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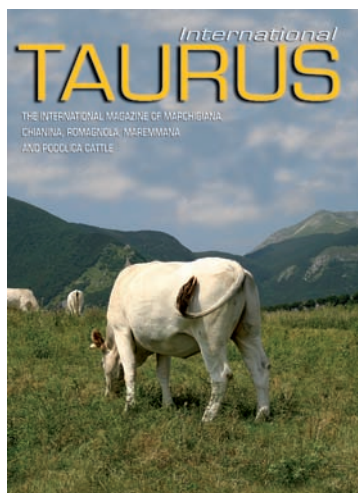
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ROBERTA GUARCINI is the new ANABIC DIRECTOR

The A.N.A.B.I.C. Management Committee, meeting on 29 March, appointed Ms. Roberta Guarcini as the Association's new Director.

The prestigious office confirms the professionalism, dedication, and organizational skills demonstrated by Ms. Guarcini in performing all the duties she has tackled during her career. After receiving her classical high school diploma from the Orazio High School in Rome, and a degree in Agricultural Science from the University of Perugia, starting in 1982 and continuing for 7 years Roberta Guarcini worked as a collaborator of the Istituto Sperimentale di Zoologia Agraria (Experimental Institute of Agricultural Zoology) in Rome, working on the development of beekeeping techniques and studies on the characterization of honey. Arriving at ANABIC in 1989, after becoming an Expert of the five Italian beef breeds, she held the office of head of the Shows Office of the Libro Genealogico Nazionale (National Herdbook), handling their organization and ring secretariat, and soon becoming the most highly esteemed spokesperson.

For around one year, from 1995 to 1996, she also played a supporting role in the activities of the CCBI – 5R Italian Beef Consortium. Later, within the framework of the Association,

she became the Promotion Office manager, overseeing in a decisive way the organization of the major events held by the ANABIC, first and foremost the 4th World Congress of Italian Beef Breeds held in Gubbio in May 2005. In her role as Publications Office manager, she supervised, as Chief Editor, the development and publication of the “Taurus” and “Taurus International” magazines, the Association's official publications, also collaborating in the drafting of informational material of a technical-educational and promotional nature published by the ANABIC. Lastly, since 2002 she has been in charge of the company Quality

Area, gaining specialization in the UNI-EN ISO 9001:2000 and 19011:2002 standards as Auditor for the conducting of the in-house inspections. Married and the mother of one daughter, Roberta is a sports, music, and reading lover, activities which she continues to cultivate in her spare time. Her profound knowledge of the Association, with experience in every context, together with her organizational skills and a proverbial determination, provide the ideal bases for a position that makes her the first woman director of a national association in Italy: a sign of the times that makes us proud and for which we send Roberta our sincerest and most affectionate best wishes for success.



Record number of visitors, staggering prices, and numerous novelties at the spring auctions



A success! The auctions held during the spring period at the Genetic Centre in Perugia can be considered a true success.

Crowds of people characterized, this past 21 and 22 March, the holding of the first auctions of the year 2007, where the winning combination of the Marchigiana and Chianina breeds left an indelible mark on the appointment which had been considered particularly important by ANABIC technicians, breeders, and others of the sector.

In so many years of activity, such a high number of visitors had never been seen before (it is estimated that around 300 persons attended), confirming the growing interest of the livestock breeding world in the Italian beef breeds.

Actually, the novelty of combining two

breeds, Marchigiana and Chianina, on opening day was received with great interest, particularly due to the moment of comparison of the two situations which, albeit close, need mutual involvement. This was true in particular for the Marchigiana breed, which was represented at the auction by a limited number of animals, even if supported by high genetic indices.

Important breeding animals awaited the buyers in the auction arena, standing out for their particularly correct morphology and backed by pedigrees rich with interesting families.

Numerous novelties characterizes the auction days.

In addition to the above-mentioned combination, it should be noted that from now on the bull calves will be able to be seen by their respective owners and potential buyers in the new structures adjacent to the Genetic Centre



Rino, Top price of the Chianina breed – Breeder: Giannellini Bros., Livorno

and the Auction Zone, where single stalls have been set up that will make it possible for the animals to be observed individually and in conditions of total tranquillity.

The purpose of this solution is to prevent the entry into the stall of the auction participants, guaranteeing the maximum health protection for the centre.

Another significant novelty, as far as the organization of the auctions is concerned, was the debut in wielding the auction hammer of Roberta Guarcini, who did a good job substituting for Romano Aliffi, the historic AN-ABIC auctioneer, contributing decisively and with her usual professionalism to the selling success of the two days.

Opening the “hostilities” was the Marchigiana which, in spite of the fact that there were only four bull calves, of which two qualified for A.I. and two for N.S., left its mark by obtaining exceptional prices.

The top price for the breed was obtained by Sirio, a “Vicentino” of the Silvio Dall’Armellina farm who beat out the others and was won for € 7,000 by breeder Orazio Tatangelo from L’Aquila, to whom we would like to express our congratulations.

Another very good performance was that of Svetlan, an Isidoro suitable for A.I. bred by Antonio Antonellini of Ascoli, like those of the remaining animals suitable for N.S., which reached an average sale price of around € 4,500, demonstrating that when we work well, the results are considerable and are obtained rapidly,

also thanks to the great potentials of the Marchigiana breed.

After the “warm-up” with considerable knock-down prices, the Marchigiana left the ring to the Chianina breed, represented by a fantastic group of bull calves that combined correct morphology with very high genetic indices.

Eleven well-prepared breeding animals, of which 6 A.I. and 5 N.S., made a wonderful impression, reaching very high prices. The top price was obtained by “Rino di Polledraia” of the “Di Polledraia” farm of the Giannellini Bros. in Livorno, arriving at € 7,200.

Another formidable performance was that of the second bull calf, “Ronaldo del Pollaiolo”, of the Ceccobao A. farm of Siena, who went for € 6,650.

Another high price, € 6,050 was obtained by Ruben della Favorita, a Leonardo out of Ammiraglio presented by Danilo Migni, who boasted three “excellent” cows in the first two generations of his pedigree, and was purchased by the Giombini farm of Rome.

As a whole, the prices were very high, reaching an average price of € 5,500.

Among the animals approved for N.S., worthy of note is the excellent performance of “Sergio di Pergo”, an extremely interesting bull calf for the balance of his somatic development, muscle development, and transverse diameters, and who went for € 6,650. It should be pointed out that the first animal presented in the Chianina auction was a bull calf from the Rizzato Enzo farm in Rovigo, with an interesting pedi-



Sirio, Top price of the Marchigiana breed – Breeder: Silvio Dall’Armellina, Vicenza

gree and considerable ADG and morphological evaluation data, going for € 4,750.

On 22 March, the Romagnola breed brought the series of spring auctions to a close, with the presentation of 10 bulls, 5 qualified for A.I. and 5 for natural servicing.

Unfortunately, the adverse weather conditions along the Appenine ridge had a negative influence on the presence of breeders and other interested visitors. In spite of the fact that the average value of the animals auctions was very high, the average of the prices reached was not comparable to that achieved the previous day. It was a true pity for the breeders of the animals on the auction block, who deserved better fortune, also because the course of the concluding auction diluted our enthusiasm for the brilliant results of the Marchigiana and Chianina auctions.


However, the top price was obtained by a splendid bull calf, Ville Unite Sethi, son of Navaho, won for € 5,450, and who combined exceptional diameters, muscle development, and breed characteristics. Afterwards, all the other animals obtained slightly lower figures, confirming the fact that the absence of several "historical" buyers conditioned, in part, the result – albeit respectable – of the auction.

Concluding these notes, the comment can only be positive, not only for the excellent quality of the bulls on the auction block, but also for the overall large number of buyers, sometimes coming from zones far from those of origin of the various breeds, bearing witness to the growing interest in our breeds. If we wanted to attract the attention of the breeding world and others I believe we achieved our goal; in other words, we have created a stimulus for those persons who, enchanted by our breeds, will want to approach the world of the White Giants.



