental attitude, which has involved all those concerned with the holding of the event. In the first place, the very number of animals registered – 130 – by 22 exhibitors of the provinces Bologna, Forlì, and Ravenna was surprising. The sight of the shelters of Mancasale so massively “whitened” was a pleasant surprise for just about everyone, also considering the presence of dairy breeds that was less numerous than usual. The element that, however, proved decisive concerned the quality of the animals shown and the level of their presentation, in terms of their nutritional state, grooming, and handling in the ring. Credit must be given, in particular, to the breeders making their debut in this edition – Giuseppe Drudi, Pierino Tassinari and Corrado Pilati – for having honoured their participation as best as possible and having contributed to the event's success no less than the veterans. Acknowledgment must also be made to the Provincial Breeders'



Associations of Ravenna, Forlì and Bologna, involved in the participation of their respective breeders, for having met the commitment with great open-mindedness and spirit of cooperation. Thus our heartfelt thanks go to both the directors, Gian Marco Casadei, Franco Mercuri and Armando Alvisi, and to the controllers working on the “battlefield”. Lastly, special thanks to the breed experts Fabio Pattuzzi, Fabrizio Rabiti and Raul Verlicchi, for their collaboration on both the show’s stage and behind the scenes, seeing to the choosing and grooming of the animals presented.

This gave the breed an image and



The impressive uniformity of the first females category



Perla, Junior Grand Champion of the show, Mariani farm (Forlì-Cesena)

assumes greater value considering the presence at the show of a small Irish delegation made up of Joe Garrett, a Romagnola breeder in the Republic of Ireland, and Peter Young, a journalist of the “Irish Farmers’ Journal”, one of the country’s most authoritative publications in the agricultural and livestock breeding fields. At the end of the show, the two guests were taken on a tour of the farms, which also included fattening centres and slaughterhouses, for the purpose of offering a detailed picture of the production line characterizing the Romagnola breed. This being stated, a quick glance



The “best” of the second females category; first on the left is Ville Unite Perseide, 1st place in her category and Junior Reserve Champion of the show

at the animals lined up in the shelters was sufficient to realize that the competition level would be very high, and “paying the price” was this edition’s judge, Gianluca Giuliani, making his debut in the National Show ring, but a primary actor in numerous shows in which he has participated as an exhibitor. He was assisted by Fabrizio Rabiti.

The judge’s work was valid in the coherence of the choices, the topicality of the model indicated, and the quality of the reasons stated, aiming to privilege a beef type supported by an adequate skeletal structure, with fluid locomotion and marked

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La Viola Ilaria, Senior Grand Champion of the show, Gianmichele Graziani's La Viola farm (Ravenna)

thy of mention.

No less interesting was the Senior Males final, which featured three animals of considerable interest competing for the title:

- Oberon, a son of Titano presented by Renzo Scozzoli, noteworthy for the length of his trunk, who had beaten in his category the also-considerable Nembokid owned by E.lli Tossani.

- Olmo della Radice, a son of Ergum, the champion of the 2000 National Show, presented by Marinello Mascheri and a stand-out for his size, distinction,

breed traits.

This orientation took shape in the finals with the announcement of the grand champions, which exalted the technical contents of this show, and which we will not examine in detail.

The Junior Males final featured the following animals:

- Paladino della Radice, son of Ville Unite Naif, presented by Renato Stoppa and a stand-out for muscle development, breadth of the transverse diameters, and skeletal structure quality;

- Preludio, a son of Mercurio Babini presented by Giuseppe Mariani, whose strong points were in his muscle development and size, as well as in the correctness and rump width;

- La Viola Orizio, a son of La Viola C093, presented by Gian Michele Graziani of Ravenna. This vigorous animal, AI-tested and certified at the genetic centre, stood out for his muscle development and limb correctness, and was excellently handled in the ring, winning the title for the greater force of his forequarters and breed expressiveness, over Mariani's younger Preludio, whose considerable rump breadth is wor-



Fardini Lisona, Senior Reserve Champion of the show, Marinello Mascheri farm (Forlì-Cesena)



La Viola Orizio, Grand Champion of the show, Gianmichele Graziani's La Viola farm (Ravenna)

muscle development, and bone structure. Olmo was handled in the ring by his breeder, Renato Stoppa.

