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Dear athletes, dear sports friends

The XXX Olympic Games London 2012 are upon us. This will be the sixth performance of Croatian athletes at the Summer Olympics since the country's independence. With joy and pride we remember each won medal.

Now again the moment has arrived when our Olympians will play against the best of the best. 108 of them will comprise, together with their professional staff, the largest Croatian Olympic delegation ever.

Performance at the Olympics is what every athlete dreams of. To take place among the 10.500 best in the world is already a great success itself. But Croatian athletes are not going to London only to perform there, but they are going to win the medals. The Croatian Olympic Committee, but also the Croatian sports public, have great hopes for the Croatian Olympic team, among which there are the European, World and Olympic champions. All of them have dedicated their whole life, not just one Olympic cycle, to the discipline, sacrifice and hard work, and all that thanks to the great love for sports.

In the world we live in, sports exceeds its frames. Sports can unite when ethnicity, politics and culture often separate. And therefore the Olympics are not only the biggest sports event in this year where success is measured only in centimeters, meters, seconds; they show to the world community the Olympic spirit by sending an important message of peace, friendship, respect and fair play.

We believe that the Croatian Olympians will communicate this message at any time, not only with their performance, but also with their behavior at sports arenas and outside them.

To all the participants of the Olympic Games in London I wish the best personal results and a lot of satisfaction.



**President of the
Croatian Olympic
Committee**

Zlatko Mateša



HRVATSKI OLIMPIJSKI ODBOR
CROATIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Dear sports friends,

The most important sports event of the year is upon us - the Olympic Games in London, where we can expect 16 days of unforgettable sports competitions. From July 27th to August 12th London will bring together 10.500 athletes from 205 National Olympic Committees of the world. Among the top athletes there are 108 Croatian ones. Croatian sports aces will perform in 18 sports disciplines. Each of them managed, through dedicated and hard work, to achieve their sports dreams, to the pride of their loved ones and to the satisfaction of all of us.

The Croatian Olympic Committee, as the highest Croatian sports authority, with great responsibility started providing conditions for the best preparation of Croatian athletes, in order to help them to achieve in London, a three times Olympic Games host, the best personal results. The Project Olympics London 2012 was accepted by the COC Assembly in December 2008. Thus the COC, through a four-year project, provided support to Croatian athletes in their efforts to perform at the Olympics.

I am convinced that the Croatian athletes will do their best to in order to add to the Croatian sports Treasury, which already has 27 Olympic medals, a few more from London. The expectations are high: we would be happy with five medals (as in Beijing in 2008), but we still secretly dream of a few more.

We want everyone's hard work to bear fruit and overjoy all of us with their results.

Olympians, good luck!



**Secretary General of
the Croatian Olympic
Committee**

Josip Čop



HRVATSKI OLIMPIJSKI ODBOR
CROATIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Dear Olympic friends,

The Croatian Olympic delegation of the London Olympics consists of 108 top Croatian players whose qualifying success represents a remarkable sports achievement itself, making every member of the Croatian sports family extremely proud. The facts on the historical step forward and competition of Croatian athletes in three new sports - judo, fencing and distance swimming, as well as participation of female basketball and handball players at the XXX. Olympic Games in London speak in favour of this.

They are accompanied by 94 members of the professional staff under the leadership of experienced sports experts with the highest sports, medical, training and logistic expertise, which every Croatian athlete can fully rely on.

In my name and in the name of the colleagues who have worked intensively and with the highest responsibility on the project of the Olympic Games in London 2012, to each member of the Croatian Olympic Delegation I wish outstanding athletic Appearance, creative relationship of friendship, understanding of sports, cultural and other differences, fair play, justice and mutual respect before, during and after the London Olympics.

The Croatian Olympic Committee and the Office for the Olympic program, in cooperation with the master sports federations have given maximum effort to fulfill the top conditions of sports creativity of each candidate for the Games. I am sure that this will be confirmed by the sports results and medals both for individuals and teams at this world's biggest sports event 2012 - London Olympics. Next in line are the athletes. We wish them success.

Successful Games to everyone!



**Chef de Mission
of the Croatian
Olympic Delegation
London 2012**

Damir Šegota



Croatian Olympic Delegation
LONDON 2012

Delegation

SPORT	ATHLETES			TOTAL ATHLETES	OFFICIALS					TOTAL OFFICIALS	TOTAL
	M	F	"P" substitute athletes		"Ac"	"P"	"Ao"	"Ao" 1st rotation	"Ao" 2nd rotation		
ATHLETICS	5	4		9			1	3	2	6	15
BASKETBALL		12		12			5	1		6	18
CYCLING	2			2			2			2	4
DISTANCE SWIMMING		1		1				1		1	2
FENCING	1			1			1			1	2
GYMNASTICS	1	1		2			2			2	4
HANDBALL	14	14	2	30			11	3		14	14
JUDO	1	1		2			2			2	4
KAYAK	1			1			2			1	2
ROWING	5			5	1		3			4	9
SAILING	9	3		12	1		8	4		13	25
SHOOTING	4	1		5		1	2			3	8
SWIMMING	1	2		3			1			1	4
TABLE TENNIS	2	2		4			2			2	6
TAEKWONDO		2		2			1	1		2	4
TENNIS	3	1		4		2	1			3	7
WATERPOLO	13			13			5	2		7	20
WRESTLING	2			2			1			1	3
MISSION					3		4	3		10	10
MEDICAL TEAM							7	6		13	13
TOTAL	64	44	2	110	5	3	60	24	2	94	204





CHEF DE MISSION
Damir ŠEGOTA

Date of birth:
22 May 1966
Place of birth:
Zagreb



DEPUTY CHEF DE MISSION
Miroslav ZEČIĆ

Date of birth:
9 September 1975
Place of birth:
Zagreb



OLYMPIC ATTACHÉ
Predrag STOJČEVIĆ

Date of birth:
2 November 1955
Place of birth:
Karlovac



PRESS ATTACHÉ
Manuela SENTBERDI

Date of birth:
15 October 1979
Place of birth:
Ludwigsburg (Germany)



MISSION MEMBER
Petra NOSSO

Date of birth:
29 August 1975
Place of birth:
Zagreb



MISSION MEMBER
Višnja PERAN

Date of birth:
11 November 1967
Place of birth:
Zagreb



MISSION MEMBER
Darko MESAREK

Date of birth:
30 July 1976
Place of birth:
Zagreb



MISSION MEMBER
Maja GENČEL FALKONI

Date of birth:
24 September 1976
Place of birth:
Rijeka



MISSION MEMBER
Zoran ŠTEFEC

Date of birth:
30 July 1971
Place of birth:
Koprivnica



MISSION MEMBER
Ivana VOLAREVIĆ

Date of birth:
15 August 1981
Place of birth:
Zagreb

ATHELETES AND OFFICIALS

ANDRAS HAKLITS

(Hammer Throw)

Date of birth:
23 September 1977
Place of birth:
Szombathely
(Hungary)



Olympic Appearances:

Sydney 2000 (hammer throw)
Atena 2004 (hammer throw)
Peking 2008 (hammer throw)
Vancouver 2010 (bobsleigh)

Career Highlights:

5th place at the Mediterranean Games 2005
in Almeria
7th place at the Mediterranean Games 2009
in Pescara
8th place at the Beijing 2008
7th place at the World Championship Berlin,
2009

IVAN HORVAT

(Pole Vault)

Date of birth:
17 August 1993
Place of birth:
Osijek



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

Career Highlights:

2nd place at the European Youth Olympic
Festival (Tampere 2009)
8th place at the World Youth Championships
(Bressanone 2009)
2nd place at the World Youth Championships
(Barcelona 2012)





NIKOLINA HORVAT

(400 m Hurdles)

Date of birth:
18 September 1986
Place of birth:
Zagreb



Olympic Appearances:

Beijing 2008

Career Highlights:

3rd place at the Mediterranean Games Pescara, 2009
7th place at the European Championship (U-23) Debrecen, 2007
6th place at the European Junior Championship Kaunas, 2005
6th place at IAAF Grand Prix Zagreb, 2004

MARTIN MARIĆ

(Discus Throw)

Date of birth:
19 april 1984
Place of birth:
Beograd
(Serbia)



Olympic Appearances:

Beijing 2008



Nedžad MULABEGOVIĆ

(Shot Put)

Date of birth:
4 February 1981
Place of birth:
Derventa
(Bosnia & Herzegovina)



Olympic Appearances:

Athens 2004
Beijing 2008

Career Highlights:

4th place at the European Indoor Championship Paris 2011
6th place at the European Championship Barcelona 2010

Sandra PERKOVIĆ

(Discus Throw)

Date of birth:
21 June 1990
Place of birth:
Zagreb



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

User of IOC's Olympic Solidarity scholarship for athletes for the Olympic Games London 2012

COC Greatest Hope of Croatian Sports 2009
Winner of COC award "Dražen Petrović" in 2009

Career Highlights:

1st place at the European Championship Helsinki 2012 - 67.62
1st place at the European Championship Barcelona 2010 - 64.67
1st place at the European Junior Championship Novi Sad 2009 - 62.44





Lisa Christina STUBLIĆ

(Marathon)

Date of birth:
18 May 1984
Place of birth:
Farmington CT (USA)



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

Career Highlights:

1st place at the OMV Linz marathon April 10th, 2011

ANA ŠIMIĆ

(High Jump)

Date of birth:
5 May 1990
Place of birth:
Gradačac
(Bosnia & Herzegovina)



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

Career Highlights:

7th place at the European Championship (U-23) Ostrava



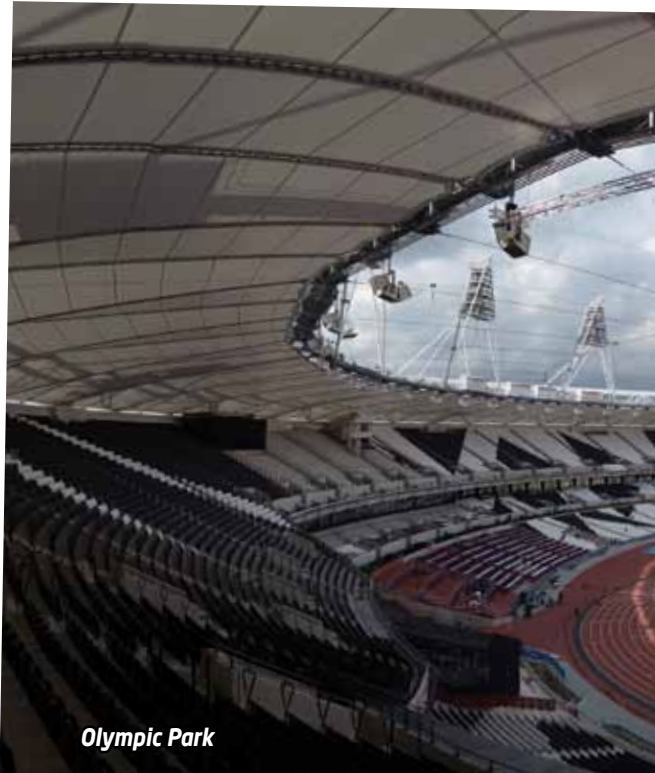
Roland Robert VARGA
(Discus Throw)

