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Axl-B-N, the winner of the 2010 inspection of haflinger stallions in Stadl Paura, Austria.

*Sire: Antiss-W BZ21821 (Antinor × Larissa) Dam: Tina BZ15964 (Sallrainer × Olita).
Breeder: Peter Braun, Italy*

Attractive not just for breeders -

STALLION INSPECTION for the ARGE Haflinger Österreich

As opposed to the current trend, that “pure” breeder’s activities most often just get a small number of visitors, the haflinger stallion inspection organized by the ARGE Haflinger Österreich is becoming more and more interesting for horse lovers in general and leisure time riders in particular. On one hand, it is a good opportunity to meet others with the same interest, and to stay update with the current trends of haflinger breeding – to see which types and bloodlines are most popular. On the other hand, the event is also a good place to find a high quality sport horse, as most of the stallions already went through some kind of pre-selection before being entered to the inspection.

On Friday, 5 February in the national equestrian center Stadl Paura, twenty one haflinger stallions were presented to a group of judges from five different Austrian regions. The group consisted of: Breeding director Ing. Walter Werni/Steiermark (Styria), Breeding director Dr. Erasmus/Niederösterreich (Lower Austria), ARGE-president Karl Lankmaier/Oberösterreich (Upper Austria), Breeding director Mag. Wilhelm Popatnig/Kärnten (Carinthia) and President Bartholomäus Haigermoser/Salzburg.

The day started at 8.00 in the morning, with the measuring and veterinary check. At 9.30 the stallions had to pass the first selection hurdle as they were presented on hard ground. A deficit in the field of “correctness of gait” which is made obvious when the stallion is presented on hard ground can easily lead to a non-approval of a stallion that is in many other ways very attractive as a stud stallion. And even if a stallion passes this stage in the inspection process, and is shown in the arena for closer inspection, this single note often leads to an “Out”. After the happy gamins had been presented in hand at the triangle, they were let loose in the arena, to show off their movement to the audience and for the judges to evaluate – a task that was not always easy, as the some of the young stallions bucked all the way through the arena. Some of the stallions did present themselves in a very showman-ish way though, showing off a floating trot and thereby passing on to the final. The following stallions were approved for breeding:



Niklas by liz. Notting Hill out of Alpina

The 151 cm (59''+) tall **Niklas** is by the Premium Stallion liz. 251/T Notting Hill (1514 Nabucco x 15405/T Riva), out of the state premium mare Alpina 732022903 (liz. 150/T Alpenstein x 17197/T Blüte), and was bred by Family Gröner. Niklas is a stallion who stands over a lot of ground. With this correct, light chestnut colored stud, above all distinguished by a good walk and a good uphill canter, a modern stud stallion will move in to the Styrian stallion station of Johann Angerer.



Akropolis by liz. Aragon out of Alice

With a deep red chestnut color as a wonderful contrast to his snow-white mane and tail, and the harmonious size of 148 cm (58''+) stick measurement, **Akropolis** achieved the third place. Akropolis is by liz. 282/T Aragon (liz. 200/T Abendstern x E15889/T Wally) and out of the Verbands-Premium mare Alice 172-0088-03 (liz. 255/T Niko x Angelique 182-0520-99) and was bred by Friedrich Brunner. The Landesferdezuchtverband Kärnten (The Breeder's Association of Carinthia) made a good choice when purchasing this very typey stallion.



Anero by Aaron-B out of Mira

The reserve champion **Anero** has a pedigree filled with internationally successful lines. His sire Aaron-B BZ19335 (Antinor BZ200X x Meggie BZ12783) was the winner of the Italian stallion inspection in 2000 and his dam is Mira 220002498 (liz. 154/T Nordenwind x 13570/T Marcella). The noble Anero is 149 cm (59''-) tall and was bred by the well-known German breeder Wolfgang Kreikenbohm. Anero is now owned by Alois Leitner in Weitra in Niederösterreich (Lower Austria) and he is a top quality stallion, who most of all excelled with lively movements and above all an excellent trot.



Axl-B-N by Antiss-W out of Tina – winner of the ARGE stallion inspection in Stadl Paura 2010

The winner of this year's haflinger stallion inspection in the ARGE area of Austria, **Axl-B-N** is just from his pedigree so to speak “a winner by default”. His dam is the mare Tina BZ15964 (Sallrainer BZ13229 x Olita BZ13505), who has produced a lot of excellent offspring, for example the famous mare Blitze (see article on the haflinger stallion inspection 2009 in Meran/Italy). Not only did Tina win several regional shows in South Tyrol, she also won prestigious gallop races in Meran. Axl-B-N is a stallion with lots of presence and of an excellent breed type. He has a withers height of 149 cm (59”-), dry, stable legs, an excellent middlehand and a well formed shoulder. Add to this a good length of stride and movement potential. Axl-B-N is a son of the class I-producer and South Tyrolean Champion 2007 Antiss-W (Antinor BZ200X x Larissa BZ266X). He is bred by the well-known South Tyrolean breeder Peter Braun. With this stallion, Johann Preinerstorfer from Oberösterreich (Upper Austria) has invested in a stallion model with which to breed nicely tempered and sportly elegant haflingers.