- Ville Unite Manso, presented by Gianfranco Carapia, impressive for his remarkable breed traits combined with a great structural balance, with a long trunk, marked convexity of contours, and exceptionally elegant gait.

The judge's choice fell on Manso, the outgoing Champion of the 2003 National Show of Piancaldoli, who confirmed the predictions, winning with the vigour of his full maturity over the younger Olmo della Radice, an animal with a promising future.

Afterwards there was the heifer final which, with the most numerous categories of the show, is traditionally looked forward to by breeders. These were the six competitors, all very fine:

- Perla, a Ville Unite Neff of just 7 months of age, standing out for the distinction and muscle development of her trunk, as well as for the perfect characteristics and diameters of her rump.

- Ville Unite Perseide, an Abero presented by Pietro Tassinari, whose strengths lay in her femininity, great development in relation to her age, limb correctness, and elegance of movement.

- Primula della Radice, an Azzurro owned by Renato Stoppa who was noteworthy for the particular distinction of her head, the perfect insertion of her shoulders to her trunk, the excellent rump characteristics, and correctness of her limbs.

- Ponza della Radice, a daughter of V.U. Glorioso ET presented by Renato Stoppa, with a particularly long, cylindrical trunk and excellent rump diameters.

- Oder, a muscular daughter of Lucio presented by the CAF farm, who in her category had beaten Omega, another daughter of the same bull, presented by the same farm.

- Orsa, the most adult among the junior finalists, presented like Oder by the CAF farm and a daughter of Lucio, who proved to be one of the most interesting offspring of V.U. Eolo.

The judge found his champion in Perla, the Neff owned by Mariani, winning over Tassinari's V.U. Perseide, by virtue of the greater muscle development and a better, wider rump. The Reserve is noteworthy for her greater size, as well as her striking femininity and correctness of her skeletal



Joe Garrett, an Irish Romagnola breeder, awards Preludio, Junior Reserve Champion of the show, Giuseppe Mariani farm (Forli-Cesena)



Ville Unite Manso, Senior Grand Champion of the show, Gianfranco Carapia farm (Bologna)



Olmo della Radice, Senior Reserve Champion of the show, Marinello Mascheri farm (Forli-Cesena)

structure.

Lastly, the final for the cows featured 3 very striking dams:

- Nuvola: a lactating first-calver, daughter of V.U. Imothep, presented by Emilio Donati of Ravenna.

- Fardini Lisona, Mascheri's Ebro, striking for her fineness combined with vigour and muscle development, as well as for the great elegance of her gait.

- La Viola Ilaria, a Pupo owned by Gian Michele Graziani whose strong points were her vigour, length, muscle development, and limb correctness.

In the end it was Ilaria who won over Lisona for her larger size, longer trunk, and greater muscle uniformity. The Reserve is noteworthy for her cleaner head and neck, and considerable bone structure quality.

At the end of the finals, the competition for breeding groups took place, featuring 7 representatives from the following farms: Emilio Donati, Rivalona dei Flli Babini, Graziani's "La Viola", Marinello Mascheri's "Fardini", Renato Stoppa's "La Radice", CAF, and Giuseppe Mariani.

The judge indicated, as winner, the Mariani farm group, which featured the Junior Champion and the Reserve Junior Champion and which stood out for the indisputable uniformity and the correctness and considerable diameters of the rumps.

Taking advantage of the lovely backdrop formed by the standing groups, the trophy for the "Breeder of the Year" was awarded, this time to Gian Michele Graziani, of the "La Viola" farm, not only for its



Best breeding group, presented by the Giuseppe Mariani farm

numerous successes in the ring, but also for the productive efficiency of the herd and the results achieved by its numerous animals in performance tests.

Second and third place went to, respectively, Marinello Mascheri's "Fardini" farm and Renato Stoppa's "La Radice", also stand-outs in this National Show edition.