Date of birth:
22 October 1977
Place of birth:
Budapest (Hungary)



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

Career Highlights:
6th place on the annual EF ranking 2010



Olympic Park



TEAM LEADER

**Milan
OREŠKOVIĆ**

Date of birth:
10 January 1952
Place of birth:
Virovitica



COACH

Ivan IVANČIĆ

Date of birth:
6 December 1937
Place of birth:
Grabovica
(Bosnia & Herzegovina)



COACH

Josip GAŠPARAC

Date of birth:
1 October 1937
Place of birth:
Nedelišće



COACH

Edvard JOSIPOVIĆ

Date of birth:
9 April 1961
Place of birth:
Banja Luka
(Bosnia & Herzegovina)



COACH

Slavko PETROVIĆ

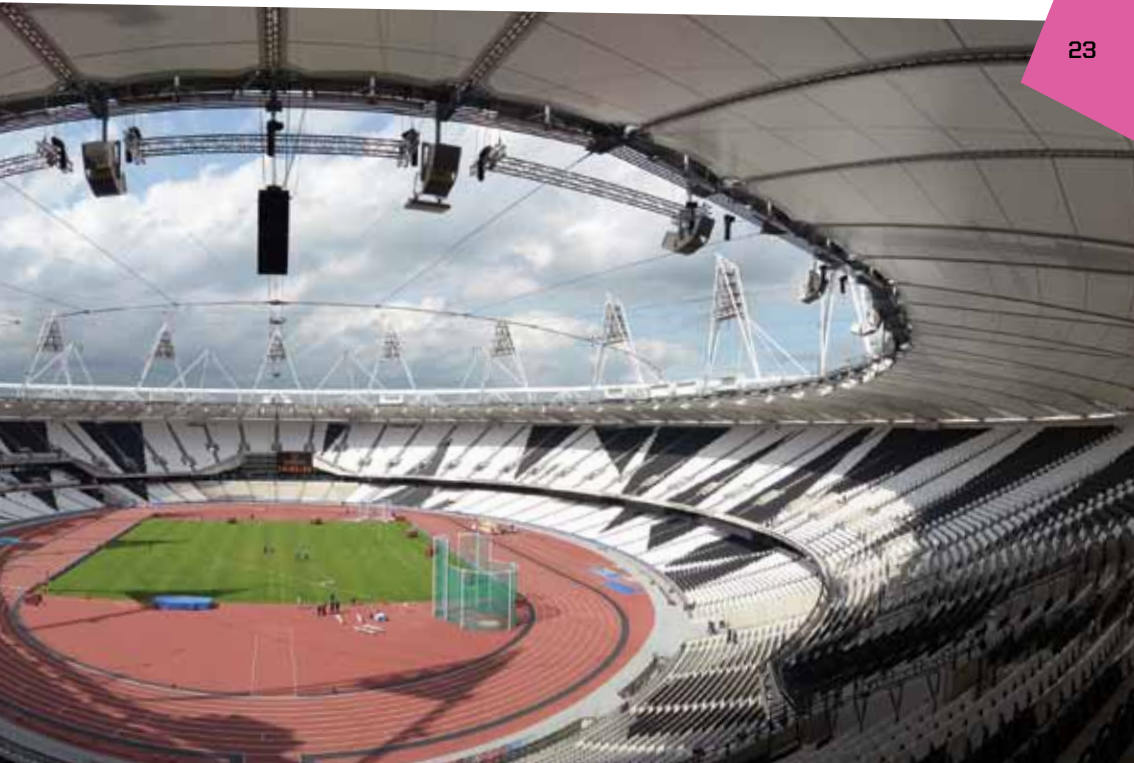
Date of birth:
22 September 1980
Place of birth:
Zagreb



COACH

Ivan VEŠTIĆ

Date of birth:
1 January 1962
Place of birth:
Sedramić



IVA CIGLAR

Date of birth:
12 December 1985
Place of birth:
Slavonski Brod



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

LUCA IVANKOVIĆ

Date of birth:
26 September 1987
Place of birth:
Split



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games





JELENA IVEZIĆ

Date of birth:
17 March 1984
Place of birth:
Slavonski Brod



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

ANĐA JELAVIĆ

Date of birth:
21 September 1980
Place of birth:
Tomislavgrad
(Bosnia & Herzegovina)



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games



LISA ANN KARČIĆ

Date of birth:
11 November 1986
Place of birth:
New Hyde Park
(USA)



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

ANA LELAS

Date of birth:
2 April 1983
Place of birth:
Split



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games





SANDRA MANDIR

Date of birth:
4 August 1977
Place of birth:
Zagreb



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

MIRNA MAZIĆ

Date of birth:
24 December 1985
Place of birth:
Zagreb



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games



ANTONIJA MIŠURA

Date of birth:
19 May 1988
Place of birth:
Šibenik



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

EMANUELA SALOPEK

Date of birth:
18 April 1987
Place of birth:
Niš (Serbia)



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games





IVA SLIŠKOVIĆ

Date of birth:
4 September 1984
Place of birth:
Zagreb



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

MARIJA VRSALJKO

Date of birth:
8 August 1989
Place of birth:
Zadar



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games





TEAM LEADER

**Boris
JAKIMENKO**

Date of birth:
2 November 1958
Place of birth:
Zagreb



HEAD COACH

Stipe BRALIĆ

Date of birth:
10 June 1973
Place of birth:
Šibenik



COACH

**Dejan
KORONSOVAC**

Date of birth:
18 July 1967
Place of birth:
Osijek



COACH

Branka MATKOVIĆ

Date of birth:
30 May 1953
Place of birth:
Borovo



DOCTOR

Nenad BOŽIĆ

Date of birth:
31 January 1963
Place of birth:
Karlovac



PHYSIOTHERAPIST

Ivana HACE

Date of birth:
22 September 1986
Place of birth:
Nova Gradiška

Basketball Arena





ROBERT KIŠERLOVSKI

(Road Race)

Date of birth:
9 August 1986
Place of birth:
Čačak (Serbia)



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

Career Highlights:

32nd place on the UCI Ranking
(stand in May 2012)
10st place in total Giro d'Italia 2010

RADOSLAV ROGINA

(Road Race)

Date of birth:
3 March 1979
Place of birth:
Varaždin



Olympic Appearances:

Beijing 2008

Career Highlights:

2nd place at the 2011 A Category International Competition





TEAM LEADER

Eugen PLEŠKO

Date of birth:
10 November 1948
Place of birth:
Zagreb



COACH

Ivo RILOVIĆ

Date of birth:
16 May 1967
Place of birth:
Zagreb



Velodrome



KARLA ŠITIĆ
(Marathon 10 km)

Date of birth:
6 May 1992
Place of birth:
Split



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

Career Highlights:

5th place at the European Championship Eilat 2011 (10km)
8th place at the European Championship Balaton 2010 (25km)
7th place at the European Junior Championship Poreč 2009 (5km)
7th team place at the European Junior Championship Poreč 2009 (3km)

TEAM LEADER/COACH
Slaven ŠITIĆ

Date of birth:
18 March 1965
Place of birth:
Split



BOJAN JOVANOVIĆ

(Foil Individual)

Date of birth:
31 January 1980
Place of birth:
Zagreb



TEAM LEADER/COACH

Darko LIMOV

Date of birth:
22 December 1970
Place of birth:
Zagreb



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

Career Highlights:

5th place at the European Championship Sheffield 2011 (flore/ single)
1st place at the World Cup Venezuela 2010 (flore/ t)



TINA ERCEG

(All-round)

Date of birth:
3 May 1988
Place of birth:
Split



Olympic Appearances:

Beijing 2008

Career Highlights:

2nd place at the World Cup Maribor 2011 (floor)
2nd place at the World Cup Doha 2010 (beam)
2nd place at the World Cup Osijek 2010 (floor)
2nd place at the World Cup Doha 2009 (beam and floor)
3rd place at the World Cup Osijek 2009 (beam and floor)

FILIP UDE

(All-round)

Date of birth:
3 June 1986
Place of birth:
Čakovec



Olympic Appearances:

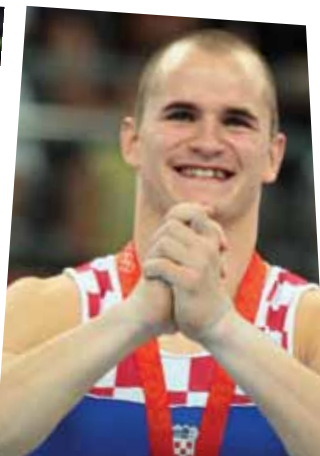
Beijing 2008
(silver medal in men's pommel horse)

User of IOC's Olympic Solidarity scholarship for athletes for the Olympic Games London 2012

COC Croatia's Best Male Athlete 2008 Member of COC's Active Athletes Commission. In 2008 awarded the annual "Franjo Bučar" State Award for Sports

Career Highlights:

3rd place at the World Cup Osijek 2010 (pommel horse)
5th place at the World Championship Rotterdam 2010
2nd place at the Mediterranean Games Pescara 2009 (floor)
3rd place at the World Cup Maribor 2009
6th place at the total ranking on the World Ranking 2009
2nd place at the World Cup Tianjin 2008 (pommel horse)





COACH

Magda ILIĆ

Date of birth:
10 June 1952
Place of birth:
Pula



COACH

Igor KRIAJIMSKII

Date of birth:
14 July 1959
Place of birth:
Magadan (Russia)



MIRKO ALILOVIĆ

Date of birth:
15 September 1985
Place of birth:
Ljubuški
(Bosnia & Herzegovina)

**Olympic Appearances:**

Beijing 2008

COC Member of the Most Successful Male Team 2008 and 2009

Career Highlights:

3rd place at the European Championship Belgrade 2012
2nd place at the World Championship Hrvatska 2009
2nd place at the European Championship Austria 2010
2nd place at the European Championship Lillehammer 2008
4th place at the Beijing 2008

IVANO BALIĆ

Date of birth:
1 April 1979
Place of birth:
Split

**Olympic Appearances:**

Athens 2004 (gold medal)
Beijing 2008 (flag-bearer)

COC Member of the Most Successful Male Team 2003, 2004, 2006, 2008 and 2009
COC Best Male Athlete 2007
Received the medal of the Order of Danica Hrvatska (the Croatian Morning Star) with the image of Franjo Bučar
Double winner of the "Franjo Bučar" State Award for Sports
World Player of the Year 2003 and 2006
IHF Best Male Handball Player Ever 2010
MVP at the World Championship 2003, European Championship 2004, Olympic Games 2004, World Championship 2005, European Championship 2006, World Championship 2007 and European Championship 2008

Career Highlights:

3rd place at the European Championship Belgrade 2012
2nd place at the World Championship Croatia 2009
2nd place at the European Championship Austria 2010
2nd place at the World Championship Tunisia 2005
2nd place at the European Championship Lillehammer 2008
4th place at the Beijing 2008





