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SICAB IS ALIVE, BUT WE CANNOT REST ON OUR LAURELS. WE MUST TAKE CARE OF IT

or me it is a great pleasure to preface this new book PRE Horse Champions by Pura Raza Editions, dedicated to the twenty-five years of SICAB and honoring the great breeder Miguel Ángel de Cárdenas.

Don Miguel Ángel, apart from how much he deserves this tribute, I have little to add to what we all already know. He is a Figure with a capital "F" to which the Horse in Spain and especially PRE breeders owe so much. In him, we have seen an evolution in the management of breeding and an example of the introduction of our horse in sports activities while maintaining the principles of tradition and the characteristics that so well define our equine breed par excellence.

Twenty-five years of SICAB says a lot in a country like ours that is given to starting roads, but making them short and finishing them early. It says even more when it is an associative and private institution. The ANCCE, which he devised and materialized, and still retains the celebration of the event which is undoubtedly the most important Monograph held in the world dedicated to an equine breed such as the Purebred Spanish Horse.

It is also true that the ANCCE has counted on and still counts on allies who have made it easier to get to this point without interruption, the PRE Horse, breeders who breed and a deep love for the beauty and nobility of our Horse and that it reaches the height of expression in Sevilla.

SICAB is alive, but we cannot rest on our laurels, we must take care of it, respect it and modernize it, and these are not mere words addressed to those who organize or those involved in one way or another in this contest. We must take care of it by maintaining the good that it already has. It must be respected, leaving aside personal interests, observing the rules made in the strictest sense of justice and respecting the sacred principle of impartiality, and avoiding controversies that lead nowhere and can only harm the Contest and what revolves around PRE horses. We must modernize it, because all that does not evolve wilts, and in this process the presence of different sports should increasingly occupy a prominent place in the competition, showing that our horse is not only beautiful, but also serves a purpose.

They have been 25 years of work, enthusiasm, concern, fun, disappointments and joys, in



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which employees, breeders, presenters, riders, judges, journalists, officials, fans from inside and out of Spain have participated, as well as the officers that put the wheels in motion and start a new edition of the Salon each year. To all of them, thank you as the former head, and now as a breeder and a fan. I ask for support in something that is ours and that everyone has helped to build, SICAB.

Congratulations to Pura Raza Editions on this magnificent book Champion Horses that has also served as a well-deserved pedestal for an illustrious person like Don Miguel Ángel Cárdenas and a unique event as is SICAB...

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