As for the handlers' competition, the winner was Gian Michele Graziani, who stood out for the impeccable preparation of his numerous animals.

Second place went to the multi-awarded Renato Stoppa, while third place went to Stefano Donati, who stood out for his qualities as a handler in spite of his young age.

Two special prizes were also awarded, respectively, to Giuseppe Drudi, a young first-timer of the 2004 National Show, and to Claudio Caroli, who went on to handle his animals in spite of a small accident he had suffered on Saturday morning.

In his concluding comments at the end of his work, the judge, Dr. Gianluca Giuliani, thanked the ANABIC, paying his compliments to the breeders for the quality of their animals, excellently prepared and just as well handled in the ring, thus enabling him to work in the best conditions.

These were Gianluca's words: "I



Gianluca Giuliani, Show Judge, with his assistant Fabrizio Rabiti

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Directors in the front row: Dr. Canestrari, ANABIC Director, with Dr. Casadei, Director of the Provincial Breeders' Association of Ravenna and Regional Breeders' Association of Emilia Romagna.

hope I have attracted your attention to a modern and functional beef type, not only with regard to the muscle development, but also to the structure, privileging animals with correct limbs and feet and a fluid gait. I have had fun judging, and I like the champions I have chosen very much. I dedicate the judgment of this, my first National Show, to Lucio Migni, a friend who is going through a difficult period of health issues, with great affection and the hopes of seeing him again soon among us."

These words were followed by warm applause, which united the judge together with all the breeders present.

At the end of the evaluations, the last event was the parade of the grand champions in the great ring reserved for the judgment of the dairy breeds, scheduled for the closing day, Sunday morning.

The parade, which featured the grand champions of the show and their respective reserves, was presented by Roberta Guarcini, who, after a brief introduction on the breed, concisely commented on the characteristics of the single animals. It should be pointed out that our animals attracted the attention of the numerous spectators present, being applauded and receiving great signs of approval. Their majesty and elegance in such a beautiful setting was one of the most wonderful moments of this show. During the



concluding phase of this parade, a public expression of thanks was made to the Provincial Breeders' Association of Reggio for the substantial organizational support given, and the President, Dr. Maurizio Garlappi, was called into the ring to receive from Paolo Canestrari, the ANABIC Director, a plaque for his personal contribution to the holding of the National Show and, more in general, in favour of the Romagnola breed. The thanks must also be extended to the Director Giorgio Ghizzoni and the whole staff, who showed the utmost sensitivity and cooperation with regard to our numerous necessities.

Our special appreciation goes to Dr. Gian Marco Casadei, Director of the Provincial Breeders' Association of Ravenna and the Regional Breeders' Association of Emilia Romagna, who remained at ringside throughout the entire judgment procedure, taking part in the award presentations and spending much time in the shelters.

The relaxed atmosphere of healthy competition that characterized the breeders, always ready to help one



Dr. Canestrari awards the President of the Provincial Breeders' Association of Reggio Emilia and Regional Breeders' Association of Emilia Romagna, Dr. Maurizio Garlappi

another, was another positive note, which did not go unnoticed.

Numerous compliments were received from personalities, breeders, and technicians of the various breeds, and this can only make us happy.

There were also numerous contacts for the purchase of breeding animals, an aspect that strengthens our belief in the suitability of Reggio Emilia as the ideal showcase for the Romagnola breed.

At the end of the show, there was a general satisfaction to be felt in our shelters, for having brought about an event useful for consolidating the breed's image and for paving the way for its success even outside of the traditional breeding area.