DAMIR BIČANIĆ

Date of birth:
29 June 1985
Place of birth:
Vukovar



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

Career Highlights:

2nd place at the European Championship
Austria 2010
3rd place at the European Championship
Belgrade 2012
2nd place at the Mediterranean Games
Almeria 2005

DENIS BUNTIĆ

Date of birth:
13 October 1982
Place of birth:
Ljubuški
(Bosnia & Herzegovina)



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

COC Member of the Most Successful Male
Team 2009

Career Highlights:

2nd place at the World Championship
Croatia 2009
2nd place at the European Championship
Austria 2010
3rd place at the European Championship
Belgrade 2012
2nd place at the Mediterranean Games
Almeria 2005
2nd place at the World Championship
Tunisia 2005



IVAN ČUPIĆ

Date of birth:
27 March 1986
Place of birth:
Metković



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

COC Member of the Most Successful Male Team 2008 and 2009

Career Highlights:

2nd place at the World Championship Croatia 2009
2nd place at the European Championship Austria 2010
3rd place at the European Championship Belgrade 2012
2nd place at the Mediterranean Games Almeria 2005

DOMAGOJ DUVNJAK

Date of birth:
1 June 1988
Place of birth:
Đakovo

**Olympic Appearances:**

Beijing 2008

Winner of COC award „Dražen Petrović“ 2007

COC Member of the Most Successful Male Team 2008 and 2009

Career Highlights:

3rd place at the European Championship Belgrade 2012
2nd place at the World Championship Croatia 2009
2nd place at the European Championship Austria 2010
2nd place at the World Championship Tunis 2005
2nd place at the European Championship Lillehammer 2008
4th place at the Beijing 2008





JAKOV GOJUN

Date of birth:
18 April 1986
Place of birth:
Split



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

COC Member of the Most Successful Male Team 2009

Career Highlights:

3rd place at the European Championship
Belgrade 2012
2nd place at the European Championship
Austria 2010
2nd place at the World Championship
Croatia 2009

ZLATKO HORVAT

Date of birth:
25 September 1984
Place of birth:
Zagreb



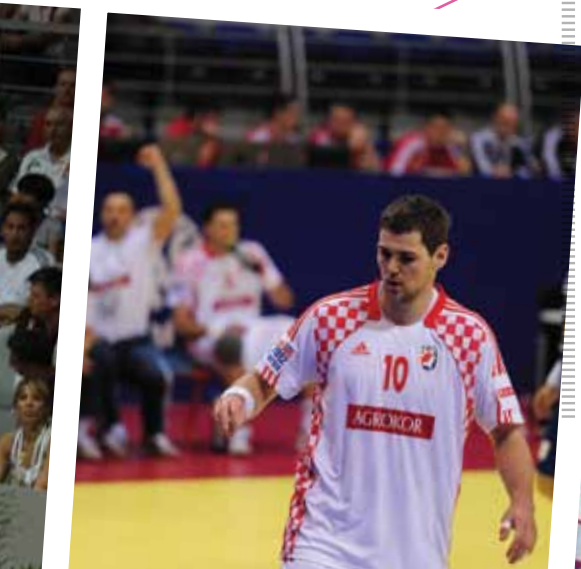
Olympic Appearances:

Beijing 2008

COC Member of the Most Successful Male Team 2008 and 2009

Career Highlights:

3rd place at the European Championship
Belgrade 2012
2nd place at the World Championship
Croatia 2009
2nd place at the European Championship
Austria 2010
2nd place at the European Championship
Lillehammer 2008
4th place at the Beijing 2008



MARKO KOPLJAR

Date of birth:
12 February 1986
Place of birth:
Požega



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

COC Member of the Most Successful Male Team 2009

Career Highlights:

2nd place at the World Championship Croatia 2009
2nd place at the European Championship Austria 2010
3rd place at the European Championship Belgrade 2012

BLAŽENKO LACKOVIĆ

Date of birth:
25 December 1980
Place of birth:
Varaždin

**Olympic Appearances:**

Athens 2004 (gold medal)
Beijing 2008

COC Member of the Most Successful Male Team 2003, 2004, 2006, 2008 and 2009

Received the medal of the Order of Danica Hrvatska (the Croatian Morning Star) with the image of Franjo Bučar

Winner of the "Franjo Bučar" State Award for Sports

Career Highlights:

3rd place at the European Championship Belgrade 2012
2nd place at the European Championship Austria 2010
2nd place at the World Championship Croatia 2009
2nd place at the European Championship Lillehammer 2008





VENIO LOSERT

Date of birth:
25 July 1976
Place of birth:
Zavidovići
(Bosnia & Herzegovina)



Olympic Appearances:

Atlanta 1996 (gold medal)
Athens 2004 (gold medal)
Beijing 2008

COC Member of the Most Successful Male Team 2004, 2006 and 2009

Winner of the „Franjo Bučar“ State Award for Sports.

Career Highlights:

3rd place at the European Championship Belgrade 2012
2nd place at the European Championship Austria 2010
2nd place at the World Championship Croatia 2009
2nd place at the European Championship Lillehammer 2008
4th place at the Beijing 2008

IVAN NINČEVIĆ

Date of birth:
27 October 1981
Place of birth:
Zadar



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

COC Member of the Most Successful Male Team 2009

Career Highlights:

3rd place at the European Championship Belgrade 2012
2nd place at the World Championship Croatia 2009
2nd place at the European Championship Austria 2010



MANUEL ŠTRLEK

Date of birth:
1 December 1988
Place of birth:
Zagreb



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

Winner of the COC award „Dražen Petrović“ 2007

Career Highlights:

3rd place at the European Championship Belgrade 2012
2nd place at the European Championship Austria 2010
2nd place at the World Championship for Juniors Bahrain 2007

IGOR VORI

Date of birth:
20 September 1980
Place of birth:
Zagreb



Olympic Appearances:

Athens 2004 (gold medal)
Beijing 2008

COC Member of the Most Successful Male Team 2003, 2004, 2006, 2008 and 2009

Received the medal of the Order of Danica Hrvatska (the Croatian Morning Star) with the image of Franjo Bučar

Winner of the “Franjo Bučar” State Award for Sports

Career Highlights:

3rd place at the European Championship Belgrade 2012
2nd place at the World Championship Croatia 2009
2nd place at the European Championship Austria 2010
2nd place at the World Championship Tunisia 2005
2nd place at the European Championship Lillehammer 2008
4th place at the Beijing 2008





DRAGO VUKOVIĆ

Date of birth:
3 August 1983
Place of birth:
Split



Olympic Appearances:

Athens 2004 (gold medal)
Beijing 2008

COC Member of the Most Successful Male Team 2004, 2006 and 2008
Received the medal of the Order of Danica Hrvatska (the Croatian Morning Star) with the image of Franjo Bučar

Winner of the "Franjo Bučar" State Award for Sports

Career Highlights:

3rd place at the European Championship
Belgrade 2012
2nd place at the World Championship
Croatia 2009
2nd place at the European Championship
Austria 2010
2nd place at the World Championship
Tunisia 2005
2nd place at the European Championship
Lillehammer 2008
4th place at the Beijing 2008





TEAM LEADER

Ivica UDOVIČIĆ

Date of birth:
22 January 1964
Place of birth:
Zagreb



HEAD COACH

Slavko GOLUŽA

Date of birth:
17 September 1971
Place of birth:
Pješivac
(Bosnia & Herzegovina)



COACH

Željko BABIĆ

Date of birth:
19 May 1972
Place of birth:
Metković



COACH

**Mario
TOMLJANOVIĆ**

Date of birth:
24 September 1970
Place of birth:
Brisbane (Australija)



COACH

Zdenko ZORKO

Date of birth:
18 August 1950
Place of birth:
Zagreb



DOCTOR

Tomislav KUKIN

Date of birth:
19 November 1953
Place of birth:
Beograd (Serbia)



PHYSIOTHERAPIST

Damir KAJBA

Date of birth:
9 November 1969
Place of birth:
Zagreb



PHYSIOTHERAPIST

Goran KRUŠELJ

Date of birth:
5 October 1981
Place of birth:
Zagreb



MAIDA ARSLANAGIĆ

Date of birth:
20 April 1984
Place of birth:
Banja Luka
(Bosnia & Herzegovina)



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

SONJA BAŠIĆ

Date of birth:
26 November 1987
Place of birth:
Zagreb



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games





KRISTINA FRANIĆ (ELEZ)

Date of birth:
22 May 1987
Place of birth:
Split



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

ANITA GAČE

Date of birth:
14 April 1983
Place of birth:
Split



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games



JELENA GRUBIŠIĆ

Date of birth:
20 January 1987
Place of birth:
Zagreb



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

LIDIJA HORVAT

Date of birth:
5 May 1982
Place of birth:
Zagreb



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games





IVANA JELČIĆ

Date of birth:
16 March 1980
Place of birth:
Mostar
(Bosnia & Herzegovina)



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

DIJANA JOVETIĆ

Date of birth:
21 May 1984
Place of birth:
Zagreb



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games



IVANA LOVRIĆ

Date of birth:
1 September 1984
Place of birth:
Zagreb



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

VESNA MILANOVIĆ LITRE

Date of birth:
30 May 1986
Place of birth:
Sinj



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games





ANDREA PENEZIĆ

Date of birth:
13 November 1985
Place of birth:
Zagreb



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

NIKICA PUŠIĆ KOROLJEVIĆ

Date of birth:
19 March 1983
Place of birth:
Požega



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games



ANDREA ŠERIĆ

Date of birth:
3 August 1985
Place of birth:
Split



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

MIRANDA TATARI

Date of birth:
20 September 1983
Place of birth:
Koprivnica



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games





MAJA ZEBIĆ

Date of birth:
31 May 1982
Place of birth:
Split



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games





TEAM LEADER

Ratko BALENOVIĆ

Date of birth:
18 August 1953
Place of birth:
Zagreb



HEAD COACH

Vladimir CANJUGA

Date of birth:
3 April 1960
Place of birth:
Jerovac



COACH

Boris DVORŠEK

Date of birth:
9 November 1970
Place of birth:
Zagreb



COACH

Goran TRAJKOVSKI

Date of birth:
18 February 1977
Place of birth:
Zagreb



PHYSIOTHERAPIST

Antun ARIĆ

Date of birth:
16 May 1958
Place of birth:
Nova Gradiška



PHYSIOTHERAPIST

Vesna HODIĆ

Date of birth:
8 February 1973
Place of birth:
Koprivnica





TOMISLAV MARIJANOVIĆ

(-81 kg)

Date of birth:
30 August 1981
Place of birth:
Split



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

User of IOC's Olympic Solidarity scholarship for athletes for the Olympic Games London 2012

Career Highlights:

5th place at the European Championship Istanbul 2011
9-16th place at the World Championship Rotterdam, 2009

MARIJANA MIŠKOVIĆ

(-63 kg)

Date of birth:
8 July 1982
Place of birth:
Split



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

Career Highlights:

3rd place at the European Championship Tbilisi 2009
1th place at the World Cup Vienna 2009
7th place at the European Championship Lisbon 2008.





