



Caminhos do Marchador –

Sela de Ouro 2012 during CHIO Aachen, Germany

On Friday June 29th 45 participants from Germany, Netherlands, Denmark and even from Brasil traveled to Aachen to compete in the “Sela de Ouro 2012”.

A week full of events were ahead and they all met with excitement at the “welcome party” in the beer garden “Soerser Winkel” on CHIO Aachen fair ground.

Astrid Oberniedermayr, the president of EAMM, welcomed the participants and explained the program of the coming days in detail:



left to right: Tiago de Resende Garcia, Sophia and Marcelo Baptista de Oliveira, Ricardo Barcelar Wuerkert, Dieter Mader



All the riders gathered for the holy service and the horse blessing at the start of the „Sela de Ouro 2012“

30.06.2012 Sela de Ouro 27 km track in the forest and fields with a holy service with horse blessing and parforce musicians as opening and the “noite brasileira” in the evening at the “Drivers’ Club”

01.07.2012 Sela de Ouro evaluation on the

CHIO fair ground in the morning and prova funcional in the afternoon

02.07.2012 ride to the market place of Aachen

03.07.2012 opening ceremony

27 km track in the forest

At 9.00 am next day the participants got their horses in trucks and trailers to bring them to the official starting place on the other side of town in “Aachen forest”. After harnessing and preparing the horses all participants gathered with their horses around the preach who held a holy service reminding us of the responsibility of human mankind to take good care of the Lord’s creation and all animals and plants as well. After the holy service he blessed all the horses. This was accompanied by ten parforce musicians with their horns. Then the first group started at 10.30 am and every 10 minutes another group.



Lunch break at Gut Entenpfuhl where the riders got a preordered lunch and the horses got water and grass

We were very proud that we had 8 participants from Brasil: Sophia and Marcelo Baptista de Oliveira with their horses Trilho de Maripá and Patek de Maripá, Ricardo Barcelar Wuerkert with Sophia's horse Urano de Maripá, Rogério Bivar Simonetti with the stallion "Espinho" sold to Robert Schmitt, Fernando Cardoso da Fonte and Silvio Amorim Fontes with horses from Kreiswald and the judge Tiago de Resende Garcia who started on an icelandic horse from Kreiswald to proof all the Mangalarga Marchadores during the ride and make his notes.

The ride went through the marvelous forest of Aachen's surroundings. It was a beautiful track with a lunch break after 2 hours' ride at "Gut Entenpfuhl". Riders and horses got a rest of approx. 1 hour having preordered lunch and grass and water for the horses. The mood was fantastic and the whole event showed the friendship and emotional atmosphere amongst the participants!

After another 2 hours ride the participants returned group by group at the final destination (which was the place of the start) and the vet check showed that all the horses were in excellent condition. No disqualification!!!! This made





us very happy and after bringing back the horses and taking care of them we were celebrating a great party in the “Noite brasileira”!

Evaluation and Prova funcional

On Sunday 1st of July at 10.00 am all participants came to the drivers place of the CHIO competition ground. Dieter Mader, the EAMM sports director and some helpers marked an oval track on the drivers place. Verena Thielhorn, EAMM general manager made the announcements and the evaluation started right in time in 6 different groups: mares, geldings, stallions

The evaluation took place in the categories stallions, geldings, mares either picada or batida



either in marcha batida or marcha picada. The judge Tiago de Resende Garcia was watching the participants carefully, made the placements and explained to the public why he was putting the horses in these orders. It was very exciting, interesting and we all were learning more about our horses.



In the afternoon Dieter Mader and his helpers put the obstacles on the drivers place for the prova funcional with a gait, a marked square to go backwards, slalom around pylons, galopp around barrels, two jumps and stop. The participants were free to leave one or the another obstacle aside with punish points but without risking anything. Participating, having fun and being part of it was more important than winning! Again this attitude gave a special atmosphere of acceptance, tolerance and friendship to this event which is also the motto of the EAMM.



After the prova funcional Tiago de Resende Garcia announced the 5 best horses and riders and then all participants were honoured by Magdi Shaat, president of ABCCMM who came especially to Germany to be part of this important event in Europe! All participants were happy and proud that they managed the “Sela de Ouro 2012” in front of such a big public!



A spontaneous meeting in an Italian restaurant in the evening was a special end for this Mangalarga Marchador sports event and we were looking forward to the coming events: the ride to the market place and the CHIO opening ceremony!