The Irish guests: Joe Garrett and "Irish Farmers' Journal" journalist Peter Young

RANKING

XVII MOSTRA NAZIONALE RAZZA ROMAGNOLA

FEMALES Section

Category: 1F

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
1	36	IT040000023274	Perla	Ville Unite Neff	Erminia	AZ.AGR. MARIANI	FC
2	43	IT039990000793	Perla Babini	Ville Unite Maracana'	Godina	AZ. AGR. RIVALONA	RA
3	40	IT040500026020	Passggera Della Radice	Mercurio	Babini Bandiera	STOPPA RENATO & C.S.S.	FC

Category: 2F

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
1	56	IT039666673744	Ville Unite Perseide	Abero	Europa DI TASSINARI PIETRO	AZ.AGR. PRATO	FC
2	57	IT039990000590	La Viola Paola	La Viola Mambo	La Viola	LA VIOLA S.R.L.	RA
3	48	IT040990002479	Fardini Pastora	Ville Unite Navaho	Fardini Ilona	MASCHERI MARINELLO & C.S.S.	FC

Category: 3F

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
1	72	IT040500025991	Primula Della Radice	Azzurro	Cupa	STOPPA RENATO & C.S.S.	FC
2	64	IT039666674439	La Viola Pasqua			LA VIOLA S.R.L.	RA
3	67	IT040500025996	Pastora Della Radice	Ville Unite Glorioso-Et	Alba	STOPPA RENATO & C.S.S.	FC

Category: 4F

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
1	74	IT040500025986	Ponza Della Radice	Ville Unite Glorioso-Et	Falsa	STOPPA RENATO & C.S.S.	FC
2	78	IT039666674385	La Viola Odessa	La Viola B058	148-Eusebia	LA VIOLA S.R.L.	RA
3	73	IT039666673735	Pamela	Ville Unite Imothep	Zarina	BATANI GUIDO E BENITO	RA

Category: 5F

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
1	91	IT040500025182	Oder	Lucio	Cera	COOP.AGRICOLA FORESTALE A.R.L.	FC
2	90	IT040500025200	Omega	Lucio	Balilla	COOP.AGRICOLA FORESTALE A.R.L.	FC
3	85	IT039666673581	La Viola Orca	La Viola B060	La Viola	LA VIOLA S.R.L.	RA

Category: 6FA

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
1	94	IT040500017063	Orsa	Lucio	Fabiana	COOP.AGRICOLA FORESTALE A.R.L.	FC
2	103	IT040500017359	Nigeria Della Radice	Emiro	Novella	STOPPA RENATO & C.S.S.	FC
3	99	IT040500017430	Fardini Navona	Ivan	Civetta	MASCHERI MARINELLO & C.S.S.	FC

Category: 6FB

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
1	106	IT039333337537	Nuvola	Ville Unite Imothep	Flavia	DONATI EMILIO	RA
2	105	IT039333337538	Nivea	Ville Unite Ivanhoe	Florinda	DONATI EMILIO	RA
3	107	IT039666671671	Nancy Babini	Gimondi	Delizia	AZ. AGR. RIVALONA	RA

Category: 7F

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
1	117	IT040500005737	Fardini Lisona	Ebro	Brigida	MASCHERI MARINELLO & C.S.S.	FC
2	113	IT040000001258	Marina	Ebro	Dionira	AZ.AGR. MARIANI	FC
3	121	IT039666667964	La Viola Livia	Eraldo	81	LA VIOLA S.R.L.	RA

Category: 8F

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
1	122	IT014RA121C049	La Viola Ilaria	Pupo	50	LA VIOLA S.R.L.	RA
2	127	54RA108747	La Fattoria Carmela	Azzurro	Viola	DONATI EMILIO	RA
3	124	54RA109890	Emma	Ledro	Buccia	MEDRI ANDREA	RA

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FEMALES Section

Category: 1M

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
1	1	IT040500026025	Paladino Della Radice	Ville Unite Naif	Malta Della Radice	STOPPA RENATO & C.S.S.	FC
2	4	IT037990006493	Pullo	Gigante	Nila	TOSSANI LUCIANO,BRUNO E PAOLO	BO
3	2	IT039990001971	Porro	Nuvolari	Nora	ZAMPIGA TOMASO	RA

Category: 2M

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
1	7	IT040000023272	Preludio	Mercurio Babini	Califfa	AZ.AGR. MARIANI	FC
2	10	IT040500026002	Pantani Della Radice	Ville Unite Ivanhoe	Lilli	STOPPA RENATO & C.S.S.	FC
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Category: 3M