The hope is that the Marchigiana and Romag-

nola breeds, also, will constantly return to achieve the significant results that are becoming customary for the Chianina, once again the protagonist of an "appointment at the top" and holder of the top price of this first series of auctions for 2007 at the Genetic Centre of Perugia.


Among the interesting features of these days, we would like to mention the visit of a group of students from the Agricultural School of Ravenna, led by Prof. Tino Moretti, who offered the Romagnola breeders a tasty snack of "piadina" flat bread and cold cuts. Another enjoyable moment came with the buffets offered the visitors by the ANABIC at the end of each of the two auctions, which enabled the breeders to socialize among themselves and with the Association's personnel, acting as the event's hosts together with President Fausto Luchetti. They were, as can be seen, full and sometimes demanding days, but always lively and enjoyable.



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The Chianina shows true elegance at Bastia!



A moment of the competition among the students of the Agricultural Schools

From 30 March through 1 April, in Bastia Umbra on the Umbriafiore Maschiella trade fair grounds, the usual appointment with “Agriumbria”, the national show for the enhancement of the agricultural, livestock, and food sector, was held. Now in its 39th year, the show was attended by more than 400 exhibitors, representing 900 farm brands, and providing visitors with an opportunity for information and comparison on the novelties offered by the agro-food system. Like every year, Agriumbria hosted the show of Chianina bovines registered in the Herdbook, the 4th regional show, organized by the Provincial Breeders’ Associations of Perugia and Terni in collaboration with the ANABIC. Around 100 Chianina animals were present at the fair, belonging to 12 breeding farms, after the withdrawal of several farms for sanitary/health reasons. The show got off to a bumpy start: this year, the livestock fair wanted to open its doors also to several animals representing the other

Italian beef breeds, to introduce the Umbrian public to new breeds. Unfortunately, due to the usual problems connected with Blue Tongue, the breeders of the Marchigiana, Romagnola, and Podolica breeds were not able to bring their animals. It was, however, permitted to feature animals of the Maremmana breed, which would certainly have delighted the public with their majesty and class, if it had not been for their curious escape at the moment they were being unloaded from the truck, and which had technicians, veterinarians, and poor passers-by holding their breath.

Our heartfelt thanks go to the Musignano farm for having accepted the invitation to participate in the show, with the hope that the next shows will be more fortunate and less adventurous. It should also be pointed out that for the first time the show availed itself of the valuable collaboration of the Italian Breeders’ Association, with the “ItaliAlleva” brand, which at Umbriafiore organized the show of all the breeds and species promoted by its association: Holstein Friesian, Piemontese, Limousine, and Red Dappled bovines, sheep (Appenninica and Comisana), goats (Girgentana), horses (CAITPR), and donkeys (Sardinian and from Martina Franca).

The fair opened on Friday morning, with the judging competitions for students of the Agricultural Schools (ITAS), who as usual had to make a classification of the 4 heifers present in the ring and give reasons for their decisions. This year there were 12 teams participating in the contest, representing 6 schools from Umbria, Tuscany, Marche, and

Emilia Romagna. The students made it into a real competition, with fans encouraging them from the sidelines, and the first two places were won by the two teams of the “ITAS Ciuffelli” of Todi, followed by the “ITAS Vegni” of Cortona. Worthy of note was the participation of the “ITAS G. Garibaldi”, in its debut in this competition, and the “ITAS Zanelli” of Reggio Emilia, once gain close to the Chianina.

The Chianina was the true protagonist of the event, thanks to the excellence of the animals presented in the show which, although it was a regional show, featured individuals of extremely high level, rendering very difficult the task of judge Antonio Chiavini, in his debut at Bastia, and his excellent assistant Elisa Lenzi, who made their evaluations with firmness and decisiveness.

Among the young promises of the junior females, Maria Bianca’s bull Lio hogged the spotlight, since he was he father of both the



Judge Antonio Chiavini and his Assistant Elisa Lenzi

champion, Senna, and the reserve, Sasha, both from the Luchetti Basilio e Claudio farm in Collazzone, who own 4 out of the 6 finalist heifers. The other two animals in the ring, Risorta and Quirina, are both animals bearing the name “di Moglie” and belonging to Giancarlo Marcucci, another

great protagonist of this edition. The judge announced the victory of Senna over Sasha mainly for the great muscle development and correctness of her rear limbs.

The final of the senior females was very competitive, with 4 finalists: Queen, owned by the Atanasi Bros.; Olimpia, from the Luchetti Basilio e Claudio farm; Melinda di Moglie, owned by Giancarlo Marcucci, who needs no presentation; Gina, also from the Luchetti farm. The winner was Olimpia over Melinda for her better muscle tone, even if it must be stated that the runner-up had recently finished lactation, and was thus unable to compete in optimum condition. Among the



A moment during the evaluations



Sergio Marini visiting the shelters



Sergio Marini, National President of Coldiretti

cows serving as “handmaidens” of the two champions, worthy of note were Nocca and Oriana di Moglie, two other fine dams of the Marcucci farm.

On the wave of the burning climate, the time came for the Best Breeding Group, which rewarded the three animals of the Luchetti farm: Sasha, junior female champion, Sally, runner-up in the category of heifers 12 to 15 months old, and Qualità, runner-up in the category of heifers from 24 to 36 months old who have never calved.

On the hot Sunday morning, 9 heifers entered the ring for their appointment with the auction of young females. Presented under the hammer of the historic auctioneer Romano Aliffi, were heifers coming from the farms of the Fiorucci Bros., Giancarlo Marcucci, Ilio Lombardi, the Atanasi Bros., the Bosi Bris., Mario Gobbi, and Felice Giulivi. The top price of the auction was obtained by Stella, an 11-month-old heifer from the Felice Giulivi farm, who was purchased by Alberta Ceccagnoli of Pietralunga for € 3,000.

As for the male categories, worthy of note is the fact that they were less represented than the females, while keeping the attention of the public, who are always struck by the somatic development of these animals, high just the same. The finals of the young junior males featured as competitors 4 animals presented by the Luchetti farm, Ilio Lombardi farm, and that of Lorenzo Fabbretti, a talented breeder of Terni making his debut in Bastia. The title went to Sansone, son of Moriero, of the Luchetti farm, followed by Simone, son of Dazzo, of the Ilio Lombardi farm, thanks to his greater overall balance and more evident muscle development.

In the finals most awaited by the public, that of the senior males, there were three final-

ists: Rocco, son of Nesto from the Luchetti farm, Romito, son of Oddone belonging to the Fiorucci Bros., and Quinto Melograni, the well-known son of Nurso, from the farm of Francesco and Andrea Fedeli. The judge’s pat sanctioned the victory of Rocco, over Quinto, his reserve, due to his evident gigantism and greater limb correctness. The same animal also won the “Best in Show” title, awarded in memory of Lucio Migni and presented by 9-year-old Leonardo Migni, Lucio’s nephew, into the hands of Marco Luchetti, Rocco’s brilliant handler.

Speaking of bulls, we must mention the Chiacchierini Trophy, which has by now become a tradition on the major Chianina arenas. Competing for the title were the progeny of the bulls Mandrillo, Nurso, Fabio, and Priamo, all employed at the Chiacchierini Bull Centre. The winner was the heifer Sara, runner-up in the 1st category, a promising daughter of Priamo, belonging to the Lorenzo Fabbretti farm in Terni. The prize was presented to the breeder by Anna Chiacchierini, Augusto’s daughter, founder of the Bulls Centre and a great aficionado of the Chianina. In this regard, remembering Augusto Chiacchierini, the Provincial Breeders’ Association of Perugia decided to pay tribute to all the breeders and technicians who, with skill and sacrifice, have devoted their whole lives to this breed. Receiving their awards from the President of the Provincial Breeders’ Association of Perugia Luca Panichi, called back into the ring by Giuseppe Paoletti, a great livestock expert listed in the Hall of Fame of Herdbook Experts and a protagonist, as judge, on countless occasions, were Danilo Migni, Giovanni Marcucci, Basilio Luchetti, Felice Giulivi, Pietro Fiorucci, and Mario Gobbi, great breeders of the Chianina

breed, and the already acclaimed Anna Chiacchierini. This was a very moving moment, with the background music accompanied by the applause of the public, in a tribute to the great work and humanity of these persons.

