

2e International Exhibition Targovishte, Bulgaria 23-25 March 2012

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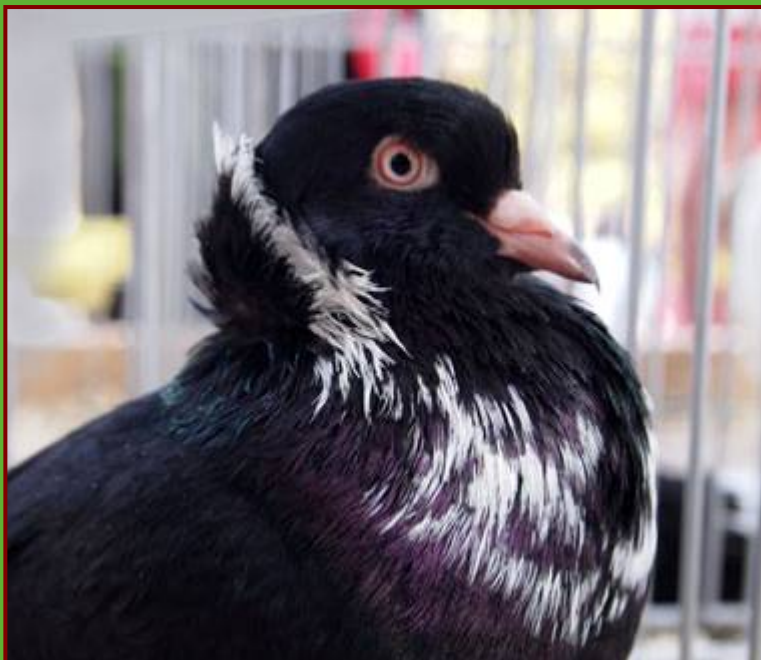
Left: Pleven Roller Pigeon, red, male.
95 Points.

Below: Pleven Roller Pigeon, black, male.
96 Points.



From 23.03.2012 to 25.03.2012 in the town of Targovishte, Bulgaria, the Second International Exhibition of pigeons, poultry, cage birds and rabbits was held. The exhibition was organized by the Union of pigeon and nature lovers in Bulgaria, Club of breeders of small animals "Peace", Targovishte and Organization of the pigeon breeders "Pigeon of Peace", Shumen. Parallel with the exhibition a large livestock market was held.

Below, right: Razgrad Collar clean head, black, male. 95 Points.
Left: Razgrad Collar crested, black, female. 95 Points.



The exhibition halls of the Art Gallery, located in the picturesque place "Borovo oko" were filled with over 900 exhibition specimens of different breeds of ornamental birds. The exhibition was attended by exhibitors from Bulgaria, Hungary and Slovakia and visitors from all over Europe. Traditionally, the pigeons were most strongly presented with over 800 specimens from 64 breeds, 18 Bulgarian and 46 foreign breeds. Good specimens of rare breeds in Bulgaria were shown in Poultry sector by the Bulgarian Association of Poultry Breeders. An interesting moment in the exhibition was the presentation of large collection of exotic parrots. The most titled birds were the ones of the youngest exhibitors. 12-years-old Hristian Hristov has won four champion titles with his birds.

The Judging Commission was presented by reputable international and national judges:

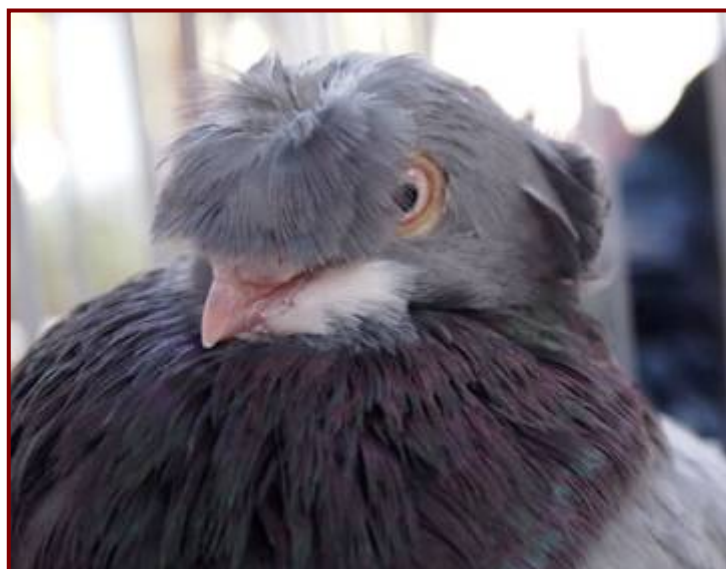
- Istvan Rohringer (Hungary)
- Peter Samuelis (Slovakia)
- Boris Bocko (Slovakia)
- Miroslav Nosál (Slovakia)
- Ivan Kolarov (Bulgaria)
- Costa Metodiev (Bulgaria)
- Stoyan Kolev (Bulgaria)
- Danko Petkov (Bulgaria)
- Mihail Mihaylov (Bulgaria)
- Angel Angelov (Bulgaria)
- Slavcho Kasovski (Bulgaria)
- Valentin Dimitrov (Bulgaria)
- Stanislav Kirilov (Bulgaria)
- Stefan Grozdanov (Bulgaria)
- Hristo Lukanov (Bulgaria).



The Grand Champion title at the exhibition was awarded to a Shumen pigeon owned by Trifon Trifonov. The title "Champion" was dedicated to 62 birds, being 56 pigeons and 6 birds in Poultry section.



Left: Rouse crested, red. 95 Points.



Right: Rouse Mavii, double crested, silver darkbarred bearded, male. 96 Points.

Although the time of the exhibition coincided with the breeding season, the presented birds were at a good level. There was a very strong presence of Shumen Collar (EE0997, *Schumenski letatsch*), Sliven Roller, Varna Pigeon (EE1000, *Varnenski letatsch*), Byala Slatina Double-crested, Pernik Colourful with crest, Bulgarian Shield Owl (EE0727, *Balgarska schtschnitna tschajka*), English Carrier, Fantail, Jacobin, Chinese Owl etc.

Also the participation of good chicken specimens of Modern English Game bantam, Chabo, Yokohama and Brahma is worth mentioning.



**Above: Shumen Collar, black, male.
96 Points.**



**Right: Shumen Collar, black, male.
96 Points.**

Some of the mentioned breeds are recognized by the Entente (EE). More than 12 breeds of pigeons will be presented at the exhibition in Leipzig for recognition this year. I hope over time the Bulgarian chicken breeds to be presented at European exhibition for recognition.



**Left: Sliven Roller, black, male.
95 Points.**



**Right: Sliven Roller, red, male.
96 Points.**

With great joy and optimism for the future of our wonderful hobby I follow the more and more frequent, large and well-organised exhibitions in Bulgaria. The participation of young people ensure a better future for the fancy poultry. I hope that in the future the poultry as a hobby will attract more followers in Bulgaria and the exhibitions to become more important and to gather friends and colleagues from all over Europe.



Left: Varna Pigeon, red, male.
95 Points.



Right: Targovishte pigeon, black, female.
95 Points.



Left: Sofia Donek, red, male.
96 Points.



Right: Sofia Donek, white, female.
96 Points.

Below: Bourgas Roller, white, female.
94 Points.



Below: Aytos Bovine, white, female.
94 Points.





Above (left and right): Aytos Bovine, white, female. With head study. 94 Points.



Above: Bulgarian Shield Owl, ash yellow barred, female. 96 Points.

Above: Bulgarian Shield Owl, yellow, female. 96 Points.

Below: Iranian Fighting Pigeon, male. 95 Points.

Below: Mardin Roller, female. 95 Points.





Left: Chinese Owl, blue black barred, male.
97 Points.



Right: Carrier, white, male.
96 Points.



Left: King, white, female.
96 Points.

Left below: Hungarian Debrecenski Roller,
red, female. 96 punten.



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