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
1	11	IT039666674403	La Viola Orizio	La Viola C093	155	LA VIOLA S.R.L.	RA
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Category: 3M

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
1	15	IT040500017391	Olmo Della Radice	Ergum	Montagna	MASCHERI MARINELLO & C.S.S.	FC
2	12	IT037750009028	Orco	Fardini Itler	Froda	TOSSANI LUCIANO,BRUNO E PAOLO	BO
3	13	IT040500025627	Fardini Ostring	Ville Unite Micerino	Fardini Ilona	COOP.AGRICOLA FORESTALE A.R.L.	FC

Category: 3M

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
1	16	IT039333339747	Oberon	Titano	Gina B004	SCOZZOLI RENZO	FC
2	19	IT037250004592	Nembokid	Imetro	Furby	TOSSANI LUCIANO,BRUNO E PAOLO	BO
3	18	IT040500017431	Fardini Nivan	Ivan	Miriam	COOP.AGRICOLA FORESTALE A.R.L.	FC

Category: 3M

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
1	23	IT039666669847	Ville Unite Manso	Ville Unite Guru	Ville Unite Fiaba	CARAPIA GIANFRANCO	BO
2	22	IT039666669204	La Viola Mambo		Pupo	LA VIOLA S.R.L.	RA
3	21	IT040000007053	Martino	Giacobbe	Diana	TOSSANI LUCIANO,BRUNO E PAOLO	BO

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JUNIOR FEMALES CHAMPION

Cl.	Reg.	No.	Name	Father	Mother	Exhibitor	Pv.
CAM	36	IT040000023274	Perla	Ville Unite Neff	Erminia	AZ.AGR. MARIANI	FC
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RIS	117	IT040500005737	Fardini Lisona	Ebro	Brigida	MASCHERI MARINELLO & C.S.S.	FC

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RIS	15	IT040500017391	Olmo Della Radice	Ergum	Montagna	MASCHERI MARINELLO & C.S.S.	FC

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"A feather in the cap" ... of the Romagnola breed

"Feather in the cap": that's how we've decided to call the farms that, for the genetic quality of their livestock and the managerial skills of the breeder, are the diamond point in the breeding of the Italian breeds. Opening this series of articles, each time devoted to one of the five autochthonous breeds, is the Romagnola, for which we are presenting Renato Stoppa's Radice farm, on the slopes of Monte Moia in the province of Forlì.

**by Roberta Guarcini* and
Matteo Ridolfi****

Late May along this stretch of the Apennines of Romagna is the month to grasp fully the extraordinary beauty of nature. The delicate light of the early hours of the day is the best light for photographing livestock: that's what our photographer and video operator Gaetano Panza, responsible for a collective wake-up at 3 a.m.,

says. We trust him and it's worth it. From Perugia it takes us a couple of hours to reach Verghereto and at 5:30 we're at Renato Stoppa's farm. With him we climb up to 1,100 metres on Monte Moia, to the pasture where the largest group of his Romagnola dams is right now. When we enter the enclosure, Ivanhoe, a performance-tested bull, the son of Bandolero and Cesarina, an Ottimo cow and champion of the 1996 National, makes his voice heard. He is calm, but he doesn't take his eyes off us as we invade his territory and approach the herd.

The rain of these past few days has made the pastures luxuriant and the cattle, some of whom have recently returned from the Reggio Emilia National, are in an

THE FARM

Azienda Agricola Renato Stoppa e C. S.S.

Locality: La Radice Riofreddo, Verghereto (FC)

Farm area: 120 hectares

Number of animals: 130 head of Romagnola livestock

Particularity: milking of some of the cows and use of the milk to make Ravigiolo cheese.





excellent state of nutrition.

We are here to take photos and film some lovely footage to be used for a video on the Italian breeds that will be projected during the 2005 World Congress (see the magazine's opening article); we will do the same for Chianina, Marchigiana, Maremmana, and Podolica.

There is truly no lack of raw material: the cattle have good breed, muscle development, general development, and perpendicularity traits; the pastures are bright with the yellow of buttercups in full bloom, and everywhere can be seen the water that feeds the Alferello stream and the Savio and Tiber rivers.