TEAM LEADER
Dragomir TAVRA

Date of birth:
3 January 1961
Place of birth:
Podbila
(Bosnia & Herzegovina)



COACH
Nenad MALEŠ

Date of birth:
10 October 1959
Place of birth:
Split



DINKO MULIĆ

(K 1)

Date of birth:
8 September 1983
Place of birth:
Bihać
(Bosnia & Herzegovina)



TEAM LEADER

Stjepan PERESTEGI

Date of birth:
20 August 1973
Place of birth:
Zagreb



Olympic Appearances:

Athens 2004

Career Highlights:

9th crew place at the World Championship
2010

17th place at the European Championship
Augsburg 2012





DAMIR MARTIN

(Quadruple Sculls)

Date of birth:
14 July 1988
Place of birth:
Vukovar



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Games

COC Member of the Most Successful Crew 2010

Career Highlights:

3rd place at the World Championship Bled 2011 (4x)
1st place at the World Championship U-23 Brest 2010 (4x)
1st place at the World Championship Lake Karapiro 2010 (4x)
2nd place at the European Championship Montemor-o-Velho 2010 (4x)
1st place at the World Championship U-23 Račice 2009 (4x)

MARTIN SINKOVIĆ

(Quadruple Sculls)

Date of birth:
10 November 1989
Place of birth:
Zagreb



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

COC Member of the Most Successful Crew 2010

Career Highlights:

3rd place at the World Championship Bled 2011
1st place at the World Championship Lake Karapiro 2010 (4x)
2nd place at the European Championship Montemor-o-Velho 2010 (4x)
1st place at the World Championship U-23 Brest 2010 (4x)
1st place at the World Championship U-23 Račice 2009 (4x)





VALENT SINKOVIĆ

(Quadruple Sculls)

Date of birth:
2 August 1988
Place of birth:
Zagreb



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Games

COC Member of the Most Successful Crew 2010

Career Highlights:

- 3rd place at the World Championship Bled 2011 (4x)
- 1st place at the World Championship U-23 Brest 2010 (4x)
- 1st place at the World Championship Lake Karapiro 2010 (4x)
- 2nd place at the European Championship Montemor-o-Velho 2010 (4x)
- 1st place at the World Championship U-23 Račice 2009 (4x)

DAVID ŠAIN

(Quadruple Sculls)

Date of birth:
8 February 1988
Place of birth:
Osijek



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Games

COC Member of the Most Successful Crew 2010

Career Highlights:

- 3rd place at the World Championship Bled 2011 (4x)
- 1st place at the World Championship Lake Karapiro 2010 (4x)
- 2nd place at the European Championship Montemor-o-Velho 2010 (4x)
- 1st place at the World Championship U-23 Brest 2010 (4x)
- 1st place at the World Championship U-23 Račice 2009 (4x)



MARIO VEKIĆ
(Single Sculls)

Date of birth:
27 December 1982
Place of birth:
Osijek



Olympic Appearances:
Beijing 2008

Career Highlights: :
3rd place at the European Championship
Plovdiv 2011
3rd place at the European Championship
Brest 2009





TEAM LEADER

Zdravko GAJŠAK

Date of birth:
3 May 1979
Place of birth:
Varaždin



COACH

Nikola BRALIĆ

Date of birth:
2 January 1952
Place of birth:
Prisoje



COACH

**Dragutin
MILINKOVIĆ**

Date of birth:
17 April 1952
Place of birth:
Zagreb



PHYSIOTHERAPIST

**Ivan
GOLUBIČEK**

Date of birth:
29 March 1981
Place of birth:
Zagreb



PETAR CUPAĆ

(49er)

Date of birth:
1 February 1980
Place of birth:
Zadar



Olympic Appearances:

Athens 2004
Beijing 2008

Winner of COC Fair play award 2008

Career Highlights:

2nd place at the World Cup Kiel 2007 (49er)

ŠIME FANTELA

(470)

Date of birth:
19 January 1986
Place of birth:
Zadar



Olympic Appearances:

Beijing 2008

User of IOC's Olympic Solidarity scholarship for athletes for the Olympic Games London 2012
COC Member of the Most Successful Crew 2011

Career Highlights:

3rd place at the World Championship Perth 2011
3rd place at the World Championship Fremantle 2011
1st place at the European Championship Helsinki 2011
3rd place at the World Championship The Hague 2010
1st place at the World Championship Rungsted 2009
1st place at the European Championship Traunsee 2009





IVAN KLJAKOVIĆ GAŠPIĆ

(Finn)

Date of birth:
24 May 1984
Place of birth:
Split



Olympic Appearances:
Beijing 2008

User of IOC's Olympic Solidarity scholarship for athletes for the Olympic Games London 2012
COC Most Successful Athlete 2009

Career Highlights:
2nd place at the European Championship Helsinki 2011
1st place at the European Senior and Junior Championship Split 2010
1st place at the European Senior and Junior Championship Varna 2009
3rd place at the World Championship Val-lensbeak 2009
2nd place at the European Championship Scarlin 2008

PAVLE KOSTOV

(49er)

Date of birth:
28 September 1987
Place of birth:
Zadar



Olympic Appearances:
Beijing 2008

Winner of COC Fair play award 2008

Career Highlights:
17th place at the Beijing 2008



MARIN LOVROVIĆ

(Star)

Date of birth:
16 June 1973
Place of birth:
Rijeka



Olympic Appearances:

Beijing 2008

Career Highlights:

2nd place at the European Championship
Lake Thoun 2005
14th place on the annual ISAF Ranking
2008

DAN LOVROVIĆ

(Star)

Date of birth:
7 December 1984
Place of birth:
Rijeka



**London 2012 - first Appearance at
the Olympic Games**





IGOR MARENIĆ (470)

Date of birth:
2 January 1986
Place of birth:
Mali Lošinj



Olympic Appearances: Beijing 2008

User of IOC's Olympic Solidarity scholarship for athletes for the Olympic Games London 2012
COC The Greatest Hope of Croatian Sports 2005
COC Member of the Most Successful Crew 2011

Career Highlights:

3rd place at the World Championship Perth 2011
1st place at the European Championship Helsinki 2011
3rd place at the World Championship The Hague 2010
1st place at the World Championship Rungsted 2009
1st place at the European Championship Traunsee 2009

TINA MIHELIĆ (Laser Radial)

Date of birth:
30 December 1988
Place of birth:
Rijeka



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

User of IOC's Olympic Solidarity scholarship for athletes for the Olympic Games London 2012

Career Highlights:

2nd place at the European Championship Helsinki 2011
1st place at the European Championship Tallin 2010
1st place at the European Championship Charlottenlund 2009



LUKA MRATOVIĆ

(RS: X)

Date of birth:
7 April 1987
Place of birth:
Split



Olympic Appearances:
Beijing 2008

Career Highlights:
30th place at the World Championship
Perth 2011
39th place on the Annual ISAF Ranking
2011

ENIA NINČEVIĆ

(470)

Date of birth:
9 July 1990
Place of birth:
Split



**London 2012 - first Appearance at
the Olympic Games**

Career Highlights:
24th place at the World Championship for
the class 470 Barcelona 2012
25th place at the annual ISAF Ranking
2010





TONČI STIPANOVIĆ

(Laser)

Date of birth:
13 June 1986
Place of birth:
Split



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

Career Highlights:

1st place at the European Senior and Junior Championship Tallin 2010
1st place at the European Senior and Junior Championship Helsinki 2011

ROMANA ŽUPAN

(470)

Date of birth:
22 May 1987
Place of birth:
Zadar



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

Career Highlights:

24th place at the World Championship for the class 470 Barcelona 2012
25th place at the annual ISAF Ranking 2010





TEAM LEADER
Marko MIŠURA

Date of birth:
21 June 1971
Place of birth:
Split



COACH LASER RADIAL
Tonči ANTUNOVIĆ

Date of birth:
7 August 1971
Place of birth:
Split



PHYSIOTHERAPIST
Dario KARAMATIĆ

Date of birth:
1 May 1978
Place of birth:
Dobož
(Bosnia & Herzegovina)



COACH 49ER
Robert SANDALIĆ

Date of birth:
11 July 1968
Place of birth:
Zadar



COACH 470 (M)
Edo FANTELA

Date of birth:
23 January 1958
Place of birth:
Lastovo



COACH FINN
Marin SIRIŠČEVIĆ

Date of birth:
27 February 1989
Place of birth:
Split





COACH RS:X

**Aleksandar
JOCIĆ**

Date of birth:
22 December 1977
Place of birth:
Split



COACH STAR

**Roberto
BENAMATI**

Date of birth:
27 June 1960
Place of birth:
Malcesine (Italia)



COACH LASER

Jozo JAKELIĆ

Date of birth:
4 April 1975
Place of birth:
Split



COACH 470 (W)

**Karlo
KRPELJEVIĆ**

Date of birth:
10 January 1983
Place of birth:
Zabok



DOCTOR

Vlado IVANČEV

Date of birth:
13 February 1972
Place of birth:
Bijeljina
(Bosnia & Herzegovina)



*TECHNICAL
PERSONNEL*

Ivo JAIĆ

Date of birth:
26 June 1968
Place of birth:
Split



PHYSIOTHERAPIST

Dean MISTURA

Date of birth:
28 December 1970
Place of birth:
Rijeka



GIOVANNI CERNOGORAZ

(Trap)

Date of birth:
27 December 1982
Place of birth:
Koper
(Slovenia)



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Games

Career Highlights:

2nd team place at the European Championship in the discipline traps Osijek 2009

BOJAN ĐURKOVIĆ

(50 m Rifle Prone, 50 m Rifle 3 Positions, 10 m Air Rifle)

Date of birth:
17 October 1989
Place of birth:
Bjelovar



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Games





PETAR GORŠA

(10 m Air Rifle)

Date of birth:
11 January 1988
Place of birth:
Bjelovar



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Games

Career Highlights:

1st place at the (10 m air rifle) European Junior Championship Moscow 2006
2nd place at the (10 m air rifle) European Junior Championship Zagreb 2006

Proclaimed the Greatest Hope of Croatian Sports 2006

ANTON GLASNOVIĆ

(Trap, Double Trap)

Date of birth:
18 January 1981
Place of birth:
Zagreb



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Games

User of IOC's Olympic Solidarity scholarship for athletes for the Olympic Games London 2012

Career Highlights:

1st place at the European Championship Lamaca 2012 (team) - running target
2nd team place at the European Championship in the discipline traps Osijek 2009



SNJEŽANA PEJČIĆ

(50 m Rifle 3 Positions,
10 m Air Rifle)

Date of birth:

13 July 1982

Place of birth:

Rijeka



Previous Appearances:

Beijing 2008

- bronze medal (air rifle 10m)

User of IOC's Olympic Solidarity scholarship for athletes for the Olympic Games London 2012

Career Highlights:

1st place at the European Championship Prague 2009 - air rifle 10m / 397+103,5

2nd team place at the European Championship Prague 2009 - air rifle 10m

2nd team place at the European Championship Brescia 2011 - air rifle 10m

First Croatian Female Athlete that won the medal on Summer Olympics since the independence of Croatia.