Lastly, closing the event was the usual space

left to the “youngsters”, the new generation taking its first steps in this world. This is the moment of the Young Handlers competition, which featured 12 competitors in the handling of the “white giants”. Announcing the winner was once again the judge, who carefully examined each candidate: the best handler was Marco Lombardi, 20 years old, followed by, respectively, Daniele Luchetti, 18, Marco Blasoli, 17, Michele Lombardi, 18, Luca Bruni 25, Alessio Fabbretti, 17, and Francesco Bosi, 18.

But Agriumbria was also an occasion for analysis: in fact, there were numerous meetings and discussions on topics of great current interest. Particular attention was devoted this year to the technical meetings, including a discussion of the enhancement of Umbrian products and the agro-energy chain, which was attended by the National President of Coldiretti Sergio Marini who, after the meeting, decided to take a walk around the shelters to admire the Chianina animals.



The ANABIC staff

And once again, for this year, the curtain falls on the show. While the animals patiently awaited the trucks that would take them back to their stalls, looking at the empty ring, our thoughts went to the intensity of these days and the persons who, together with us,

worked on the holding of this event, to whom we would like to express our sincerest thanks.

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AUCTIONS

di **Antonio Vagniluca**
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*Somo, Top Price for the
Chianina breed – breeders
Basilio and Claudio Luchetti,
Perugia*

June auctions... a nice confirmation!

It really can be said that this time, once again, we hit a bulls-eye! The classic formula that has characterized the Centre's activity for years has returned forcefully to the fore. The three auctions, taking place on different days and separately according to breed, offered the public some extremely valid animals from both the morphological and the pedigree standpoints.

The participation of the breeders was considerable, with numerous buyers among them, a fact that made it possible to achieve extremely noteworthy average knock-down prices.

The auctioneer's role was performed in an extremely impeccable and professional manner by Roberta Guarcini, the Association's new Director, who was able to capture the public's attention and interest with enjoyable aplomb.

As usual, the Marchigiana opened the three days of sales, confirming a well-deserved return of breeder interest in this breed, which featured 11 bull calves in the auction, all extremely homogeneous in breed typicity, muscle development, and dimensions.

It should be pointed out that all the animals presented made an excellent impression in the ring, denoting an optimal tone, which was very much appreciated by the breeders.

Among all, worthy of note is the auction's top price, achieved by "Spillo del Conero", a son of Quarzo, on the Mirino II line out of Pesca del Conero, evaluated with 87 points, one of the best cows of the Franco Salciccina farm in Ancona. The animal was purchased by Giuseppe Mazzieri of Osimo for € 6,150.00. The Salciccina farm was also offering "Squalo del Conero", a vigorous son of Cirio out of Erode, also evaluated with a score of 87 points, won for € 4,600 by the Adamo Ferraresi farm in Ascoli.

An excellent purchase was also made by the Bulls Centre of Macerata, with their win of the bull Socrate for € 4,150. This sire has valid families of the Pesaro area in his material line; coming from the farm of Luca Benedetti of Pesaro. Socrate made an excellent impression, with striking breed traits, muscle development, and somatic development.

Another new entry for the auction was the bull Silvio (son of Orione out of Disco) of breeder Paride Di Memmo from Campobasso. This animal was purchased for € 5,100 by the Bargoni farm of Ascoli and aroused enthusiasm with his striking muscles, development, and structural correctness.

The following day, Wednesday, 20 June, the auc-

AUCTIONS



Spillo, Top Price for the Marchigiana breed – breeder Franco Salciccia, Ancona

tion of the Chianini bull calves was held. Ten animals, excellently prepared and presented, entered the ring, exciting the numerous spectators present and confirming the great interest in this wonderful breed.

The top price of the auction was obtained by Samo of the Luchetti farm, won for € 6,100 by the Azienda Fattoria Terranova of Arezzo. This remarkable animal, a son of Lio Di Maria Bianca out of Deodato, stood out for his muscle development, di-



Sairo, by Piro - breeder Simone Pozzi, Ravenna

mensions, and breed traits, combined with considerable performance values such as a BSI score of 144.2 and an ADG of 1,700 gr/d, an evident sign of the solid families making up his pedigree.

Also extremely interesting was Sunyo di Maria Bianca, presented by the Mario and Pietro Paoletti farm of Pisa, of the Drea line out of Lio, sold for € 6,000 and bought by the Borgioli farm of Florence. Breed traits, muscle development, and dimensions were well represented in Sunyo, who also stood out for the positive catalogue notes, showing a pedigree with a mother with a score of 88 points.

All the other animals presented registered average prices of around € 4,500, indicating the exceptional value of the bull calves on auction.

As usual the Romagnola wound up, on Thursday, 21 June, the programme of summer auctions at the Genetic Centre. The 9 bull calves on the auction block, three of which qualified for A.I. and 6 for natural service, unfortunately did not receive, contrary to our expectations, the well-deserved appreciation, marking a setback compared to the auction results usually attained by this breed.

The low turnout of spectators and breeders had a strong impact on the sale of the animals which, in spite of this, reached an average sale price of € 4,200.

The auction's top price, with € 7,000, was for V.U. Solimano, a son of Ivanhoe out of Guru, evaluated Excellent with 90 points, presented by Gianluca Giuliani of Ravenna. Solimano, with a morphological evaluation score of 86, had his strong points in his breed traits, muscle development, and dimensions, as well as in the solidity of the families making up his pedigree. The winner of this animal was the F.lli Daga farm of Forlì. Also worthy of note is the performance of "Salvo" of the Simone Pozzi farm of Ravenna, an extremely vigorous son of Piro out of Lucas, evaluated with 86 points. This bull calf, with extremely high-level somatic and muscle developments, achieved an evaluation score of 88, together with a BSI score of 141.2 and an ADG of 1,829

gr/d. The price for "Salvo", purchased by CAF of Verghereto, deservedly reached € 6,000, confirming, in this case also, the validity of his genealogy. Also worthy of note is La Viola Severino, a bull calf of great interest for his striking muscle development and pedigree linebred to Ramses, reared by Gian Michele Graziani and won for the respectable price of € 5,900. At the end of the triptych of auctions, it is necessary to make several concluding reflections. Alongside the pleasing "rediscovery" of the Marchigiana, whose breeders proved that they finally appreciated the work done by the Genetic Centre, the success deserved by the Romagnola was not achieved, seeming to indicate that it is going through a critical phase after a long period of highly successful auctions.

Lastly, the Chianina confirmed once again the definite favour of the buyers and the liveliness of its environment. In closing, we would like to say that we hope that the coming autumn auctions go better, especially for the Romagnola, which we would like to see back at its usual prices.

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CHIANINA AT THE MADONNINO, A NATIONAL OF DEBUTANTS!



Left to right, "Olimpia" and "Nilla", Senior Female Grande Champion and Reserve of Show

di Matteo Ridolfi
Morphological Evaluations Office

The 22nd edition of the National Show of the Chianina, held from the 23rd through the 25th of April in Braccagni (Grosseto), in the heart of the Maremma region, at the same time as the yearly edition of the Madonnino Fair, featured a massive participation of breeders coming from the entire cradle of the breed, who honoured the event by showing animals of extremely high level. Before beginning a technical description of the show, it is necessary to express our particular gratitude to the Provincial Breeders' Association of Grosseto, which hosted the show, represented by its President Gaetano Dalia, Director Roberto Giomini, and their staff, who provided their non-stop support to the ANABIC throughout the event. As organizers, also present were the Mipaf (Ministry of Agricultural and Forestry Policies), the Region of Tuscany, the Province of Grosseto, FIMAR (Maremma Fairs), and the C-CIAA (Chamber of Commerce) of Grosseto, which we would like to thank, together with all the Chianina Provincial Breeders' Associations present at the fair with their respective breeders. As mentioned at the start of these notes, the main debutant was the Chianina itself, a luxury debutant at the Madonnino 2007, an agricultural trade fair that boasts a