Satisfied with the work done which, to tell the truth, was extremely enjoyable, we take the opportunity to become better acquainted with the Stoppa farm, one of the revelations of the shows of recent years.

"My grandparents arrived as tenant farmers in 1922" Renato tells us, "and the Romagnola was already here. In 1982 my family bought the farm, and today it has a useful area of 120 hectares, of which 50 are pastures, another 50 are meadow-pastures, and 20 are woods. There are 130 Romagnola animals, of which 75 are dams. In addition to Ivanhoe, two other bulls, V.U. Naif and V.U. Imothep, work on the herd; on about one third of the dams we resort to artificial insemination with the best bulls of the most recent genetic lines. The cattle are kept in loose housing from November to

April, and then at pasture for the rest of the year. Around fifty calves a year are sold as feed-lot calves, at a weight of 270-280 kg and for a price equivalent to the old 8,000 lire per kilo of live weight. A number of young animals are chosen by the breed experts and sent to the ANABIC Genetic Centre to undergo performance testing; we also receive a fair number of requests for seedstock, and since 2002 we are certified as an organic farm. Some of the cows, around twenty a year, are milked for a few months after the weaning of their calves, and the milk is used to make Ravigiolo cheese, or mixed with the milk of the Suffolk sheep, of which there is a small group on the farm."

But let's go on to the recent show successes of the Della Radice farm. After having participated in the livestock shows at the Moia pasture, the first appearance in the National was in 2000 in Reggio Emilia. Present with four animals, Stoppa took home three first places and the title of the show's Female Senior Grand Champion, won with Ville Unite Ergum, an animal of great typicality, with striking muscle development and trunk length. In 2002, again in Reggio Emilia, he repeated the success of the previous year with Ville Unite Glorioso, a sire of considerable size, muscle development, skeletal lightness, and great elegance of bearing; he also won the show's Female Senior Grand Champion title thanks to Delia, a daughter of Indios who is extraordinary in her dimensions, power, fineness, and limb correctness. For the excellent care in preparation, grooming, and handling of his animals, he was proclaimed the show's Best Handler.

In Piancaldoli in 2003, his Olsen, a son of Ergum of great breed expressiveness, height, trunk length, and muscle development, was judged the show's Junior Grand Champion; he took the Best Breeding Group prize as well, and was again awarded the title of the show's Best Handler. And then we come to Reggio Emilia 2004: present with an excellent group of animals, he won two first prizes in the males category and two first prizes for the females also. Excellent results, thanks to a precise choice of seedstock which brought this farm to take a qualitative leap forward: from Ronco and Mauro, respectively from two historic Forlì farms such as Fiorentini and Valentini, to the already-mentioned Indios, to Emiro of the Pozzi farm, to the many champions produced by Gianluca Giuliani's Ville Unite Romagnola.

