

**OSAM STAZA
SKRIVENOG OKVIRA**

POVIJEST PARAPLIVANJA U HRVATSKOJ

OSAM STAZA SKRIVENOG OKVIRA

POVIJEST PARAPLIVANJA U HRVATSKOJ

Izložba je održana na Kineziološkom fakultetu Sveučilišta u Zagrebu
od 2. do 30. travnja 2024.

EIGHT LANES OF THE HIDDEN FRAME

THE HISTORY OF PARA SWIMMING IN CROATIA

Exhibition hosted at the Faculty of Kinesiology, University of Zagreb,
from 2 to 30 April 2024

SADRŽAJ

3	UVOD
	IZLOŽBENE CJELINE
7	RAZVOJ PARASPORTA U HRVATSKOJ
10	HRVATSKI PARAPLIVAČKI SAVEZ
14	ROKO MIKELIN-OPARA
18	ANA SRŠEN
24	MIHOVIL ŠPANJA
28	KRISTIJAN VINCETIĆ
32	DINO SINOVČIĆ
35	SANJA MILOJEVIĆ
37	ANTE RAĐA
39	EMMA MEČIĆ
41	PAULA NOVINA
44	DRUGI SUDIONICI NA PARAOLIMPIJSKIM IGRAMA
45	NATAŠA SOBOČAN
47	MATIJA GREBENIĆ
49	TOMI BRAJŠA
52	DISCIPLINE U PARAPLIVANJU
58	KLASIFIKACIJE U PARAPLIVANJU
66	PARAOLIMPIJSKE IGRE
82	SVJETSKA PRVENSTVA
88	EUROPSKA PRVENSTVA
93	LITERATURA I IZVORI
101	IMPRESSUM

OSAM STAZA SKRIVENOG OKVIRA

POVIJEST PARAPLIVANJA U HRVATSKOJ

UVOD

Hrvatski športski muzej u suradnji s Hrvatskim paraolimpijskim odborom i Hrvatskim paraplivničkim savezom organizirao je izložbu o najvećim uspjesima paraplivanja u Hrvatskoj pod nazivom "Osam staza skrivenog okvira". Izložba je gostovala na Kineziološkom fakultetu Sveučilišta u Zagrebu od 2. do 30. travnja 2024. godine, povodom obilježavanja 60 godina osnivanja Hrvatskog paraolimpijskog odbora i Paraolimpijskih igara održanih od 28. kolovoza do 8. rujna 2024. u Parizu.

Izložba je gostovala i na Kineziološkom fakultetu u Osijeku od 2. do 30. svibnja povodom Međunarodnog dana muzeja 18. svibnja, a uz ovogodišnju temu "Muzeji za edukaciju i istraživanje" te u Francuskom institutu u Zagrebu od 19. kolovoza do 8. rujna, kad je tiskan i deplijan na francuskome jeziku.

THE HISTORY OF PARA SWIMMING IN CROATIA

INTRODUCTION

In cooperation with the Croatian Paralympic Committee (HPO) and the Croatian Para Swimming Association (HPPS), the Croatian Sports Museum organised an exhibition showcasing the most significant achievements of para swimming in Croatia, entitled "Eight Lanes of the Hidden Frame." The exhibition was held at the Faculty of Kinesiology at the University of Zagreb from 2 to 30 April 2024 to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Croatian Paralympic Committee's founding and the Paralympic Games held in Paris from 28 August to 8 September 2024.

The exhibition was also hosted at the Faculty of Kinesiology in Osijek from 2 to 30 May, in honour of International Museum Day on 18 May, aligned with this year's theme, "Museums for Education and Research." Additionally, it was hosted at the French Institute in Zagreb from 19 August to 8 September, with a brochure printed in French for this occasion.

EIGHT LANES OF THE HIDDEN FRAME

Hrvatski športski muzej djeluj više od 70 godina u raznim ustrojstvenim oblicima, a od 2003. godine djeluje kao nacionalna muzejska ustanova pod okriljem Ministarstva kulture i medija Republike Hrvatske te kao takva sustavno prikuplja najvrjedniju nacionalnu baštinu iz područja hrvatskog sporta i tjelovježbe. U tijeku tog djelovanja, započevši s ostavštinom Franje Bučara, do danas je prikupljeno više od 400 000 predmeta, fotografija, dokumenata i publikacija koji svjedoče o povijesti i razvoju sporta u Hrvatskoj od polovice 19. stoljeća do danas.