consolidated tradition and which is attended by around 50,000 visitors each year. The fair grounds set-up proved to be very functional for receiving the 150 animals presented by 34 exhibitors coming from the provinces of Grosseto, Pisa, Livorno, Arezzo, Siena, Florence, Perugia, and Terni, who found litter ready and waiting for them on their arrival. The Madonnino fair also marked the national debut of Roberta Guarcini, the first woman director of a national association in Italy, to whom we would like to renew our affectionate best wishes for success in such a demanding role. Also making his debut as a judge on the "hottest" ring was Elio Casetti, who did his job with great professionalism, assisted by Elisa Lenzi, impeccable as always. To the list of first-timers must also be added the numerous breeders of the province of Grosseto, whom we bring together in a chorus of thanks together with the section president Alessandro Salvadori, for his support to the breed in this national in Grosseto. It was also a great pleasure to see the breeders from Pisa present in large numbers, since they had been absent in a number of editions and, lastly, our heartfelt thanks go to Lorenzo Fabbretti of Terni, who, with his debut in a National show, confirmed the brilliant results he had achieved in Bastia. The ring proceedings began on the first morning with the judging competition for students of the agri-

cultural schools (ITAS), coordinated by the writer, and which featured 3 competing teams from the ITAS Carlo Cattaneo of Cecina (Livorno). The winner was the 3rd team, whose speaker, Giada Verani, also stated the best justifications for the rankings. That afternoon the judging began, with the youngest of the female categories as the first to enter the ring, which proved to be perfectly suitable for the event's logistics. The judging, which the judge obviously based on breed typicality and structural solidity, went at a brisk pace and concentrated animals of great interest in the 4 finals.

JUNIOR FEMALES FINAL

- **Susy**, the Lucchetti farm's Moriero, the winner of the 1st category, showed femininity, style, great balance in all her parts, together with an extremely high bone structure quality. For her greater fineness and distinction, she won for the category over Sara, a vigorous and promising Priamo belonging to Lorenzo Fabbretti.
 - **Sherry**, a daughter of Questore Melograni presented by Maura Costagli of Livorno, won in the 2nd category for her greater typicality, vigour, and trunk length, beating Sonia Melograni, Fosco Mecherini's muscular Poldo.
 - The Lucchetti presented both the 1st and 2nd place animals of a beautiful 3rd category: **Sasha** and **Senna**, both daughters of Lio perfectly identical in model, marked by typicality, muscle development, and limb correctness. Only the greater trunk length brought Sasha to win over Senna who, however, has a slightly more powerful forequarters.
 - **Sally**, a Moriero from the Luchetti farm, placed 1st in the 4th category for her greater distinction and better limb perpendicularity, beating Rametta, a Fabio with a long and muscular trunk presented by Lorenzo Fabbretti. This great breeder from Terni, at his national debut, confirmed the brilliant results attained by his livestock on the occasion of the recent Regional Show in Bastia, showing the professionalism of a veteran.
 - **Radiosa**, daughter of Moriero and the multi-award-winning Nara, presented by the Luchetti farm, won in the 5th category, thanks to her greater typicality and better angle of her hind legs, over Ramona, a lovely Pascià owned by the Atanasi brothers.
 - **Rumba di Polledraia**, a daughter of Lio and Laretta presented by Silvia Baroncelli of Florence, was the winner in the 6th category for her greater size and trunk length, beating out Qualità, the Oliver owned by the Luchettis, a protagonist on numerous occasions.
- The judge was final in his pronouncement of the grand champion and reserve of the junior final, assigning those awards to Sasha and



Right to left, "Sasha" and "Senna", Junior Female Grande Champion and Reserve of Show
Basilio and Claudio Luchetti farm, Perugia



"Olimpia", Senior Female Grand Champion - Basilio and Claudio Luchetti farm, Perugia

Senna, the Lios of the Luchetti farm, thus confirming the verdict of the 3rd category. With regard to the other finalists, all highly competitive, they are worthy of mention for

their general elegance, structural correctness, and excellent physical condition, knowingly enhanced by the skill of their handlers.



The show judge Elio Casetti, with his assistant Elisa Lenzi

SENIOR FEMALES FINAL

Before commenting in detail on this final, which displayed some extraordinary individual traits, it is necessary to comment on some innovative elements concerning the senior females section, i.e. the adoption of the two experimental categories reserved for cows with their calves at their side. These two classes were the 6a/B, which intends to enhance the productive earliness and maternal aptitude of the first-calvers, and the 10th category, reserved for the lactating mature cows of the 7th, 8th, and 9th categories, which intends to stress the longevity and functional efficiency of the dams. Both classes gave an impression of consistency and overlapping of the types of cows present in the ring, as regards the selection objectives. It was also surprising to see, alongside the muscle development and beautiful udders of the first-calvers, the correctness of the limbs of the mature cows, while the calves, presented in the ring alongside their mothers, brought an engaging note of liveliness. The senior final, gradually built by the judge as the categories progressed, featured stunning cows,

from the youngest to the most mature, who made the competition a heated one.

- **Quendy**, the lovely Leonardo owned by Silvia Baroncelli, won in the category of the youngest cows for her perfect tone and great muscle development of her trunk, followed by Quardinia di Polledraia, Edilio Giannellini's Mirko, noteworthy for the better angle of her hind legs. These two young cows, with their impeccable udders, continue a competition that has seen them in the most prestigious arenas since they were calves.
- **Olimpia**, the Moriero of the Luchetti arm, fresh from her victory at the Umbrian Regional in Bastia, won for her greater dimensions and extraordinary condition, beating the Florentine Oliva, Silvia Baroncelli's Lento, whose extreme typicity was unable to win out over her rival on the big day.
- **Nilla Melograni**, the well-known Germano owned by Fosco Mecherini, arrived at the National in amazing condition, which exalted her correctness. Her greater size and leaner legs enabled her to win over Mara del Boccaccio, the muscular daughter of Dazzo owned by Enzo Guerrieri.
- **Gisella**, Fosco Mecherini's Dazzo, emerged as the winner from a "family" competition in which she prevailed over Innata, Ditulo's daughter, owned by the



"Nilla", Grand Senior Female Reserve Champion - Fosco Mecherini farm, Livorno



"Olimpia", winner of the Lucio Migni trophy



"Rocco", Grand Senior Male Champion - Luchetti B. & C. farm, Perugia

same breeder and a veteran of the Chianini ring. According to the judge's reasoning, Gisella's larger size and greater typ-

icity determined her placement ahead of her strong rival, in a category that featured cows with impeccable structures.

At the end of the 9th female category, the senior cows entered the ring with their calves; here the winner was Pandora, Favilli's Mammut, whose greater trunk length enabled her to beat Olma di Maria Bianca, a Lio with a definite future presented by Fosco Mecherini.

It was immediately obvious that the senior final was going to be a competition between two great cows, Olimpia and Nilla, each of whom had her supporters, reciprocally ennobling the eventual victory of the competitor. In the end it was Olimpia who won out over Nilla for her slightly larger dimensions and more expressive head, even if her reserve is worthy of mention for the better rump structure and stunning tone. With the finalists still in the ring, Olimpia was awarded the trophy for the cow with the best career, named after Lucio Migni, our unforgotten friend and colleague, as well as unsurpassed Association technician. The trophy was awarded by Leonardo Migni, Lucio's nephew, into the hands of Marco Luchetti, as the public present gave a long and heartfelt round of applause to Lucio's memory.



"Romito", Grand Senior Male Reserve Champion - Nazareno Fiorucci & Bros. farm, Perugia



"Sandrillo", Grand Junior Male Champion of Show - Luciano Roghi farm, Siena



Andrea Guerrieri, Senior Handlers winner

JUNIOR MALES FINAL

The young males also featured animals of great quality in all classes, the winners of

which produced a very interesting final.

- **Saul**, a son of Nurso owned by Ottorino Vanni, won in the 1st category over Senatore di Polledraia, a son of Lio owned by



Lorenzo Mengozzi, Junior Handlers winner

Edilio Giannellini, thanks to his more powerful forequarters, with shoulders better connected to the chest. The reserve stood out for his more expressive head and more marked pigmentation.