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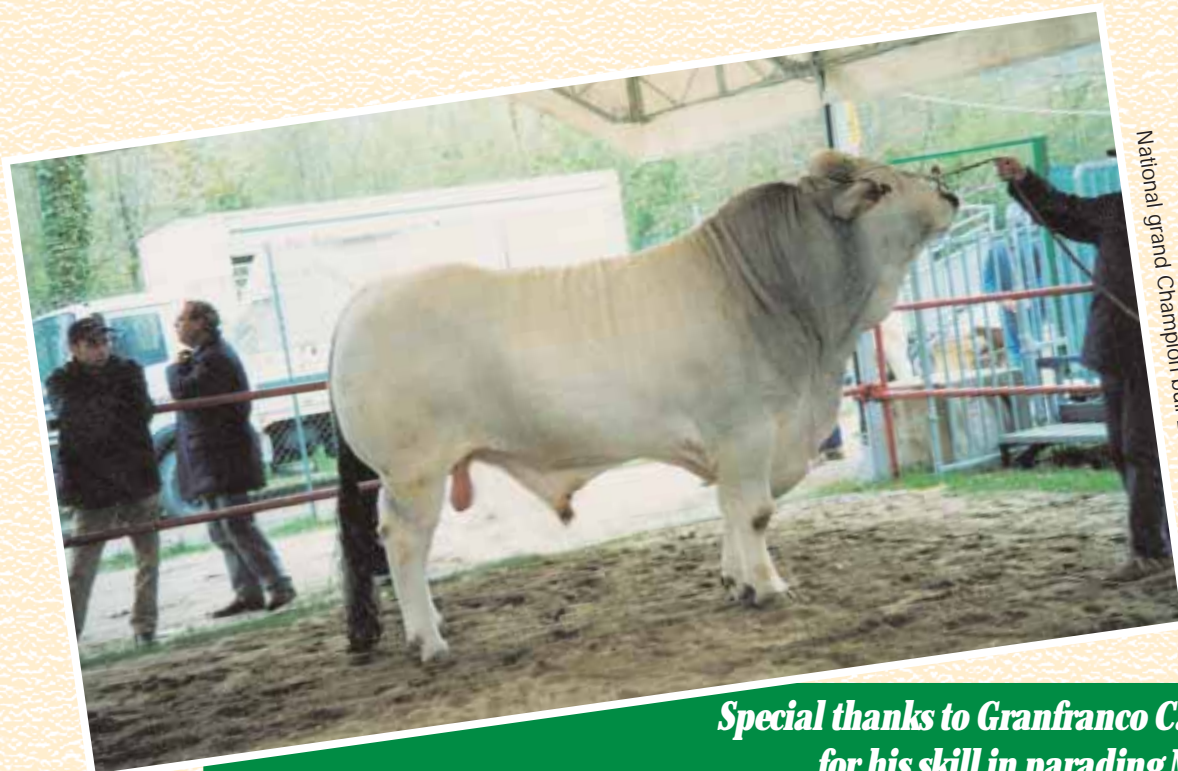


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Success of the Marchigiana at the Hengelo Agricultural Fair in Holland....

Tom Rijken, a young Dutch Marchigiana breeder and President of the Marchigiana Stamboek Benelux, is a breeder who is truly on the ball: he never misses an opportunity to promote his livestock, shown in the photo at the Hengelo Fair in Holland. The four animals shown, the offspring of Lotar, Isidoro, Erode and Ispide, were excellent representatives of the breed, and attracted the attention of the numerous visitors present, espe-

cially the Germans. The Rijken farm sold several breeding animals and received many requests for seminal material.



Tom Rijken with his animals at the Hengelo Fair

.... But the Chianina is close behind!

For us breeders of the Italian beef cattle breeds, Maastricht is now not only known for the Treaty of the European Union, but also for a new selective breeding of the Chianina breed. In fact, the ANABIC has been contacted by Mr. Jac de Groot for the purchase of Chianina semen and heifers. Jac de Groot is a young Dutch farmer who has a passion for the Chianina; he has been breeding Holsteins for years, but with the milk market crisis, he intends to create a Chianina group in southern Holland. In early June the first export of heifers to Maastricht was made. The animals come from the Pratolina farm of the Capelli brothers in the province of Pavia; due to the well-known Blue Tongue problems, the choice of the animals to be exported was made in



Lombardy, a region totally free of the Blue Tongue problems and animal handling bans. According to Mr. de Groot, the heifers have adapted very well to the fertile Dutch pastures, and frozen Chianina semen has already begun to be used in the industrial crossbreeding programme with dairy cattle.

Jac de Groot with the Capelli brothers

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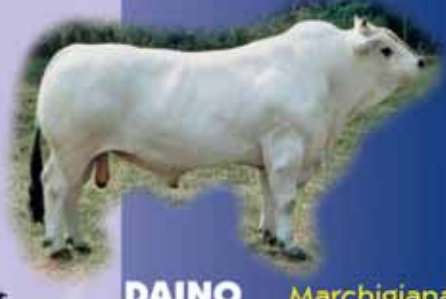
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Nato/Born: 11 - 09 - 1994



DAINO Marchigiana
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Nato/Born: 20 - 11 - 1992



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