Hrvatski športski muzej u proteklih pet godina prikupio je brojnu građu koja svjedoči o povijesti parasporta u Hrvatskoj. Muzej prilagođava izložbene programe osobama s invaliditetom, a tako će nastaviti raditi i na budućim projektima.

The Croatian Sports Museum has been active for over 70 years, evolving through different organisational structures, and since 2003 it has operated as a national museum institution under the Ministry of Culture and Media of the Republic of Croatia. As a national institution, it systematically collects and preserves the most valuable heritage in the fields of sport and recreation. Since its beginnings with the legacy of Franjo Bučar, the Museum has amassed over 400 000 items, photographs, documents, and publications that chronicle the history and development of sport in Croatia from the mid-19th century to the present day.

Over the past five years, the Croatian Sports Museum has gathered a significant collection of materials documenting the history of parasport in Croatia. The museum adapts its exhibitions to ensure accessibility for people with disabilities, a commitment it will uphold in future projects

Izložba "Osam staza skrivenog okvira" audiodeskripcijom tekstova na hrvatskom i engleskom jeziku i opisom triju predmeta prilagođena je slijepim i slabovidnim osobama, a u suradnji s Hrvatskim savezom slijepih tiskan je i katalog izložbe na Brailleovom pismu. Videomaterijali sadrže titlove kako bi bili prilagođenim gluhim i nagluhim osobama.

Izložba ima pet cjelina. U prvoj cjelini prikazuje se razvoj parasporta i paraplivanja u Hrvatskoj kroz povijesni razvoj Hrvatskog paraolimpijskog odbora i Hrvatskog paraplivackog saveza. U drugoj cjelini, prema redoslijedu osvojenih medalja na paraolimpijskim igrama, svjetskim i europskim prvenstvima, predstavljaju se Roko Mikelin-Opara, Ana Sršen, Mihovil Španja, Kristijan Vincetić, Dino Sinovčić, Sanja Milojević, Ante Rađa, Emma Mečić i Paula Novina. Također, predstavljeni su i svi ostali sudionici na paraolimpijskim igrama: Nataša Sobočan, Matija Grebenić i Tomi Brajša. Na XVII. Paraolimpijskim igrama u Parizu 2024. godine hrvatski predstavnici bili su Emma Mečić, Paula Novina i Dino Sinovčić.

Treća cjelina prikazuje discipline i klasifikacije u paraplivanju te sportske klase, dok se četvrta odnosi na povijesni razvoj i pregled osvojenih medalja hrvatskih paraplivaca na paraolimpijskim igrama, svjetskim i europskim prvenstvima. Posljednji dio izložbe pod nazivom "Ispred okvira" prikazuje razgovore s paraplivateljima koje su osvojile medalje na velikim natjecanjima Emmom Mečić i Anom Sršen te paraplivateljima Rokom Mikelinom-Oparom, Dinom Sinovčićem, Mihovlom Španjom i Kristijanom Vincetićem. Oni su u razgovorima izdvojili sudjelovanja na natjecanjima koja su im posebno ostala u sjećanju te su opisali najupečatljivije događaje s njih. Uputili su i svoje poruke za buduće generacije sportaša i parasportaša.

The Exhibition "Eight Lanes of the Hidden Frame" includes audio descriptions in Croatian and English, as well as descriptions of three objects designed specifically for people who are blind or visually impaired. In collaboration with the Croatian Blind Union, a Braille catalogue of the exhibition was also printed. Video materials include subtitles, making them accessible to people who are deaf or hard of hearing.

The exhibition "Eight Lanes of Hidden Fame" is divided into five sections. The first section explores the development of parasport and para swimming in Croatia, tracing the historical progression of the Croatian Paralympic Committee and the Croatian Para Swimming Association. The second section, organised by the order in which medals were won at the Paralympic Games, World Championships, and European Championships, highlights athletes including Roko Mikelin-Opara, Ana Sršen, Mihovil Španja, Kristijan Vincetić, Dino Sinovčić, Sanja Milojević, Ante Rađa, Emma Mečić, and Paula Novina. Also featured are other Croatian Paralympic participants: Nataša Sobočan, Matija Grebenić, and Tomi Brajša. At the XVII Paralympic Games held in Paris in 2024, Croatian representatives included Emma Mečić, Paula Novina, and Dino Sinovčić.