- **Saffiro**, a Priamo presented by Alessandro Salvadori of Grosseto, won in the 2nd category over Sim Melograni, a Poldo owned by Fosco Mecherini, for his greater trunk length and clean hocks.
- **Sandrillo**, a Siense bull calf, son of Mandrillo presented by Luciano Roghi, won in the 3rd category over Ottorino Vanni's Silos, by virtue of his greater distinction, trunk length, and limb correctness, proving to be extremely competitive even in contemplation of the final.
- **Sirio**, a son of Mirto presented by Lido Pecci, was the winner in the 4th category over Rabo del Boccaccio, a son of Mandrillo presented by Enzo Guerrieri, for his greater distinction and larger dimensions.

The judge's pat decreed the victory of Sandrillo di Roghi over Saffiro di Salvadori for his greater distinction, striking trunk length, and more perpendicular legs. The reserve is worthy of note for his more accentuated muscle development.

SENIOR MALES FINAL

The final of the bulls, traditionally very much felt by the breeders, featured animals

of exceptional calibre, which honoured the breed at the top levels, with a competition that was very close right up to the end. Taking part were the following animals:

- **Rocco**, a son of Nesto reared by Alessandro Ceccobao and presented by the Luchetti farm, who in the 5th category won over Rino, a Pascià belonging to the Atanasi brothers, thanks to his greater size and distinction, as well as for his extremely correct legs.
- **Romito**, a distinguished son of Oddone reared by the Gobbi brothers and presented by Pietro Fiorucci, who won in the 6th category over Ronaldo, a son of Lio presented by Giampiero Marcatili of Livorno, for his greater typicity and overall harmony.
- **Quiro**, a Nurso reared and presented by Lido Pecci, who, thanks to his greater gigantism and considerable trunk length, won out in his category over Questore Melograni, a Lento presented by Enzo Guerrieri, worthy of mention for a striking muscle development.

The victory went to Rocco, owned by the Luchettis, over Fiorucci's Romito, thanks to his greater style, larger dimensions, and striking structural correctness. These two handsome animals fully ennobled a final that was characterized by some episodes of intemperance which we intend to totally stigmatize and which we would prefer not to



Alessandro Ceccobao, "Best Breeder of the Year"

see again in the future.

As a side event alongside the senior bulls, the award was presented for Best Breeder of the Year, which for 2007 went to Alessandro Ceccobao, a well-known breeder from Siena within whose group numerous champions have been born, and who won the recognition by virtue of the production performance, genetic merit, and morphology of his dams, as well as for the number and results of the bull calves sent to the genetic centre. Next came the competition for breeding groups, each of which must be made up of three animals born on the exhibitor's farm, and of which at least two must be less than 36 months old. The lovely groups in this competition represented 6 farms: Silvia Baroncelli, Lorenzo Fabbretti, Orlando Favilli, Edilio Giannellini, Basilio and Claudio Luchetti, and Fosco Mecherini. The winner of the highly prized award was the Luchetti farm of Perugia, which won thanks to the greater uniformity of its group. Against the beautiful backdrop of the groups all lined up, the same farm was also awarded the trophy for the "Exhibitor of the Year", for its numerous placements achieved in this National Show.

The last competition scheduled for the closing afternoon was, as usual, that for the Junior and Senior handlers. Among the youngest, the winner was 8-year-old Lorenzo Mengozzi of Pisa, who skilfully handled a

personally trained heifer. His father Leandro, on the other hand, was competing among the senior handlers, a competition that featured 9 handlers appearing before the judge with their animals, and which produced the following results:

1st place: Andrea Guerrieri

2nd place: Mirko Mecherini

3rd place: Marco Luchetti.

We would like to express our heartfelt congratulations to all, and especially to Andrea who, in addition to handling all his animals in the ring, also won before his entire family, whom we affectionately embrace.

On the closing morning an auction of heifers was also held, featuring 9 animals appearing in the ring before Romano Aliffi, the ANABIC auctioneer. The heifers, all of whom were sold, came from the Fosco Mecherini, Ottorino Vanni, Emilio Massi, Lido Pecci, Manuele Benedetti, and Alessandro Ceccobao farms. The top price, 2,800 euro, was taken by Sonia Melograni, a Poldo presented by Fosco Mecherini who was the reserve in the 2nd category. She was bought by the Tosti-Ercoli farm of Pietralunga (Perugia).

This concludes our comment on the Chianina National 2007. We would like to thank all the organizing bodies who worked together with us and the participating breeders, and look forward to seeing everyone again at the next edition.

RANKINGS

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FEMALES Section

Category : 1F

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
1	82	IT054990063478	Susy	Moriero	Lina	Luchetti Basilio e Claudio	PG
2	75	IT055990006606	Sara	Priamo	Nostrana	Fabbretti Lorenzo	TR
3	63	IT049990003594	Sovrana	Lio Di Maria Bianca	Marina Del Maccetti	Favilli Orlando	LI

Category : 2F

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
1	100	IT049990004056	Sherry	Questore Melograni	Numba Del Boccaccio	Az. Agr. Costagli Maura	LI
2	90	IT049990003797	Sonia Melograni	Poldo Melograni	Marianella Melograni	Mecherini Fosco	LI
3	107	IT054990059304	Silvia	Dazzo		Luchetti Basilio e Claudio	PG

Category : 3F

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
1	126	IT054990052151	Sasha	Lio Di Maria Bianca	Olma	Luchetti Basilio e Claudio	PG
2	116	IT054990052168	Senna	Lio Di Maria Bianca	Lovia	Luchetti Basilio e Claudio	PG
3	122	IT049990004212	Sirena Di Polledraia	Ligio Accattapanè	Lauretta Di Polledraia	Giannellini Edilio	LI

Category : 4F

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
1	134	IT054990052143	Sally	Moriero	Ialia	Luchetti Basilio e Claudio	PG
2	137	IT055000028553	Rametta	Fabio	Ovania	Fabbretti Lorenzo	TR
3	144	IT053990029089	Ramona	Milanista		Magini Simona	GR

Category : 5F

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
1	157	IT054990037964	Radiosa	Moriero	Nara	Luchetti Basilio e Claudio	PG
2	160	IT054990037780	Ramona	Pascia' Della Favorita	Petita	Atanasi Aldo, Arnaldo e Mario	PG
3	162	IT051990005580	Ramona	Mandrillo Di Polledraia	Eolinta	Pagoni Enzo	AR

Category : 6aF

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Cl.
1	164	IT049990002231	Rumba Di Polledraia	Lio Di Maria Bianca	Lauretta Di Polledraia	Baroncelli Silvia	FI
2	177	IT054990037888	Qualita'	Oliver Di Pergo	Gilda	Luchetti Basilio e Claudio	PG
3	178	IT049990001578	Quatta Melograni	Lento Del Boccaccio	Isola	Baroncelli Silvia	FI

Category : 6bF

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
1	183	IT048990004840	Quendy	Leonardo Del Chiostro	Neta	Baroncelli Silvia	FI
2	182	IT049990000983	Quardinia Di Polledraia	Mirko Di Polledraia	Mirian Di Polledraia	Giannellini Edilio	LI
3	184	IT054990022480	Quala	Nurso Di Moglie	Osella	Lombardi Ilio	PG

Category : 7F

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
1	192	IT054000085761	Olimpia	Moriero	Ialia	Luchetti Basilio e Claudio	PG
2	194	IT048000213733	Oliva	Lento Del Boccaccio	Giostra	Baroncelli Silvia	FI
3	189	IT049990000977	Quota Di Polledraia	Mandrillo Di Polledraia	Lauretta Di Polledraia	Giannellini Edilio	LI

Category : 8F

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
1	205	IT049000101131	Nilla Melograni	Germano	Isolina	Mecherini Fosco	LI
2	210	IT049000100966	Mara Del Boccaccio	Dazzo	Babilonia	Guerrieri Enzo	LI
3	209	IT048000213731	Miss Jenny	Dazzo	Giostra	Baroncelli Silvia	FI

