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FIRST UNITED POULTRY EXHIBITION 18-20 NOVEMBER 2011 - VELIKO TARNOVO BULGARIA

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A BIG FEAST OF THE BULGARIAN PIGEONS AND POULTRY BREEDERS



Left and above: Sport Palace in Veliko Tarnovo (Bulgaria).

At the end of November, 2011 in the old capital Veliko Tarnovo was held the First of its kind Pigeon Exhibition in Bulgaria, in the hall of the Palace of Culture and Sports in

Veliko Tarnovo, covering an area of 1,300 m². In the exhibition hall were exposed over 1,200 pigeons of various breeds. Organizers are several Bulgarian associations of pigeon fanciers: Association of Pigeon fanciers and naturalists "Boyars" - Veliko Tarnovo; Pigeon fanciers club "Peace" – Rousse; National Club "Structural pigeons"- Bulgaria and National Club "Oriental Frill".

Below, left and right: Aviary with the Bulgarian Smooth (White Shield) Roller.

**The Bulgarian name is Balgarski Ogledalen Roler.
German (EE) name is Bulgarischer Weisschild Roller.**



The Judges board was represented by prominent international and national judges:

Reiner Dammers (Germany),
Vladimir Pavia (Croatia),
Bozidar Spolzharich (Croatia),
Branimir Vujevich (Croatia),
Mihail Mihaylov (Bulgaria),
Angel Angelov (Bulgaria),
Dimitar Stanchev (Bulgaria),
Costa Metodiev (Bulgaria),
Todor Dinev (Bulgaria),
Ivan Denov (Bulgaria),
Ivan Kolarov (Bulgaria),
Stoyan Gochev (Bulgaria),
Valentin Dimitrov (Bulgaria)
Slavcho Kasovski (Bulgaria).

As guest exhibitors and visitors of the exhibition were representatives of: Romania, Serbia, Croatia and Turkey.

**Right: Frillback PH Red Grizzle.
Owner: Damjan Damjanov.**

According to present specialists, in Tarnovo were presented birds of European level, and also was given a positive opinion about the exhibition as a whole.



During the exhibition a film of the Bulgarian Smooth Roller breed was presented. Next to the projection display a beautiful aviary was positioned, where visitors could see the typical representatives of this interesting and beautiful Bulgarian pigeon breed.

**Left: Rouse Black Pigeon m/o.
97 Points.
Owner: Yordan Savov.**

On the exhibition an area for the poultry breeders was specially prepared, with representatives from the Bulgarian Association of Poultry Breeders focused on presentation of the Wyandotte bantam.

I sincerely believe that with this exhibition the beginning of the European future of Bulgarian decorative poultry has been marked.





Above: Red Sliven crested roller m/o. 97 Points. Owner: Ivelin Kirlov.



Above: Plovdic Akman, m/o. 96 Points. Owner: Georgi Batinkov.

The main emphasis was given to Structure pigeons and Oriental Frills, representing the one third of the exposed birds. From the Structure pigeons, the Fantail pigeon (196 specimens) had the largest entry, followed by Chinese Owls (60 pigeons) and Jacobin pigeons (with 61 entered pigeons). With presented 132 specimens the exhibition is the largest until now in Eastern Europe for the Oriental Frills category of pigeons. Traditionally more well represented have been Blondinette (92 specimens) in comparison with Satinette (40 pigeons).



Above: Chinese Owl, ash yellow. Owner: Tzvetan Dimitrov.



Left: Jacobin Pigeon Black pied monk.

Below: The Memorial Mother Bulgaria-Veliko Tarnovo.



Also many of the Bulgarian pigeons breeds were well represented:

Bulgarian Shield Owl (0727: Bulgarisches Schildmövchen/Balgarska schtschnitna tschajka)
Rousse Masarlii (BG: Rusenski masarlii)
Pernik Colorful (BG: Pernishki sharen)
Lom-Vidin Pigeon (0989 : Lomer Tümmler/Lomski Letatsch)
Shumen Collar (0997: Schumener Tümmler/Schumenski letatsch)
Bulgarian Smooth Roller (0986: Bulgarischer Weisschild Roller/Balgarski ogledalen roler)
Byala Slatina Two-crested (BG: Beloslatinski dvukachulen)
Rousse Black (0994: Russer Bärtchentümmler/Rusenski topgerdanlija)
Rousse Mavii (0995: Russer blauer Tümmler/Rusenski siv (mavija)
Rousse Crested (BG: Rusenski kachulat tepeliya)
Tchilbolii (0996: Russer Tschilbollii /Rusenski tschilbolija)
Pleven pigeon (BG: Plevenski letatsch)
Karnobat Bovine (Karnobatski rogat)
Sofia White Donek (BG: Sofiyski bemkaliya)
Dobruja Roller (0988: Dobrudshaner Tümmler/Dobrudzanski Letatsch)
Sliven Roller (BG: Slivenski Letatsch)
Plovdiv Akman (BG: Plovdivski akman)
Plovdiv Black (BG: Plovdivski belokraen)



Left and Above:
Fantails champion judging in a walking pen.

Below, right: Red Sliven Crested roller. Owner: Ivelin Kirilov.

**Below, left: Plovdiv Black Pigeon m/o.
97 Points.
Owner: Georgi Batinkov.**



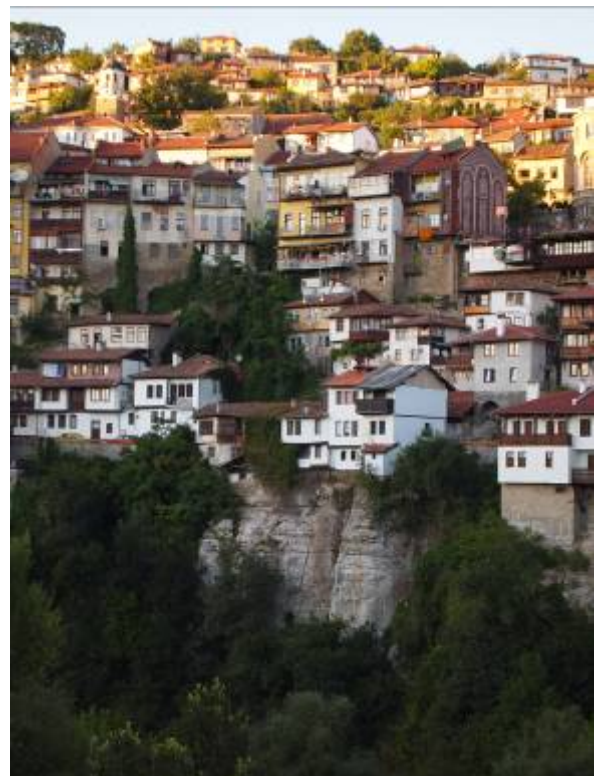


Above: Sliven Crested Roller m/o. 97 Points. Owner Nikolay Dimitrov.

Above: Rousse Masarli f/o. 97 Points. Owner: Danche Nenov.

Right: Sofia White Donek m/o. 96 Points. Owner: Valentin Dimitrov.

Below: Sliven Noncrested Roller. m/o. 97 Points. Owner: Stoyan Tenev.



Right: Tarnovo above the Yantra river.



Left: Yambol Pigeon m/o.
96 Points.
Owner: Stoyan Tenev.



Above: Wyandotte Bantam presentation from
BABP.

Left: Jacobin Pigeon m/o.
Owner: Marius Makaveev.



Above: Kolyu Ficheto's Cathedral.



Above: The Royal palace in Tsarevets.