The third section of the exhibition presents the various disciplines and classifications within para swimming, along with the associated sport classes. The fourth section provides a historical overview of Croatian para swimmers' medal achievements at the Paralympic Games, World Championships, and European Championships.

The final section of the exhibition, titled "In Front of the Frame" features interviews with female medal-winning para swimmers, including Emma Mečić and Ana Sršen, and male para swimmers Roko Mikelin-Opara, Dino Sinovčić, Mihovil Španja, and Kristijan

U sklopu izložbe, hrvatska paraolimpijka Ana Sršen održala je predavanja na Kineziološkom fakultetu u Zagrebu u sklopu kolegija Kineziterapije koji vode izv. prof. dr. sc. Lidija Petrinović i izv. prof. Tatjana Trošt Bobić te u sklopu kolegija Sport, navijači i kulture mladih koji vodi izv. prof. dr. sc. Sunčica Bartoluci. Paraolimpijka je za studente organizirala i radionicu Halliwick u vodi. Također, održala je i radionicu po Halliwickovu konceptu¹ i predavanje u sklopu kolegija Plivanje i poduka neplivača koji vodi prof. dr. sc. Goran Leko na sveučilišnom diplomskom studiju Kineziološka edukacija na Kineziološkom fakultetu u Osijeku.

Vincetić. In these interviews, they recount memorable competitions and describe their most striking experiences.

As part of the exhibition, Croatian Paralympic swimmer Ana Sršen gave lectures at the Faculty of Kinesiology in Zagreb, contributing to the Kinesitherapy course taught by Associate Professors Dr. Lidija Petrinović and Tatjana Trošt Bobić, as well as to the Sports, Fans, and the Youth Culture course led by Associate Professor Dr. Sunčica Bartoluci. Additionally, Ana Sršen led a Halliwick water therapy workshop for students and provided a Halliwick concept workshop and lecture within the Swimming and Teaching Non-swimmers course led by Professor Dr. Goran Leko at the graduate Kinesiological Education programme at the Faculty of Kinesiology in Osijek.

¹ Halliwick koncept pristup je poučavanju plivanja svih ljudi, s posebnim naglaskom na osobe s tjelesnim teškoćama i/ili poteškoćama u učenju kako bi mogle sudjelovati u vodenim aktivnostima, samostalno se kretati u vodi i naučiti plivati. Pristup uključuje fizičke, osobne, rekreacijske, društvene i terapeutske aspekte. Prema podacima paraolimpijke Ane Sršen.

¹ The Halliwick concept is an approach to teaching swimming to people of all abilities, with a particular emphasis on individuals with physical disabilities and/or learning difficulties, enabling them to participate in water activities, move independently in water, and learn to swim. This approach encompasses physical, personal, recreational, social, and therapeutic aspects. According to Paralympian Ana Sršen.

RAZVOJ PARASPORTA U HRVATSKOJ

Hrvatski paraolimpijski odbor (HPO) krovno je sportsko udruženje osoba s invaliditetom u Republici Hrvatskoj u koje se udružuju parasportski savezi te druge udruge čija je djelatnost od značaja za promicanje sporta osoba s invaliditetom, sukladno statutu Hrvatskog paraolimpijskog odbora.

HPO se ustrojava prema načelima paraolimpijskog pokreta i potrebama hrvatskog parasporta.

HPO svojim pravilima određuje ustrojstvo i način rada, članstvo i način ostvarivanja prava i obveza članova, način uporabe i zaštite simbola i obilježja Međunarodnog paraolimpijskog odbora i Hrvatskog paraolimpijskog odbora te druga pitanja u vezi s djelokrugom i zadaćama Hrvatskog paraolimpijskog odbora.

HPO osigurava uvjete za nesmetan razvoj parasporta i paraolimpijskog pokreta u Republici Hrvatskoj.²

DEVELOPMENT OF PARASPORT IN CROATIA

The Croatian Paralympic Committee (HPO) is the national governing sports association for people with disabilities in the Republic of Croatia. It brings together parasport federations and other associations whose activities are essential for promoting sport for people with disabilities, in accordance with the Croatian Paralympic Committee's statutes.

The HPO is organised in line with the principles of the Paralympic movement and the specific needs of Croatian parasport.