Also approved for breeding in ARGE Österreich were the following older stallions:

Albatros 420704392, by Angelo (Ankhan x Marga) out of Asta (Alster x Hanni), born in 1992

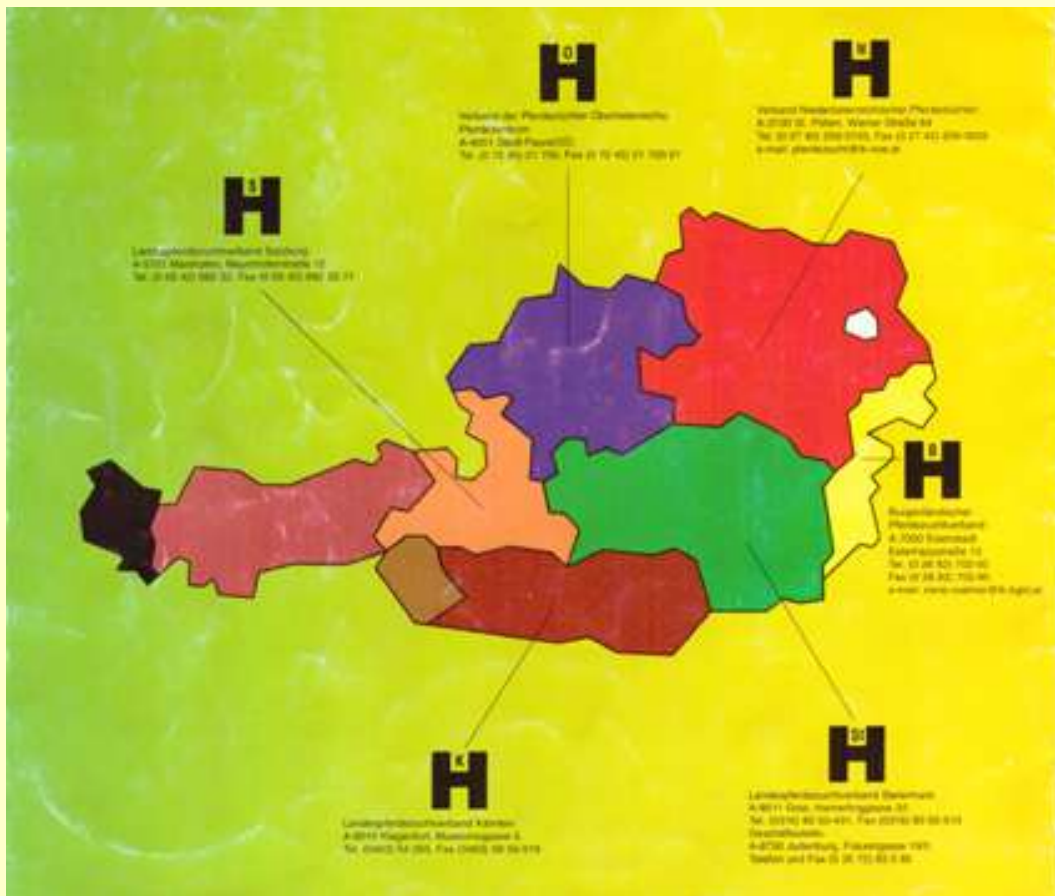
Axan 430679997, by Alban (Almkönig I x Nanu) out of Malve (Midas-Clarina x Clivia), born in 1997

Starlington 630010306, by liz. Straden (liz. Standschütz x Mory) out of Sternchen-Star (liz. Abendstern x Sarah), born in 2006

Straden II 630004305, by liz. Standschütz (liz. Starkenbach x Junella) out of Mory (Andrit x Mattie), born in 2005

What is the ARGE Haflinger Österreich?

The ARGE (Arbeitsgemeinschaft) Haflinger Österreich is an umbrella organization for the haflinger breeder's organizations in the Austrian provinces of **Salzburg**, **Oberösterreich** (Upper Austria), **Niederösterreich** (Lower Austria), **Kärnten** (Carinthia), **Steiermark** (Styria) and **Burgenland**. Each one of the provinces has their own breeder's organization, which handles registration and brandmarking of foals, inspections for mares and keeps a number of selected stud stallions. Stallions are also kept privately by breeders. Haflinger foals are branded on their left shoulder with a brand mark specific for the region – H+S for Salzburg, H+O for Oberösterreich, H+N for Niederösterreich, H+K for Kärnten, H+St for Steiermark and H+B for Burgenland. See below!



Judging of haflingers in the ARGE regions of Austria

The haflingers in the ARGE regions of Austria are judged according to the 100-point system, where notes are given for the criterion Type, Head, Neck, Forehand, Body, Hindquarters, forelegs, hind legs, correctness of gaits and length of stride. Inspections for mares are organized by the regional breeder's organizations, whereas the stallion inspection is centralized to the national equestrian center in Stadl Paura. The inspection of haflinger stallions in Stadl Paura is held yearly on the first Friday in February (the day before the haflinger stallion inspection for the Haflinger Pferdezuchtverband Tirol). In some, but not all, of the regions stallions are pre-selected before they can be entered to the central stallion inspection in Stadl Paura.

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