Category : 9F

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
1	218	52LI107431	Gisella	Dazzo	Varesca	Mecherini Fosco	LI
2	217	IT001LI022C007	Innata	Ditolo	Barca	Mecherini Fosco	LI
3	219	52SI135730	Gelosia	Castello	Idea	Az.agr. Costagli Maura	LI

Category : 10F

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
1	190	IT049990000131	Pandora	Mammut Del Chiostro	Lavinia	Favilli Orlando	LI
2	197	IT050000202757	Olma Di Maria Bianca	Lio Di Maria Bianca	Baia	Mecherini Fosco	LI
3	212	IT049000200189	Lauretta Di Polledraia	Dazzo	Elena	Giannellini Edilio	LI

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MALES Section

Category :

1M

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
1	11	IT051990019136	Saul	Nurso Di Moglie	Lesnia Di Abbadia	Az. Agr. Flli Vanni A. G. O.	AR
2	1	IT049990004228	Senatore Di Polledraia	Lio Di Maria Bianca	Quota Di Polledraia	Giannellini Edilio	LI
3	14	IT051990021411	Stellone Di S.anna	Priamo	Linda Di S.anna	Mencarelli Emilio	AR

Category :

2M

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
1	27	IT053990038637	Saffiro	Priamo	Nada	Salvadori Alessandro	GR
2	26	IT049990003794	Sim Melograni	Poldo Melograni	Innata	Mecherini Fosco	LI
3	20	IT052990013166	Sirio	Nurso Di Moglie	Para	Ceccobao Alessandro	SI

Category :

3M

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
1	36	IT052990009299	Sandrillo	Mandrillo Di Polledraia	Mondina	Roghi Luciano	SI
2	28	IT051990019127	Silos	Nurso Di Moglie	Mila	Az. Agr. Flli Vanni A. G. O.	AR
3	32	IT052990013164	Simone	Lio Di Maria Bianca	Mirca	Ceccobao Alessandro	SI

Category :

4M

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
1	39	IT052990010931	Sirio	Mirto	Calabria	Az. Agr. Pecci Lido	SI
2	40	IT049990003715	Rabo Del Boccaccio	Mandrillo Di Polledraia	Donatella	Guerrieri Enzo	LI
3	41	IT053990029249	Rudy	Mesto	Losanna	Dori Stefano	GR

Category :

5M

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
1	52	IT052990006393	Rocco	Nesto	Lucia	Luchetti Basilio e Claudio	PG
2	53	IT054990037779	Rino	Pascia' Della Favorita	Domiziana	Atanasi Aldo, Arnaldo e Mario	PG
3	50	IT052990010922	Ramires	Gigante	Feta	Az. Agr. Pecci Lido	SI

Category :

6M

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
1	56	IT054990032361	Romito	Oddone	Molletta	Fiorucci Nazareno e F.lli	PG
2	54	IT049990001707	Ronaldo	Lio Di Maria Bianca	Odelisca Di Polledraia	Marcatili Giampiero	LI
3	55	IT049990002557	Ribot Melograni	Lienco	Giada	Ferrone Alessandro	LI

Category :

7M

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
1	60	IT052990005858	Quiro	Nurso Di Moglie	Imma	Az. Agr. Pecci Lido	SI
2	59	IT049990001556	Questore Melograni	Lento Del Boccaccio	Giada	Guerrieri Enzo	LI
3	62	IT051000021494	Pascia' Delle Fonti	Mandrillo Di Polledraia	Isa	Az. Agr. La Villa Di Mengozzi	PI

GRAND CHAMPIONS OF SHOW

JUNIOR FEMALE CHAMPIONS

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
CHAMP	126	IT054990052151	Sasha	Lio Di Maria Bianca	Olma	Luchetti Basilio e Claudio	PG
RES	116	IT054990052168	Senna	Lio Di Maria Bianca	Lovia	Luchetti Basilio e Claudio	PG

SENIOR FEMALE CHAMPIONS

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
CHAMP	192	IT054000085761	Olimpia	Moriero	Ialia	Luchetti Basilio e Claudio	PG
RES	205	IT049000101131	Nilla Melograni	Germano	Isolina	Mecherini Fosco	LI

JUNIOR MALE CHAMPIONS

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
CHAMP	36	IT052990009299	Sandrillo	Mandrillo Di Polledraia	Mondina	Roghi Luciano	SI
RES	27	IT053990038637	Saffiro	Priamo	Nada	Salvadori Alessandro	GR

SENIOR MALE CHAMPIONS

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
CHAMP	52	IT052990006393	Rocco	Nesto	Lucia	Luchetti Basilio e Claudio	PG
RES	56	IT054990032361	Romito	Oddone	Molletta	Fiorucci Nazareno e F.lli	PG

di **Matteo Ridolfi and Gaia Martuscelli**
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Genetic Evaluations, Research and Development Office

MAREMMANA: the national show of records

The breed honoured the National Show of Tarquinia with a high number of participating animals, helping to make it one of the best events of its recent history.

The show held from 18 through 20 May in Tarquinia, in the locality of “La Roccaccia”, at the Agricultural University of Tarquinia, was certainly a memorable “National” show for the Maremmana which, featuring 160 animals coming from 21 farms, set a participation record. The cattle, coming from the provinces of Viterbo, Roma, Latina, and Grosseto, found hospitality at the functional and beautiful structures of the fairgrounds specially set up by the Agricultural University, to which we would like to express our heartfelt thanks. The university staff, coordinated on the field by an ever-present Alberto Blasi, proved particularly efficient, and the arrangement of the stalls, and the functionality of the service corridors and the cattle unloading area greatly facilitated the handling of the animals in conditions of total safety. The proverbial liveliness of the open-pasture-raised animals always entails elements of risk that really put the show structures to the test. In Tarquinia the unloading



Panorama of the efficient structures accommodating the animals in the show

and accommodation of the animals were easy and everything went smoothly, thanks to the supervision of Mauro Arpini, also known as “Lucignolo” (translator’s note: the character in “Pinocchio” called “Lampwick” in English), a cowboy of the host farm who assisted in the unloading operations, from the first to the very last of the animals that arrived. But our sincere thanks also go to the Viterbo Provincial Breeders’ Association controller Marco Merlani, who contributed actively to the show’s organization. The panorama of the fairgrounds was impressive and, right from the start, it was evident that the



Toro Orso S., Senior Male Champion of the Mascetti Sbardella farm (Latina)



Cow of the Musignano farm (Viterbo)



*Best Exhibitor in Show:
Castelporziano Estate (Rome)*



*Best Breeder in Show:
Mascetti Sbardella (Latina)*



*Farm with highest number of
animals in the show:
Musignano farm (Viterbo)*

competition was going to be characterized by the highest levels in all categories.

Paying the price for this was Francesco Basville, a veteran of Maremmana shows and sole judge of this edition, assisted by Natale Carelli, another long-time expert who needs no presentation. The mild weather, marked by decidedly summery temperatures, was conducive to a smooth-going judging process which brought together, in the four finals for the announcement of the show champions, a group of animals of extremely high quality.

The following animals competed in the Junior males final:

- **n. 1** in the catalogue, **Samuele**, son of the bull Travertino of the Ortagri farm in Rome, winner for the 2nd category, a stand-out for his muscle development, transverse diameters of the trunk, and rump breadth;
- **n. 12**, son of bull 01/7 of the Musignano farm of Viterbo, who had stood out in the 3rd category for his development, typicity, more accentuated and uniform muscle development, and particular structural correctness, beating out **n. 2** from the Azienda Vitivinicola Italiana, just as correct and slightly less powerful.
- **n. 16**, son of Oremus of the Agricultural University of Tarquinia, a well-balanced bull calf with a correct structure, winner in the 4th category.

The title of junior champion went to animal **n. 12** of the Musignano farm, followed by **n. 2**, his category runner-up, from the Azienda Vitivinicola, thus confirming the verdict of the 3rd category, one of the most hard-fought ones of the male section.