The HPO sets rules governing its structure and operations, membership rights and obligations, and the use and protection of symbols and insignia of both the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and the Croatian Paralympic Committee, as well as other issues related to scope and tasks of the Croatian Paralympic Committee, among other tasks and responsibilities.

The HPO ensures the conditions for the uninterrupted development of parasport and the Paralympic movement in the Republic of Croatia.²

Organizirano bavljenje i djelovanje sportskih organizacija osoba s invaliditetom na nacionalnoj razini u Hrvatskoj započinje 1964. godine, osnivanjem Saveza za šport i rekreaciju invalida Hrvatske, koji 1993. mijenja naziv u Hrvatski športski savez invalida (HŠSI) pod kojim djeluje do 2006. godine.

Hrvatski paraolimpijski odbor osnovan je 2006. i pravni je sljednik bivših sportskih organizacija koje su djelovale na području Republike Hrvatske u proteklih 60 godina.³ Dužnost predsjednika HPO-a od 1990. do 1994. obnaša Darko Milošević, od 1994. do 1996. Stanislav Prešnjak, od 1996. do 1997. predsjednica je Dubravka Ciliga, a od 1997. do danas tu dužnost obnaša Ratko Kovačić. Dužnost glavnog tajnika HPO-a 1993. obnaša Jelica Maskaljević, u periodu od 1993. do 1994. Ivan Kučinić, od 1995. do 1998. Mira Kallay-Cvitaš, a od 1999. do danas glavni tajnik HPO-a je Ticijan Komparić.

Od osamostaljenja Republike Hrvatske hrvatski paraolimpijci sudjelovali su na osam ljetnih paraolimpijskih igara i osvojili 30 medalja, od kojih 6 zlatnih, 9 srebrnih i 15 brončanih, kao i na šest zimskih paraolimpijskih igara na kojima su osvojili dvije medalje (po jednu zlatnu i brončanu).

National-level organised sport for people with disabilities began in 1964 with the establishment of the Sports Federation for Persons with Disabilities of Croatia. In 1993, it was renamed the Croatian Sports Association for Persons with Disabilities, under which it operated until 2006.

The Croatian Paralympic Committee was formally established in 2006 and is the legal successor to former sports organisations that operated on the territory of the Republic of Croatia over the past 60 years.³

The HPO has had several presidents: Darko Milošević served from 1990 to 1994, followed by Stanislav Prešnjak from 1994 to 1996, then Dubravka Ciliga from 1996 to 1997. Ratko Kovačić has held the position since 1997 to the present day.

The position of Secretary General has also seen several holders: Jelica Maskaljević in 1993, Ivan Kučinić from 1993 to 1994, Mira Kallay-Cvitaš from 1995 to 1998, and since 1999, Ticijan Komparić has served as Secretary.

Since the independence of the Republic of Croatia, Croatian Paralympians have competed in eight Summer Paralympic Games, winning a total of 30 medals: six gold, nine silver, and 15 bronze. They have also competed in six Winter Paralympic Games, winning two medals, one gold and one bronze.

² Zakon o sportu, NN 141/22, članak 47.

² Sports Act (Zakon o sportu), Official Gazette 141/22, article 47.

³ Prema podacima Ruže Markešić, pomoćnice glavnog tajnika za odnose s medijima i javnost rada i službenice za informiranje HPO-a

³ According to information provided by Ruža Markešić, Assistant Secretary General for Media Relations and Public Affairs and Information Officer at the Croatian Paralympic Committee (HPO).

HRVATSKI PARAPLIVAČKI SAVEZ

Hrvatski paraplivski savez predstavlja nacionalni parasportski savez čiji su glavni ciljevi razvitak i promicanje paraplivskog sporta na području Republike Hrvatske te poticanje i promocija paraplijanja djece s teškoćama u razvoju i osoba s invaliditetom, od obuke neplivača do vrhunskih rezultata. Paraplivske aktivnosti pojavile su se 70-ih godina, a 80-ih i 90-ih godina istaknuli su se značajni nastupi paraplivčica i paraplivča na velikim međunarodnim natjecanjima.

CROATIAN PARA SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

The Croatian Para Swimming Association is the national parasport association dedicated to the development and promotion of para swimming throughout the territory of the Republic of Croatia. Its primary goals include encouraging and promoting para swimming for children with developmental difficulties and adult individuals with disabilities, from training non-swimmers to achieving elite results. Para swimming activities started in 1970s, and during the 1980s and 1990s, notable performances by male and female para swimmers emerged at major international competitions.