For extreme contribution to the Croatian sports, in 2008 she was awarded the annual "Franjo Bučar" State Award for Sports.





COACH

Seno Čusto

Date of birth:

22 January 1955

Place of birth:

Bugojno (Bosnia & Herzegovina)



COACH

Josip GLASNOVIĆ

Date of birth:

7 May 1983

Place of birth:

Zagreb



COACH

Zlatko LOBOREC

Date of birth:

9 January 1956

Place of birth:

Osijek

Royal Artillery Barracks



SANJA JOVANOVIĆ (100 m Backstroke)

Date of birth:
15 September 1986
Place of birth:
Dubrovnik



Previous Appearances:

OG Atena 2004.
Beijing 2008

Career Highlights:

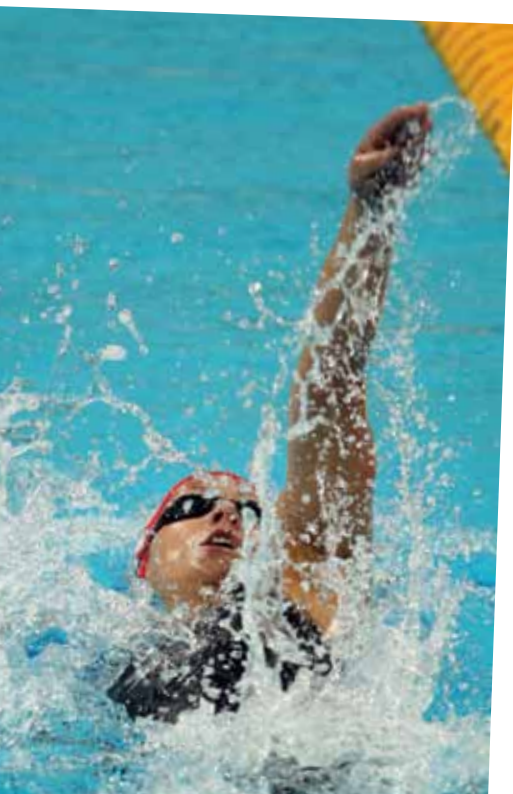
1st place at the European Championship Eindhoven 2010 (50 m backstroke)
1st place at the European Championship Istanbul 2009 (50 m backstroke)
2nd place at the European Championship Debrecen 2012 (50 m backstroke)
2nd place at the European Championship Istanbul 2009 (100 m backstroke)

KIM DANIELA PAVLIN (100 m Backstroke, 200 m Individual Medley)

Date of birth:
25 April 1992
Place of birth:
Hartford (SAD)



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Games





MARIO TODOROVIĆ

(50 m Freestyle)

Date of birth:
11 October 1988
Place of birth:
Dubrovnik



Previous Appearances:
Beijing 2008

Career Highlights:
2nd place at the European Championship
Istanbul 2009 (4x50 freestyle)

TEAM LEADER

MILOŠ MILOŠEVIĆ

Date of birth:
10 May 1972
Place of birth:
Split



ANDREJ GAČINA

Date of birth:
21 May 1986
Place of birth:
Zadar



Olympic Appearances:
Beijing 2008

Career Highlights:

1st place at the European Championship
Gdansk 2011 (pairs)
5. - 8. place at the European Championship
Stuttgart 2009 (pairs)

CORNELIA MOLNAR

Date of birth:
26 November 1983
Place of birth:
Targu Mures
(Romania)



Olympic Appearances:
Athens 2004
Beijing 2008

Member of the Most Successful Female
Sports team 2003, 2005, 2008 and 2009

Career Highlights:

3rd place at the European Championship
Stuttgart 2009
2nd place at the (team) European Champi-
onship Aarhus 2005





ZORAN PRIMORAC

Date of birth:
10 May 1969
Place of birth:
Zadar



Olympic Appearances:

Seoul 1988 (silver medal)
Barcelona 1992
Atlanta 1996
Sydney 2000
Athens 2004
Beijing 2008

President of the Croatian Olympians Club since 2010

Chairman of the ITTF Players Association..

Winner of the annual „Franjo Bučar“ State Reward for Sports 1993

Career Highlights:

2nd place (1998) in ITTF World ranking
1987 World Championships New Delhi, Bronze (Men's team)
1987 World Championships New Delhi, Silver (Men's doubles)
1991 World Championships Chiba, Silver (Men's team)
1993 World Championships Gothenburg, Bronze (Men's singles)
1995 World Championships Tianjin, Silver (Men's doubles)
1993 World Championships Gothenburg, Bronze (Men's singles)
1994 European Championships Birmingham, Bronze (Men's singles)
1998 European Championships Eindhoven, Silver (Men's singles)
2000 European Championships Bremen, Silver (Men's singles)
2002 European Championships Zagreb, Bronze (Men's singles)
2005 European Championships Aarhus, Bronze (Men's singles)

YUAN TIAN

Date of birth:
12 January 1975
Place of birth:
Shenyang (China)



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

Career Highlights:

110th place on ITTF World Female Ranking (May 2012)
45th place on ITTF European Female Ranking (May 2012)





COACH

Neven CEGNAR

Date of birth:
23 November 1960
Place of birth:
Zagreb



COACH

Zvonimir KORENIĆ

Date of birth:
24 March 1974
Place of birth:
Zagreb





ANA ZANINOVIĆ

(-57kg)

Date of birth:
26 June 1987
Place of birth:
Split



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Games

COC Most Successful Female Athlete 2011

Career Highlights:

1st place at the World Championship
Gyeongju 2011
2nd place at the World Championship
Beijing 2007
2nd place at the World Championship
Manchester 2012

LUCIJA ZANINOVIĆ

(-49kg)

Date of birth:
26 June 1987
Place of birth:
Split



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

Career Highlights:

3rd place at the World Qualification
Tournament Baku 2011
1st place at the World Championship
St. Petersburg 2010
1st place at the World Championship
Manchester 2012

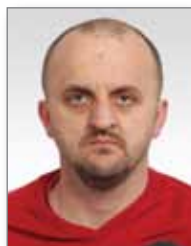




TEAM LEADER/COACH

Toni TOMAS

Date of birth:
17 December 1980
Place of birth:
Split



COACH

Petar JOSIPOVIĆ

Date of birth:
11 May 1974
Place of birth:
Zabrđe (Bosnia & Herzegovina)



MARIN ČILIĆ

Date of birth:
28 September 1988
Place of birth:
Mostar
(Bosnia & Herzegovina)



Olympic Appearances:
Beijing 2008

Career Highlights:
Career titles 7
Highest ranking: 9
(22 February 2010)
Grand Slam Singles results:
Australian Open SF (2010)
French Open 4R (2009, 2010)
Wimbledon 4R (2008, 2012)
US Open QF (2009)
Roland Garros (Paris) 2005 - 1st place
(juniors)

IVAN DODIG

Date of birth:
2 January 1985
Place of birth:
Mostar



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

Career Highlights:
Career titles 1
Highest ranking: 32 (10 October 2011)
Grand Slam Doubles results :
French Open QF (2012)
Wimbledon QF (2012) Atp Zagreb Indoors





IVO KARLOVIĆ

Date of birth:
28 February 1979
Place of birth:
Zagreb



Olympic Appearances:
Athens 2004

Career Highlights:
Career titles 4
Highest ranking: 14 (August 18, 2008)
Grand Slam Singles results:
Australian Open 4R (2010)
French Open 2R (2006, 2007)
Wimbledon QF (2009)
US Open 3R (2003, 2008, 2011)
Davis cup winner 2005

PETRA MARTIĆ

Date of birth:
19 January 1991
Place of birth:
Split



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

Career Highlights:
Highest ranking: 42 (June 11, 2012)
Roland Garros 4R (2012)



Tennis



TEAM LEADER

Marina MIHELIĆ

Date of birth:
30 March 1957
Place of birth:
Rijeka

COACH

Željko KRAJAN

Date of birth:
3 February 1979
Place of birth:
Varaždin



COACH

Iva MAJOLI

Date of birth:
12 August 1977
Place of birth:
Zagreb



Eton Manor





SAMIR BARAĆ

Date of birth:
2 November 1973
Place of birth:
Rijeka



Olympic Appearances:

Sydney 2000
Athens 2004
Beijing 2008

COC Member of the Most Successful Team
2007, 2010 and 2011

Career Highlights:

1st place at the World Championship Melbourne 2007
3rd place at the World Championship Shanghai 2011
1st place at the European Championship Zagreb 2010
3rd place at the World Championship Rome 2009

MIHO BOŠKOVIĆ

Date of birth:
11 January 1983
Place of birth:
Dubrovnik



Olympic Appearances:

Beijing 2008

LEN Best European Water Polo Player 2007
COC Member of the Most Successful Team
2007, 2010 and 2011

Career Highlights:

1st place at the World Championship Melbourne 2007
3rd place at the World Championship Shanghai 2011
3rd place at the World Championship Rome 2009
1st place at the European Championship Zagreb 2010





IVAN BULJUBAŠIĆ

Date of birth:
31 October 1987
Place of birth:
Makarska



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Games

COC Member of the Most Successful Team 2010 and 2011

Career Highlights:

3rd place at the World Championship Shanghai 2011
1st place at the European Championship Zagreb 2010
3rd place at the World Championship Rome 2009

DAMIR BURIĆ

Date of birth:
2 December 1980
Place of birth:
Pula



Previous Appearance at the Games:

Athens 2004
Beijing 2008

COC Member of the Most Successful Team 2007, 2010 and 2011

Career Highlights:

1st place at the World Championship Melbourne 2007
3rd place at the World Championship Shanghai 2011
1st place at the European Championship Zagreb 2010
3rd place at the World Championship Rome 2009



ANDRO BUŠLJE

Date of birth:
4 January 1986
Place of birth:
Dubrovnik



Olympic Appearances:
Beijing 2008

COC Member of the Most Successful Team
2007, 2010 and 2011

Career Highlights:
1st place at the European Championship
Zagreb 2010
3rd place at the World Championship Rome
2009
3rd place at the World Championship Shang-
hai 2011

NIKŠA DOBUD

Date of birth:
5 August 1985
Place of birth:
Dubrovnik



**London 2012 - first Appearance at
the Games**

COC Member of the Most Successful Team
2010 and 2011

Career Highlights:
3rd place at the World Championship Shang-
hai 2011
1st place at the European Championship
Zagreb 2010
3rd place at the World Championship Rome
2009





IGOR HINIĆ

Date of birth:
4 December 1975
Place of birth:
Rijeka



Olympic Appearances:

Atlanta 1996 (silver medal)
Sydney 2000
Athens 2004
Beijing 2008

COC Member of the Most Successful team
2007 and 2010

Received the medal of the Order of Danica
Hrvatska (the Croatian Morning Star) with
the image of Franjo Bučar