The Senior males final featured the following bulls:

- **Refolo Castelporziano**, son of Frontone of the Presidential Estate, who stood out in the 6th category for his greater typicity, muscle development, breadth of transverse diameters, and strength of the dorsal line, beating Rombo of the Musignano farm, another sizable animal.
- **Orso S.**, son of Indio of the Mascetti-Sbardella farm of Latina, who won in the 7th category for the length of his trunk, exceptional muscle development, and rump perfection, followed by Magnus of the Nuovo Poggione, striking for his typicity and size.

The judge's verdict proclaimed Orso S. the Senior Male Grand Champion of the Show, with Magnus from Grosseto placing second, confirming the values of a category in which Panfilo, a muscular son of Imbasto from the Alberese farm, came in third.

The final of the heifers, with the highest number of competitors representing fully packed categories, did not disappoint the expectations, proposing 6 young promising animals of particular interest:

- **Sontuosa**, daughter of Osvaldo Castelporziano presented by Angelo Tarquini of Bracciano, a passionate breeder making his debut at the National Shows, proving himself capable of competing with veterans on equal terms. This vigorous heifer won in the 1st category by virtue of her typicity, general vigour, and strength of her trunk and dorsal line.
- The **n. 44** of the Azienda Vitivinicola Italiana won in the 2nd category by virtue of her general structural correctness and the greater rump width, beating Angelo Tarquini's very valid S-inuosa.
- **Sardinia dell'Alberese**, daughter of Macigno,

presented by Paolo Mariotti of Viterbo was the winner of the 3rd category. This heifer, distinguished and feminine, stood out for her greater muscle development and fineness, beating Saturnia dell'Alberese, daughter of Leone, who was also presented by Paolo Mariotti.

- **Segezia Castelporziano**, a vigorous daughter of Olimpico dell'Alberese, presented by the Presidential Estate, won in a crowded 4th category, showing style, size, muscle development, and correctness in such a balance as to leave no chance to the other competitors, among whom the strongest was Silice from Grosseto, owned by Roberto Tistarelli, who placed 2nd.
- **Divina** of the Ortagri farm in Rome won in the 5th category, in particular for the width and muscularity of her rump, as well as for her greater typicity and limb correctness. Her worthy runner-up was the **n. 104** from Viterbo, a daughter of Levriero presented by Silvio Ascenzi.
- In category 6/A, the most adult category for heifers, competition was tough, as seen by the numerous yellow ribbons, awarded by the judge down to the 10th place. The winner was **n. 173**, a daughter of Inverno S. presented by the Azienda Vitivinicola Italiana, who was rewarded for her larger size, trunk length, and rump width, followed by Rienza Castelporziano, a vigorous daughter of Frontone of the Presidential Estate.
- In category 6/B, for the cows that have calved, the two cows of the "La Quercia" farm, **n. 181** and **n. 175**, saw the first prize taken by **Quetta of Castelporziano**, thanks to the greater correctness of her limbs, larger size, and better rump.
- The 7th category was dominated by two splendid cows from the Castelporziano Estate, **Perdice** and **Peleade** both daughters of the bull Iacco of Castelporziano.
- The 8th category, also, featured wins by two remarkable cows from Castelporziano. **Mitrea** and **Marsia**, daughters of Etrusco and Riminino, respectively, were perfectly identical in mod-



Mauro "Lucignolo" Arpini receives his award

el; only the greater fineness and strength of the dorsal line permitted Mitrea to win over her rival and over the **n. 244** from the Musignano farm, who placed 3rd.

- Among the veterans of the 9th category, the larger size and greater trunk length permitted **Demomassa Castelporziano**, daughter of Baccano 2nd, to beat Edera of the Mascetti Sbardella farm, a still very integral dam who, even at the age of 12 years, confirmed the prize won as a heifer at the National Show of Bastia Umbra. Next came Gelsonina, a powerful dam from the Nuovo Poggione farm in Grosseto.

The quality of the finalists ennobled the decision of the judge, who awarded the title of Junior Female Champion to the **n. 44** presented by the Azienda Vitivinicola Italiana, followed by Sardinia of the Mariotti farm, in particular for the greater correct-



The ANABIC staff together with "Lucignolo"

ness and width of her “textbook” rump.

The senior final for cows was a march of triumph for the Presidential Estate of Castelporziano, which turned it into a family competition, since it was the owner of all four finalists. The final was won by **Mitrea**, followed by Demomassa, chosen for her greater fineness, skeletal quality, strength of her dorsal line, and rump.

The numerous and brilliant placings of the Castelporziano Estate allowed it to also win the trophy for the Best Exhibitor of the National Show 2007.

The award for the Best Breeder, on the other hand, went to the Mascetti Sbardella Torrecchia Nuova farm of Latina, by virtue of the genetic, morphological, and production value of the herd and the numerous bull calves provided each year to the Centre of Alberese. The same farm won the trophy named in memory of Lucio Migni and reserved for the cow with the best production career, which was won by Edera, who had already been noted in the 8th category. This 12-year-old cow, a daughter of Fidone, arrived at the show with her 10th calf by her side and with an average intercalving period of 366 days. Edera, evaluated with 86 points, is also the mother of two bulls tested with positive results at the Centre of Alberese and brings the Mascetti Sbardella farm to win the trophy in Lucio’s name for the 2nd consecutive year, after the success of Energia in the past edition.

Another trophy, provided by the University of Tarquinia and reserved for the farm with the highest number of animals shown, went to the Musignano farm, a well-



Alessandro Antonelli speaking

known stronghold of the Maremmana.

The award ceremonies, conducted with the usual verve by Roberta Guarcini, the new ANABIC director, also bore witness to the Association’s appreciation of the University of Tarquinia, which helped us in the organization of the event. In particular, award plaques were presented to Alessandro Antonelli and Councillor Alberto Blasi, always working with us in the field. Another plaque went to the Viterbo

Provincial Breeders’ Association President Filippo Gioacchini Balestra, for his courteous helpfulness and organizational support. Next came an award to Francesco Basville, for his work as the judge in this demanding National of great participation, working with his proverbial sureness and style, qualities that make him one of the most highly esteemed judges of the Maremmana breed. One last special award was presented by the ANABIC staff to Mauro “Lucignolo” Arpini, for his picturesque simpatia and the expertise with which he handled the logistics of the fairgrounds, as well as the arrival and arrangement of the animals.

As important as the judging results were, the event also featured a technical meeting with the Maremmana breeders, which was held on the final morning at the University of Tarquinia’s farm centre. The meeting featured the participation of

numerous personalities of the cattle-breeding world, including: Gioacchino Filippi Balestra, President of the hosting Provincial Breeders’ Association, acting as moderator, Alessandro Antonelli, President of the Universi-



Left to right: Giuseppe Parroncini, Mario Trapè, Gioacchino Filippi Balestra, Roberta Guarcini, Alessandro Antonelli.

ty of Tarquinia, Giuseppe Parroncini, “Ulivo” (Olive Tree) coalition head for the Region of Latium, Roberta Guarcini, ANABIC Director, Luigi Autorino, Director of the Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale Lazio e Toscana, for the Viterbo section, Alessandro di Marco, an ARSIAL (Regional Agency for the Development and Innovation of the Agriculture of Latium) official, and Mario Trapè, Vice President and Agriculture Commissioner of the Province of Viterbo. After the greetings to those present by Alessandro Antonelli, it was Roberta Guarcini, ANABIC Director, who welcomed them on behalf of the Association, thanking the Agricultural University of Tarquinia, which took the opportunity to present the new director with a gift of flowers, and the Provincial Breeders’ Association of Viterbo for its valuable organizational support, confirming the importance of rendering operational, also for the Maremmana breed, suitable services that characterize the entire chain and which, in addition to guaranteeing greater remuneration for the breeders, increase their involvement in the selection activities. The next presentation was by Dr. Luigi Autorino, who gave an exhaustive description of the regional plan for the control of Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR), a pathology whose prophylaxis is of great importance in the context of our selection scheme, and toward which a growing breeder sensitivity is being encountered. Next came Antonio Vagniluca, head of the ANABIC Genetic Centres, who outlined an overview of the results obtained by the selection of the male line through the activity, by now ten years long, of the Bull Calf Selection Centre of Alberese, which has permitted the attainment of a considerable improvement of the breed in terms of weight gains and muscle development. The speaker expressed the hope of both the in-

volvement of an increasingly larger number of breeders providing the best animals, and a higher presence of purchasers at the end-of-testing auctions, also taking into account the guarantees of a sanitary/health and functional nature that characterize the animals coming out of the Centre. The floor was then given to Alessandro di Marco, an ARSIAL (Regional Agency for the Development and Innovation of the Agriculture of Latium) official, who described the prospects for the enhancement of the beef produced from the Maremmana breed, stressing the importance of the systems for the traceability and enhancement of a product that is closely connected to the production areas and made even more spendable by the deep historic and cultural roots of the Maremmana breed. Winding up the rich programme was Mario Trapè, Vice President and Agriculture Commissioner of the Province of Viterbo, who dwelt on the role of public agencies in supporting entrepreneurial activities in a territory as difficult as that of the Maremmana, characterized by vast marginal areas for which livestock raising is an important source of income.