Medalja Roka Mikelina-Opare sa VI. paraolimpijskih igara
Arnhem, Nizozemska, 1980. (detalj)

Hrvatski paraplivnički savez osnovan je 2006. pod imenom Hrvatski plivački savez osoba s invaliditetom (HPSOI). Osnivači Saveza su PK Natator, PPK Forca⁴ i PK Vidra.⁵

Od 2017. Savez nosi današnje ime te je od osnivanja punopravan član Hrvatskog paraolimpijskog odbora.

Skupština je najveće tijelo upravljanja Hrvatskog paraplivničkog saveza, dok su na izvršni odbor prenijete ovlasti shodno Zakonu o udrugama.

Glavni tajnik s izbornikom i Stručnom komisijom Hrvatskog paraplivničkog saveza, u kojoj djeluju treneri najboljih parašportaša/ica te klasifikatori, operacionalizira odluke Skupštine i Izvršnog odbora.

Dužnost predsjednika HPPS-a od osnutka do 2017. obnašala je Ana Sršen, a od 2017. do danas to čini Roberto Zidar.

Dužnost glavnog tajnika HPPS-a od osnivanja do 2021. obnašala je Nataša Sobočan, a od 2021. to čini Miro Renić.

The Croatian Para Swimming Association was established in 2006 under the name Croatian Swimming Association for People with Disabilities (HPSOI). The founding members of the Association are Swimming Club (PK) Natator, Para Swimming Club (PPK) Forca⁴ and Swimming Club (PK) Vidra.⁵

Since 2017, the Association has operated under its current name and has been a full member of the Croatian Paralympic Committee.

The Assembly serves as the highest governing body of the Croatian Para Swimming Association, while the Executive Board has been granted powers in accordance with the national Law on Associations. The Secretary General, along with the Head Coach and the Expert Commission of the Croatian Para Swimming Association – which includes coaches of top female and male para-athletes and classifiers – operationalises the decisions made by the Assembly and the Executive Board.

Na dužnosti izbornika od osnivanja do 2012. bila je Jasna Lulić-Drenjak, od 2012. do 2020., Slobodan Glavčić, a od 2020. dužnost obnaša Igor Berislavić.

Najznačajniji treneri su Ivan Varvodić, Boris Volčanšek, Pero Kuterovac, Marianne Heemsker, Dean Kontić, Ferdinand Major, Igor Berislavić, Slobodan Glavčić, Ivan Perzel i Luca Marin.⁶

Najuspješniji paraplivnički i paraplivničice su Roko Mikelin-Opara, Ana Sršen, Mihovil Španja, Kristijan Vincetić, Dino Sinovčić, Sanja Milojević, Ante Rađa, Emma Mečić, Paula Novina, Nataša Sobočan, Matija Grebenić i Tomi Brajša.

Hrvatski paraplivnički i paraplivničice osvojili su 14 medalja na POI, 25 medalja na svjetskim prvenstvima i 29 medalja na europskim prvenstvima.⁷

Ana Sršen served as the president of the Association from its founding until 2017, and since then, Roberto Zidar has held the position. Nataša Sobočan was the Secretary General of the Association from its founding until 2021, and Miro Rendić has taken over since 2021. The role of Head Coach was held by Jasna Lulić-Drenjak from the founding of the Association until 2012, followed by Slobodan Glavčić from 2012 to 2020, and Igor Berislavić has been in this role since 2020.

The most prominent coaches include Ivan Varvodić, Boris Volčanšek, Pero Kuterovac, Marianne Heemsker, Dean Kontić, Ferdinand Major, Igor Berislavić, Slobodan Glavčić, Ivan Perzel, and Luca Marin.⁶

The most successful female and male para swimmers include Roko Mikelin-Opara, Ana Sršen, Mihovil Španja, Kristijan Vincetić, Dino Sinovčić, Sanja Milojević, Ante Rađa, Emma Mečić, Paula Novina, Nataša Sobočan, Matija Grebenić, and Tomi Brajša.