Career Highlights:

1st place at the World Championship
Melbourne 2007
1st place at the European Championship
Zagreb 2010
3rd place at the World Championship Rome
2009

MARO JOKOVIĆ

Date of birth:
1 October 1987
Place of birth:
Dubrovnik



Olympic Appearances:

Beijing 2008

COC Member of the Most Successful Team
2007, 2010 and 2011

Career Highlights:

1st place at the World Championship
Melbourne 2007
3rd place at the World Championship Shang-
hai 2011
1st place at the European Championship
Zagreb 2010
3rd place at the World Championship Rome
2009



PETAR MUSLIM

Date of birth:
26 March 1988
Place of birth:
Split



London 2012 - first Appearance at the Olympic Games

COC Member of the Most Successful Team 2010 and 2011

Career Highlights:

3rd place at the World Championship Shanghai 2011

1st place at the European Championship Zagreb 2010

PAULO OBRADOVIĆ

Date of birth:
9 March 1986
Place of birth:
Dubrovnik



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Career Highlights:

3rd place at the World Championship Shanghai 2011

1st place at the European Championship Zagreb 2010

3rd place at the World Championship Rim 2009





JOSIP PAVIĆ

Date of birth:
15 January 1982
Place of birth:
Split



Olympic Appearances:
Beijing 2008

COC Member of the Most Successful Team
2007, 2010 and 2011

Career Highlights:
1st place at the World Championship
Melbourne 2007
3rd place at the World Championship Shang-
hai 2011
1st place at the European Championship
Zagreb 2010
3rd place at the World Championship Rome
2009

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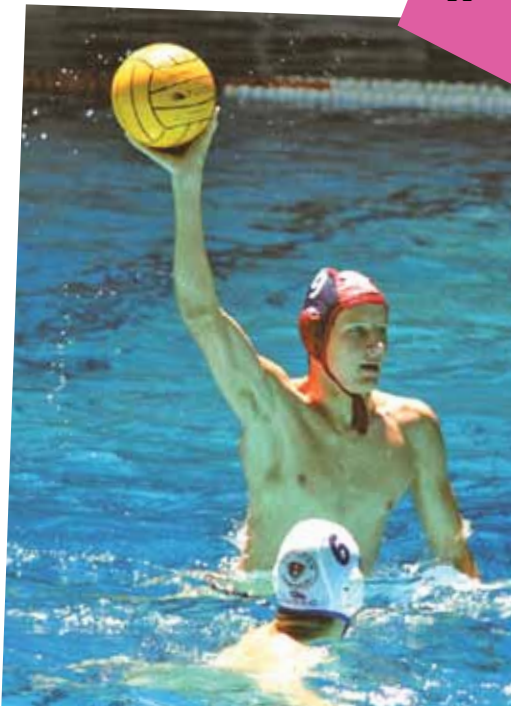
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Place of birth:
Dubrovnik



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the Games***

COC Member of the Most Successful Team
2010 and 2011

Career Highlights:
3rd place at the World Championship Shang-
hai 2011
1st place at the European Championship
Zagreb 2010
3rd place at the World Championship Rome
2009



FRANO VIČAN

Date of birth:
24 January 1976
Place of birth:
Dubrovnik



Olympic Appearances:

Athens 2004
Beijing 2008

COC Member of the Most Successful Team
2007

Career Highlights:

1st place at the World Championship
Melbourne 2007
3rd place at the World Championship Rome
2009
2nd place at the European Championship
Firenca 1999
2nd place at the European Championship
Kranj 2003





TEAM LEADER



Renato ŽIVKOVIĆ

Date of birth:
8 July 1966
Place of birth:
Split

HEAD COACH



Ratko RUDIĆ

Date of birth:
7 June 1948
Place of birth:
Beograd (Serbia)

COACH



Elvis FATOVIĆ

Date of birth:
8 May 1971
Place of birth:
Dubrovnik

COACH



Vjekoslav KOBEŠĆAK

Date of birth:
20 January 1974
Place of birth:
Zagreb

TECHNICAL PERSONNEL



Zoran KAČIĆ

Date of birth:
9 September 1953
Place of birth:
Split

PHYSIOTHERAPIST



Damir LUKETIĆ

Date of birth:
5 May 1972
Place of birth:
Tuzla (Bosnia & Herze-
govina)

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL



Perica BUKIĆ

Date of birth:
20 February 1966
Place of birth:
Šibenik



Water Polo Arena

NENAD ŽUGAJ

(Greco-Roman 84 kg)

Date of birth:
19 April 1983
Place of birth:
Zagreb



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Career Highlights:

7th place at the World Championship Istanbul 2011
3rd place at the World Championship Moscow 2010
5th place at the European Championship Baku 2010

NEVEN ŽUGAJ

(Greco-Roman 74 kg)

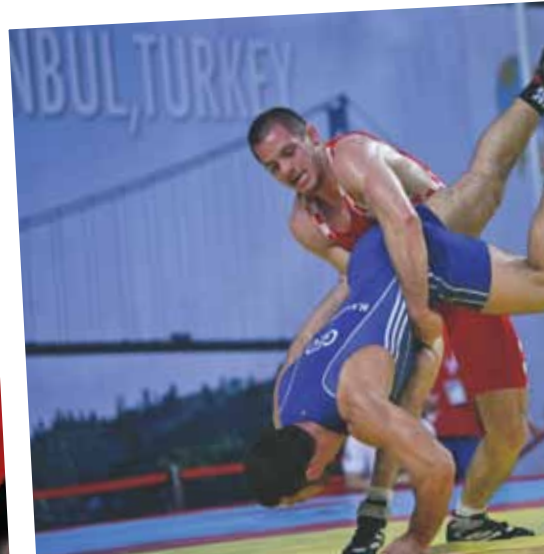
Date of birth:
19 April 1983
Place of birth:
Zagreb



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Career Highlights:

3rd place at the World Championship Istanbul 2011
8th place at the World Championship Moscow 2010





TEAM LEADER / COACH

Davor JAKUBEK

Date of birth:
17 December 1969
Place of birth:
Zagreb





DOCTOR

Boris LABAR

Date of birth:
9 April 1947
Place of birth:
Zadar



DOCTOR

Miroslav SMERDELJ

Date of birth:
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Place of birth:
Osijek



DOCTOR

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Place of birth:
Split



DOCTOR

Ante ŽUPANOVIĆ

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Place of birth:
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DOCTOR

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Date of birth:
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Place of birth:
Makarska



DOCTOR

Lucian VUKELIĆ

Date of birth:
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Place of birth:
Beograd
(Serbia)





PHYSIOTHERAPIST

Stevo KURIC

Date of birth:
14 September 1960
Place of birth:
Josipovac



PHYSIOTHERAPIST

Emir MUJAGIĆ

Date of birth:
6 September 1966
Place of birth:
Zenica
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PHYSIOTHERAPIST

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Date of birth:
9 June 1961
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Zavidovići
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PHYSIOTHERAPIST

Robert PRUSAC

Date of birth:
22 December 1966
Place of birth:
Strumica
(Makedonija)



PHYSIOTHERAPIST

Franjo PAVLOVIĆ

Date of birth:
9 September 1967
Place of birth:
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PHYSIOTHERAPIST

Mario NOVAK-STANKO

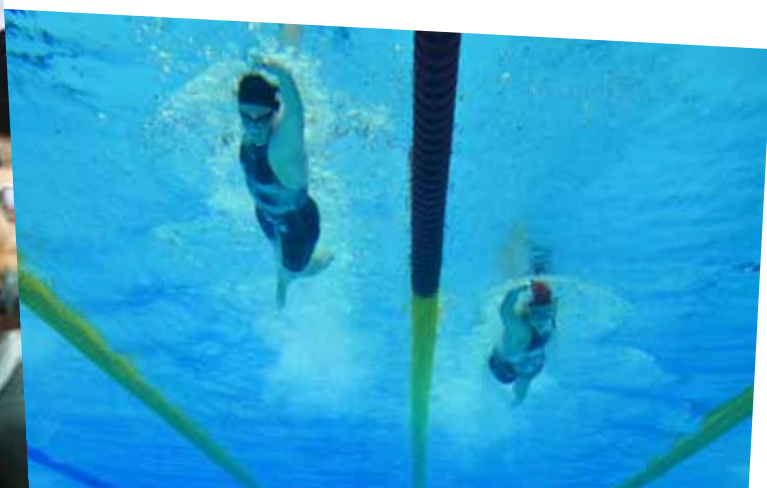
Date of birth:
12 January 1974
Place of birth:
Zagreb



PHYSIOTHERAPIST

Dejan SPASIĆ

Date of birth:
26 August 1972
Place of birth:
Zagreb



Croatian House in London

The Croatian house, a meeting place of the Croatian athletes, domestic and foreign guests, businessmen and reporters at the Olympic Games during the Olympic Games in London was organized at the Pelham Hotel in South Kensington (15 Cromwell Place) near Victoria & Albert and Natural History Museum, Harrods, Hyde Park and British concert hall, the Royal Albert hall.

The Croatian house is open from July 28th to August 12th and comprises COC's press center, a Sports Television studio (Sptv), the offices of the Hrvatska Gospodarska Komora - HGK (Croatian Chamber of Economy) and the Hrvatska turistička zajednica - HTZ (Croatian National Tourist Board) and business club of COC partners in the project: THT, Agrokor-Jamnica, Kutjevo, Sptv, HGK and HTZ.

The COC's Press center, equipped by the Hrvatski telekom, is available to all the

interested media representatives and press conferences are held there daily with athletes and other members of the Croatian Olympic Delegation.

The Head of the Croatian House is Ranko Cetkovic, the Assistant to COC's General Secretary for marketing. The Press center shall be headed by Marin Sarec, Sports Television journalist. All the events in Croatian House will be recorded online on the website www.hoo.hr in a special section - COC in London 2012.

A visit to the Croatian House and press the center of the COC is possible only with the appropriate official accreditation of the Olympic Games in London or the Croatian Olympic Committee.

Croatian House in London
The Pelham Hotel, 15 Cromwell Place,
London
Tel.: 020 75898288





The Croatian Olympic Committee, the highest sports body in Croatia, was founded in Zagreb on 10 September 1991. The Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee led by its then President Juan Antonio Samaranch granted the Croatian Olympic Committee provisional recognition on 17 January 1992, thus including it in the Olympic family and making it possible for Croatian athletes to participate under the Croatian flag in the Olympic Winter Games in Albertville and in the Games of the Olympiad in Barcelona that very same year. The IOC granted the Croatian Olympic Committee outright recognition at its 101st Session, held in Monaco on 24 September 1993. Since 1995, the Croatian Olympic

Croatian Olympic Committee today

Winter Olympic Games Vancouver 2010



Committee has been marking 17 January, the date of the provisional recognition by the IOC, as the Great Day of Croatian Sport.

The first President of the Croatian Olympic Committee was Antun Vrdoljak (1991 - 2000), who was appointed to the IOC at its 104th Assembly in Budapest in 1995. As an IOC Member, Antun Vrdoljak was appointed to the IOC Radio and Television Commission in 1996 and to the IOC Culture and Olympic Education Commission in 2006.

