



## **DUBAI INTERNATIONAL ARABIAN RACES (DIAR) SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME FOR 2019**

The now established Dubai International Arabian Races programme returns to Europe in 2019.

The series visits several countries in Europe and sponsors preparation races to encourage Arabian racehorses to get ready for the flagship event in the UK at the end of July.

In 2019, DIAR will sponsor 17 races in Italy, Sweden, the Netherlands and France, as well as the United Kingdom. This list includes six stakes races and eight international races.

Mirza Al Sayegh, spokesperson for the DIAR programme commented:

“In previous years, we have been delighted to welcome many international runners at Newbury in July, for our final race day, and we are grateful to all the connections of those horses who have made the journey.

“The eight Arabian races were incredibly competitive and we witnessed high quality racing. It was a great day for the sport. Olivier Peslier, one of the best French jockeys, rode the winners of the four Group races! Furthermore, two winners earned a DIAR bonus: they had finished placed in a preparation race earlier in the year and won one of the Bonus races at Newbury.

“This race programme can only be achieved thanks to our team and partners, including the racing authorities from Italy, Sweden, France, the Netherlands and the UK. We are very grateful for their support and help in promoting our race programme and our showpiece at Newbury, which is now established as one of the best and most prestigious days of Arabian racing anywhere in the world.”

Al Sayegh added: “In 2019, this event will be held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July and will feature a total of five Group and International level races, including three Gr.1 PA races.

“We are delighted to announce the renewal of the travel allowances for international runners competing in the races at Newbury on 28<sup>th</sup> July and the renewal of the DIAR bonus prize fund for 2019.”

The Dubai International Arabian Races is an international programme of Arabian racing run under the patronage of HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, UAE Minister of Finance and Deputy Ruler of Dubai.

This international programme of Arabian racing, run under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, aims to educate more people about the Arabian breed, the sport of Arabian horse racing and the Arabic culture that underpins it.

The DIAR bonus fund encourages international runners to the UK by offering a prize money bonus to horses placed in DIAR preparation races in Europe which then go on to win one of the bonus races at Newbury.

More information about Dubai International Arabian Races can be found at [www.diaraces.com](http://www.diaraces.com)

The dates of the 2019 Dubai International Arabian Races programme are listed below.

28 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Capannelle Racecourse Rome, Italy	3 International Arabian races including 1 <b>Listed PA</b> race
13 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Newbury Racecourse UK	1 International Arabian race
14 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Chepstow Racecourse UK	1 Arabian Race <i>UK domestic horses only</i>
16 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Bro Park Racecourse Stockholm, Sweden	3 Arabian races including 1 <b>Group 3 PA</b> race
25 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Newbury Racecourse UK	1 International Arabian race
30 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Duindigt Racecourse The Netherlands	3 Arabian races including 2 <b>Listed PA</b> races
2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2019	La Teste de Buch Racecourse France	3 International Arabian races including 2 <b>Group PA</b> races
4 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Newbury Racecourse UK	1 International Arabian race for 3yos only
11 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Newbury Racecourse UK	1 International Arabian race
28 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	<b>Newbury Racecourse UK</b>	<b>8 Arabian Races including 3 Group 1 PA and 1 Group 3 PA races</b>