The Show also had numerous convivial moments, such as the Breeders’ Evening, which brought all the breeders together for a dinner, and during which Alberto Blasi, University of Tarquinia Councillor, publicly thanked all his collaborators for the dedication with which they tackled the organization of the Show. Among all, a particularly warm round of applause went to “Lucignolo”, the farm’s simpatico and picturesque cowboy. The event’s programme also included equestrian events and demonstrations of cutting out a herd of cattle, indicating the spirit of conviviality and serene discussion that animated the event and which we would like to see characterize all shows in the future.



The Breeders and Technicians of the 12th Show of the Maremmana Breed

RANKINGS

12TH SHOW OF THE MAREMMANA BREED

FEMALES Section

Category: 1F

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
1	39	IT058990072915	Suntuosa	Osvaldo Castelporziano	05/04 Opalina	Tarquini Angelo	RM
2							
3							

Category : 2F

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
1	44	IT056990023178				Soc.agr. Vitivinicola Italiana	VT
2	41	IT058990080807	Sinuosa	Osvaldo Castelporziano	78/01 Nada	Tarquini Angelo	RM
3	43	IT056990023182			17564	Soc.agr. Vitivinicola Italiana	VT

Category : 3F

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
1	55	IT053990035112	Sardinia Dell'alberese	Macigno	Gramigna	Mariotti Paolo	VT
2	63	IT053990035082	Saturnia Dell'alberese	Leone	Nastasia	Mariotti Paolo	VT
3	70	IT056990039433		39388	96/2	Az.agr. Di Musignano Srl	VT

Category : 4F

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
1	86	IT058990075752	Segezia 05/06 Castelporziano	Olimpico Dell'alberese	Dorica 10/94	Tenuta Di Castelporziano	RM
2	76	IT053990031779	Silice	Montone S.	Lasca	Tistarelli Roberto	GR
3	77	IT059990017275	33/07 Spina S.	Petronio Dell'alberese	05/00 Luce S.	Mascetti - Sbardella Snc	LT

Category : 5F

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
1	110	IT058990032108	Divina	Lauso29/99 Castelporziano	42/00 Castelporziano	Ortagri Srl	RM
2	104	IT056990026295		Levriero	14	Ascenzi Francesco E Silvio	VT
3	108	IT058990032106	Gamma	Lauso29/99 Castelporziano	5/01 Castelporziano	Ortagri Srl	RM

Category : 6aF

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Cl.	Pv.
1	173	IT056990007310		Inverno 25/99 S.	93/42	Soc.agr. Vitivinicola Italiana		VT
2	125	IT058990049171	10/05 Rienza Castelporziano	Frontone	Leprea 36/99 Castelporziano	Tenuta Di Castelporziano		RM
3	143	IT056990013342		G 40	Nella	Mariotti Paolo		VT

Category : 6bF

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
1	201	IT058990025253	30/04 Quetta Castelporziano	Ciclone Castelporziano	Fatua 1^ 36/96	Tenuta Di Castelporziano	RM
2	181	IT058000472896		00/01	97/10	"la Quercia" Soc. ""	VT
3	175	IT058000472924		00/04	92/4	"la Quercia" Soc. ""	VT

Category : 7F

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
1	210	IT058000134690	Perdice 27/03 Castelporziano	Iacco Castelporziano	15/90	Tenuta Di Castelporziano	RM
2	205	IT058000134688	Peleade 25/03 Castelporziano	Iacco Castelporziano	Matuta 01/00 Castelporziano	Tenuta Di Castelporziano	RM
3	203	IT053000626859	Postina	Ismenio Castelporziano	Ginestrab010	Nuovo Poggione Az.agr.s.r.l.	GR

Category : 8F

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
1	254	IT058000111094	Mitrea 11/00 Castelporziano	Etrusco	14/86	Tenuta Di Castelporziano	RM
2	253	IT058000111084	Marsia 03/00 Castelporziano	Riminino 09/93	31/92	Tenuta Di Castelporziano	RM
3	244	IT056000026622	44927	96/9	94/17	Az.agr. Di Musignano Srl	VT

Category : 9F

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
1	311	55R.106869	Demomassa 37/94	Baccano 2	14/86	Tenuta Di Castelporziano	RM
2	308	55LT101407	72/96 Edera	Fidone 6/89	Garzia	Mascetti - Sbardella Snc	LT
3	291	55GR104957	Gelsomina	Dingo	Daniela	Nuovo Poggione Az.agr.s.r.l.	GR

RANKINGS

MALES Section

Category : 2M

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
1	1	IT058990053308	Samuele	Travertino	17/00 Castelporziano	Ortagri Srl	RM
2							
3							

Category : 3M

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
1	12	IT056990039441		39264	96/8	Az.agr. Di Musignano Srl	VT
2	2	IT056990023121				Soc.agr. Vitivinicola Italiana	VT
3	9	IT058990075791	Stenelo 12/06 Castelporziano	Peschio	Numesia 34/01 Castelporziano	Tenuta Di Castelporziano	RM

Category : 4M

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
1	16	IT056990038651		Oremus	96/4	Universita' Agr. Di Tarquinia	VT
2							
3							

Category : 6M

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
1	23	IT058990049154	40/05 Refolo Castelporziano	Frontone	Neriende 08/01 Castelporziano	Tenuta Di Castelporziano	RM
2	25	IT056990022064	Rombo	39142	96/25	Az.agr. Di Musignano Srl	VT
3	24	IT053990025525	Ricamo Dell'alberese	Nettuno	Formica	Az. Reg. Agr. Di Alberese	GR

Category : 7M

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
1	34	IT059000400888	Orso S.	Indio	06/96 Furia 1^	Mascetti - Sbardella Snc	LT
2	36	IT053000601443	Magnus	Giulianello	Amantina	Nuovo Poggione Az.agr.s.r.l.	GR
3	33	IT053990001151	Panfilo Dell'alberese	Imbasto S.	Burlona	Az. Reg. Agr. Di Alberese	GR

GRAND CHAMPIONS OF SHOW

JUNIOR FEMALE CHAMPIONS

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
CAM	44	IT056990023178				Soc.agr. Vitivinicola Italiana	VT
RIS	55	IT053990035112	Sardinia Dell'alberese	Macigno	Gramigna	Mariotti Paolo	VT

SENIOR FEMALE CHAMPIONS

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
CAM	254	IT058000111094	Mitrea 11/00 Castelporziano	Etrusco	14/86	Tenuta Di Castelporziano	RM
RIS	311	55R.106869	Demomassa 37/94	Baccano 2	14/86	Tenuta Di Castelporziano	RM

JUNIOR MALE CHAMPIONS

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
CAM	12	IT056990039441		39264	96/8	Az.agr. Di Musignano Srl	VT
RIS	2	IT056990023121				Soc.agr. Vitivinicola Italiana	VT

SENIOR MALE CHAMPIONS

Cl.	No.	Reg. No.	Name	Father	Mother	Shower	Pv.
CAM	34	IT059000400888	Orso S.	Indio	06/96 Furia 1^	Mascetti - Sbardella Snc	LT
RIS	36	IT053000601443	Magnus	Giulianello	Amantina	Nuovo Poggione Az.agr.s.r.l.	GR

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