Since 2002, the President of the Croatian Olympic Committee has been Zlatko Mateša, a prominent sports official, who earned his doctoral degree in Organization of Olympic Games at the Beijing Sport University in 2008. Zlatko Mateša is a member of the EOC Executive Board (2009), the EOC

Commission for the Preparation of the Olympic Games (2006) and the Executive Board of the International Committee of Mediterranean Games (ICMG) (2009).

Members of the Croatian Olympic Committee are national sports associations (39 of them are Olympic and 41 non-Olympic sports), 20 county sports associations and the City of Zagreb and 9 associations and institutions of interest for Croatian sport and the activities of the Croatian Olympic Committee.

The Croatian Olympic Committee is a full member of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC), the European Olympic Committees (EOC), the International Committee of Mediterranean Games (ICMG) and the European Non-Governmental Sports Organizations (ENGSO).

The Croatian Olympic Committee is the founder of the Croatian Olympians Club (1993), the Croatian Olympic Academy (1996), the Sports

Arbitration Council and Sports Arbitration Tribunal (1999), and the co-founder of the European Fair Play Movement (1994), the Croatian Athletes Foundation (2006), the Croatian Fair-Play Committee (2006), the Female Sports Coordinators Network (2006) and a number of other organizations belonging to the Croatian and international Olympic movement.

The first specialized digital sports channel in Croatia, Sports Television (Sportska televizija) began broadcasting its regular program with sports news exactly at 5 P.M. on April 4th of this pre-Olympic year.

Unique for its founder - the COC, the only national Olympic committee which is the founder of the TV company, by the end of May Sports Television had more than 40 broadcasts - 19 inter-

national and 21 national sporting events, and the first to enjoy the program were the basketball fans who watched live coverage of the matches from Sinj between Alkar and Zadar.

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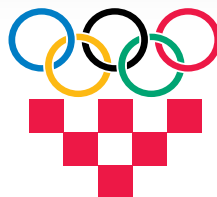
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Croatian Olympians at the Games of the Olympiad



BARCELONA 1992

Flag bearers:

At the Opening Ceremony:

Goran Ivanišević

At the Closing Ceremony:

Dražen Petrović

●●● Medals:

SILVER

Croatian men's basketball team

Vladan Alanović, Franjo Arapović, Danko Cvjetičanin, Alan Gregov, Arijan Komazec, Toni Kukoč, Aramis Naglič, Velimir Perasović, Dražen Petrović, Dino Rađa, Žan Tabak, Stojko Vranković

BRONZE

**Goran Ivanišević
and Goran Prpić**

men's tennis doubles

BRONZE

Goran Ivanišević

men's tennis singles

ATLANTA 1996

Flag bearers:

At the Opening Ceremony:

Perica Bukić

At the Closing Ceremony:

Goran Perkovac

●●● Medals

GOLD

Men's handball team

Patrik Čavar, Slavko Goluža, Božidar Jović, Nenad Kljaić, Venio Losert, Valter Matošević, Alvaro Načinović, Goran Perkovac, Iztok Puc, Zlatko Saračević, Irfan Smajlagić, Bruno Gudelj, Zoran Mikulić, Vladimir Jelčić, Valner Franković, Vladimir Šujster

SILVER

Men's water polo team

Maro Balić, Perica Bukić, Damir Glavan, Igor Hinić, Vjekoslav Kobeščak, Joško Kreković, Ognjen Kržić, Dubravko Šimenc, Siniša Školneković, Ratko Štritof, Renato Vrbičić, Zdeslav Vrdoljak, Tino Vegar





SYDNEY 2000

Flag bearers:

At the Opening Ceremony:
Zoran Primorac

At the Closing Ceremony:
Igor Boraska

●●● Medals

GOLD

Nikolay Pechalov
Weightlifting (-62 kg)

BRONZE

Rowing men's eight

Igor Boraska, Tihomir Franković, Krešimir Čuljak, Branimir Vujević, Tomislav Smoljanić, Nikša Skelin, Siniša Skelin, cox Silvijo Petriško



ATENA 2004

Flag bearers:

At the Opening Ceremony:
Dubravko Šimenc

At the Closing Ceremony:
Siniša Skelin

●●● Medals

GOLD

Men's handball team

Ivano Balić, Davor Dominković, Mirza Džomba, Slavko Goluža, Nikša Kaleb, Blaženko Lacković, Venio Losert, Valter Matošević, Petar Metličić, Vlado Šola, Denis Špoljarić, Goran Šprem, Igor Vori, Davor Vuković and Vedran Zrnić

SILVER

Duje Draganja
Swimming
(50 m freestyle)

Siniša & Nikša Skelin
Rowing (coxless pair)

BRONZE

Nikolay Pechalov
Weightlifting (-69 kg)

Mario Ančić & Ivan Ljubičić
men's tennis doubles



Croatian Olympians at the Games of the Olympiad



PEKING 2008

Flag bearers:

At the Opening Ceremony:
Ivano Balić

At the Closing Ceremony:
Tamara Boroš

●●● Medals:

SILVER

Blanka Vlašić
Athletics (high jump)

Filip Ude

*Gymnastics
(pommel horse)*

BRONZE

Snježana Pejčić
Shooting (air rifle)

Martina Zubčić

Taekwondo (-57 kg)

Sandra Šarić

Taekwondo (-67 kg)



ALBERTVILLE 1992

Flag bearers:

At the Opening Ceremony:
Tomislav Čižmešija

At the Closing Ceremony:
Siniša Vukonić

LILLEHAMMER 1994

Flag bearers:

At the Opening Ceremony:
Vedran Pavlek

At the Closing Ceremony:
Vedran Pavlek

NAGANO 1998

Flag bearers:

At the Opening Ceremony:
Janica Kostelić

At the Closing Ceremony:
Vedran Pavlek

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SALT LAKE CITY 2002

Flag bearers:

At the Opening Ceremony:
Janica Kostelić

At the Closing Ceremony:
Ivan Šola

●●● Medals

GOLD

Janica Kostelić
alpine skiing (giant slalom)

GOLD

Janica Kostelić
alpine skiing (alpine combined)

GOLD

Janica Kostelić
alpine skiing (slalom)

SILVER

Janica Kostelić
alpine skiing (super giant slalom)

TORINO 2006

Flag bearers:

At the Opening Ceremony:
Janica Kostelić

At the Closing Ceremony:
Ivan Šola

●●● Medals

GOLD

Janica Kostelić

Alpine skiing
(women's combined)

SILVER

Janica Kostelić
Alpine skiing (super giant slalom)

Ivica Kostelić
Alpine skiing (men's combined)

VANCOUVER 2010

Flag bearers:

At the Opening Ceremony:
Jakov Fak

At the Closing Ceremony:
Ivan Šola

●●● Medals

SILVER

Ivica Kostelić
*Alpine skiing
(super combined)
(slalom)*

BRONZE

Jakov Fak
Biathlon (10 km)



Croatian Sports



Ivano Balić



Goran Ivanišević



Janica Kostelić

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Nikša & Siniša Skelin



Dubravko Šimenc



Dražen Petrović



Ivica Kostelić

SPORT tradition



Davor Šuker



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Duje Draganić



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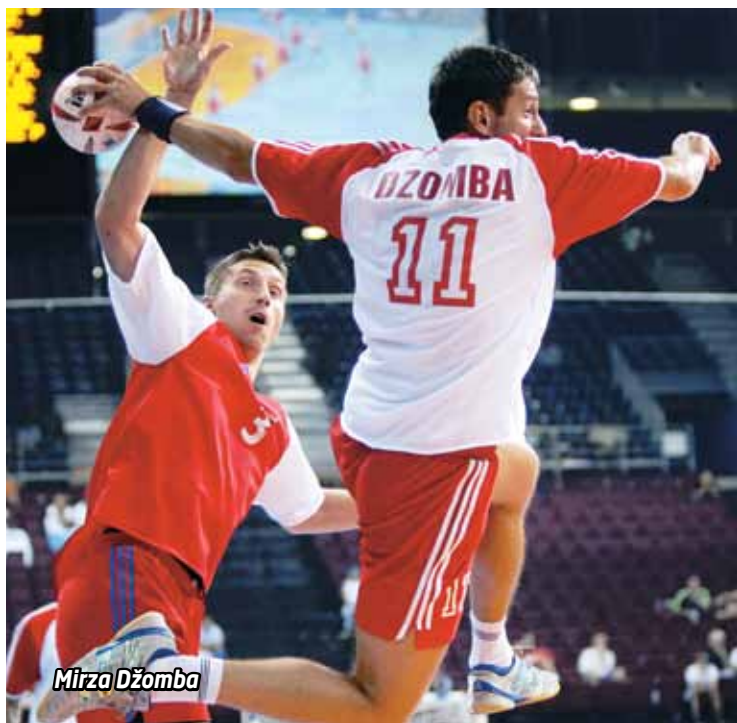
Rowing men's eight

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Let's start with the individuals. The siblings, Janica and Ivica Kostelić are Croatian most successful alpine skiers. Even though



Nikolaj Pešalov



Mirza Džomba



Ivan Ujubičić & Mario Ančić

Janica retired from skiing, she still represents a role model and a symbol of success for many people. She won 3 golden and one bronze medal in alpine skiing at the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympic Games, a golden and silver medal in Turin in 2006 and she was proudly wearing the title of a World Cup Champion in 2001, 2003 and 2006.

Her brother Ivica was considered for a long time a brother of the best female skier on the world, but in the last couple of years he noticeably stepped out of that shadow. Ivica is a triple Olympic vice-champion: Turin 2006 in combined and Vancouver 2010, again in combined and slalom. In the past season 2010/2011 Kostelić won the overall World Cup title, thus adding into his collection of small crystal globes the second trophy from slalom and the first combined.

Duje Draganja is a famous Croatian swimmer. His best



Filip Ude



Jakov Fak



Martina Zubčić

Croatian Sports



Water Polo team

accomplishment was the silver medal in the men's 50-meter freestyle at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens. Draganja won a silver medal in 2005 World Aquatics Championship held in Montreal in 50 m freestyle. He has 4 medals from World Short Course Swimming Championships. In 2006 and 2008 he won a gold medal in 50 meter freestyle. Also he has bronze medal in 100 m freestyle (2008) and bronze medal in 50 m butterfly (2006).

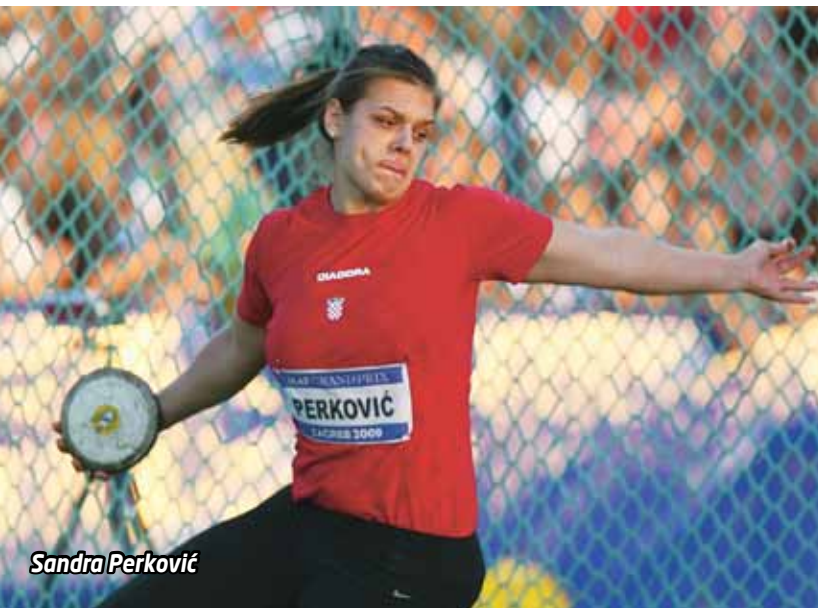
Sanja Jovanović is a female backstroke swimmer from Dubrovnik. On December 12th, 2009, she broke the world record in 50 meters backstroke at European Short Course Swimming Championship.



Ana & Lucija Zaninović

Goran Ivanišević is a former tennis player but the sound of his name still echoes around the world. He won the men's singles at Wimbledon in 2001. Another famous name in tennis is that of Ivan Ljubičić and his best accomplishment is the bronze medal in tennis doubles at the 2004 Olympics in where he teamed up with Mario Ančić. Together with Ivo Karlović they also won the Davis Cup (2005). Marin Čilić is very successful player - semifinalist 2010 Australian Open and a former Top 10 player (15th at ATP ranking list on July 9, 2012)

Let's also mention Iva Majoli, Roland



Sandra Perković



Quadruple Sculls



Blanka Vlašić

Since its independence, Croatia has won 17 medals at the Summer Olympics: three golden, six silver and eight bronze medals.



Igor Marenić & Šime Fantela

Croatian Sports



Perica Bukić

Garros champion in 1997 and former Number 4 in the world.

Blanka Vlašić is another great sports individual. She is a world champion (2007, 2009) and silver medal winner at Beijing 2008 Olympics, European champion many times... Sandra Perković is another great Croatian athlete competing in the queen of sports - athletics. The discus thrower is the double European champion and is only 22 years of age.

Sailing is another sport that is developing very fast in Croatia. The 470 class crew, formed by Šime Fantela and Igor Marenčić, is a former world champion (2009). They also won bronze three times in the World Championship and just won their third European title. Ivan Kljaković-Gašpić won Croatia's first medal in World Championship coming third in Finn in 2009 First Laser medal for Croatia was won by Tonči Stipanović in 2012.

When it comes to team sports, football, handball, basketball, water polo... You name it.

At Croatia's first FIFA World Cup in 1998, the team finished third and provided the tournament's top scorer, Davor Šuker. Today Croatia is one of the ten best national teams of the world, for already two years in a row.

The Croatian Handball Team is very successful, regardless of its short history. At 1996 Atlanta Olympics, they won the golden medal and the



Marin Čilić



Iva Majoli



Handball Team

same happened in Athens in 2004. World Championships: gold (2003), silver (1995, 2005, 2009). European Championships: silver (2008, 2010), bronze (1994, 2012).

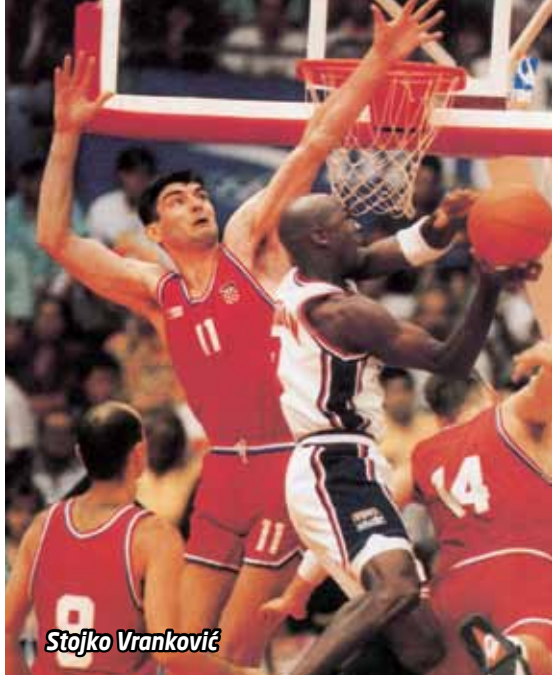
Back in 1992, the Croatian Basketball Team ended up winning second place at the Olympics. World Championships: bronze (1994). European Championships: bronze (1993, 1995).

Let us also here remember the great Dražen Petrović who made a big splash in the NBA but, unfortunately, died too early in a car accident (June 7th, 1993).

The Water Polo Team has achieved some memorable results: Croatia won silver at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. The team also won gold at the 2010 European Water Polo Championship in Zagreb and silvers at the 1999 and 2003 European Water Polo Championship. In 2007, Croatia won, for the first time, the World Water Polo Championship in Melbourne and took bronze at the 2009 FINA World Championships in Rome and 2011 in Shanghai.

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At Winter Olympics we brought home ten medals: Janica's four golden medals, five silver (three Ivica, two Janica) and one bronze medal, by Jakov Fak in Vancouver biathlon.



Stojko Vranković



Luka Modrić



Sanja Jovanović



Janica Kostelić

About Republic of Croatia



Facts





Area: 56.542 km²
Population: 4.500.000
Capital city: Zagreb
Language: Croatian
Currency: kuna (HRK)

Republic of Croatia is a country at the crossroads of the Mediterranean, Central Europe, and the Southeast Europe. Its capital is Zagreb. Croatia borders with Slovenia to the west and Hungary to the north, Serbia to the northeast, Bosnia and Herzegovina to the east, Montenegro to the far southeast, and the Adriatic Sea to the south. Croatia entered into NATO's Partnership for Peace in 2000, which began the process of accession into the alliance. The country received an invitation to join at the 2008 Bucharest Summit and became a full member on April 1, 2009. On October 17, 2007 Croatia became a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council for the 2008-2009 term.





Since October 3rd, 2005, when negotiations on accession of Croatia to the European Union formally and officially began, all the obstacles have been crossed and all claims resolved in order for Croatia to finally become a part of the great European family.

And so, on December 9th, 2011, in Brussels, following the successful completion of negotiations, the Republic of Croatia signed the Accession Treaty with the European Union.

July 1st, 2013 is determined as a target date of accession to the European Union and the Republic of Croatia will soon become the 28th full member of the EU.





Croatia in the EU





Arts
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Culture





Belonging to the Middle-European and Mediterranean cultural and civilisation circle and tradition, Croatia is extremely rich with valuable cultural and historical heritage, pointing to the millenium old presence of Croatia in the area.

The specific urban culture of coastal and island areas is easily seen in towns such as: Poreč, Rovinj, Pula, Zadar, Šibenik, Hvar, Korčula and Ston, with Split (Diocletian's Palace) and Dubrovnik representing a part of the world cultural heritage under UN.



**Geography
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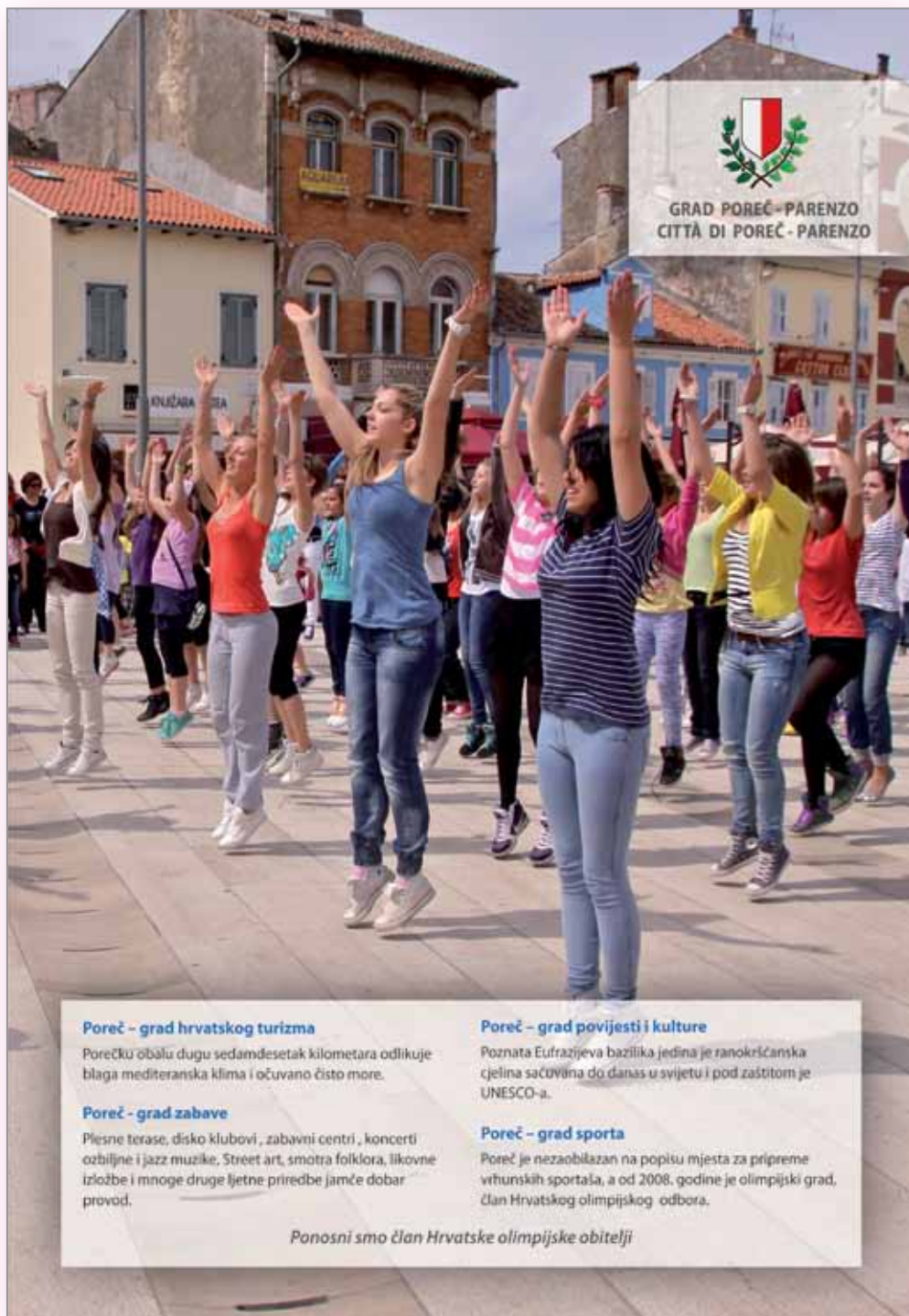
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