Croatian para swimmers have won 14 medals at the Paralympic Games, 25 medals at World Championships, and 29 at European Championships.⁷

⁴ Paraplivnički klub Forca osnovan je 2005. s osnovnim ciljem promicanja, razvitka i unapređenja paraplivanja u Rijeci i Primorsko-goranskoj županiji. Klub djeluje u planiranju rada i razvitka paraplivanja, organiziranju i provođenju redovitih sustavnih treninga radi učenja i usavršavanja plivanja te sudjelovanja u sportskim natjecanjima, poduci plivanja, skrbi o zdravlju, organizaciji i vođenju sportskih natjecanja, aktivnosti poticanja razumijevanja i usvajanja etičkih vrijednosti kroz bavljenje sportom, kineziterapiji, sportskoj rekreaciji, prema podacima Jasne Lulić-Drenjak, više predavačice Katedre za fizioterapiju Fakulteta zdravstvenih studija Sveučilišta u Rijeci.

⁵ Plivački klub Vidra Varaždin osnovan je 2006. godine. Klub je usmjeren na sportsku poduku djece i mladih s teškoćama u razvoju i bez teškoća, kao i na rehabilitacijsko plivanje, te podupire sportaše s invaliditetom i bez invaliditeta radi sudjelovanja na sportskim natjecanjima. Prema podacima koje su prikupile profesorica kineziologije (usmjerenje kineziterapija) Višnja Bunić i tajnica PK Vidra Varaždin Mirela Korpar.

⁴ The Para Swimming Club (PPK) Forca was established in 2005 with the primary aim of promoting, developing, and enhancing para swimming in Rijeka and the Primorje-Gorski Kotar County. The club focuses on planning activities and the development of para swimming, organising and conducting regular systematic training for learning and improving swimming skills, and participating in sports competitions. It also provides swimming instruction, health care, organises and manages sports competitions, and engages in activities that promote understanding and adoption of ethical values through sports, kinesitherapy, and sport recreation, according to Jasna Lulić-Drenjak, a senior lecturer at the Department of Physiotherapy at the Faculty of Health Studies, University of Rijeka.

⁵ The Swimming club (PK) Vidra Varaždin was founded in 2006. The club is dedicated to teaching sports to children and young people with and without developmental difficulties, as well as focusing on rehabilitation swimming. It also supports athletes with and without disabilities to participate in sports competitions, according to Višnja Bunić, a professor of kinesiology (specialising in kinesitherapy), and Mirela Korpar, the secretary of PK Vidra Varaždin.

⁶ Luca Marin bivši je talijanski plivač koji je četiri puta sudjelovao na Olimpijskim igrama te je osvojio devet medalja na europskim i svjetskim prvenstvima. Izvori: <https://www.worldaquatics.com/athletes/1007395/luca-marin/medals>, <https://olympics.com/en/athletes/luca-marin>

⁷ Prema podacima glavnog tajnika Hrvatskog paraplivničkog saveza Mire Renića

⁶ Luca Marin is a former Italian swimmer who competed in the Olympics four times and won nine medals at European and World Championships.

Source: <https://www.worldaquatics.com/athletes/1007395/luca-marin/medals>, <https://olympics.com/en/athletes/luca-marin>.

⁷ According to information from Miro Rendić, the Secretary General of the Croatian Para Swimming Association

Medalja Roka Mikelina-Opere sa VI. paraolimpijskih igara
Arnhem, Nizozemska, 1980.
Promjer 5.4 cm, vrpca 44 cm
Posudba Roko Mikelin-Opara



ROKO MIKELIN-OPARA

Roko Mikelin-Opara član je Sportskog društva invalida Hrabri⁸ od 1980. Iste je godine bio i prvi hrvatski paraplivač koji je sudjelovao na Paraolimpijskim igrama.

Godine 2006. odlikovan je Redom Danice hrvatske s likom Franje Bučara,⁹ dok je 2013. godine dobio Državnu nagradu za sport "Franjo Bučar".

Natjecao se u klasama S6, SB5 i SM6, a trenirao je pod vodstvom trenera Ivan Varvodića od 1980. do 1987. godine, dok je savezni trener bio Boris Gorjanc. Trenirao je i pod vodstvom trenera Borisa Volčanšeka od 1991. do 1992. godine te Pere Kuterovca i Marijana Čuline od 1995. do 1996. godine.

Roko Mikelin-Opara has been a member of the Sports Society of the Disabled "Hrabri" (the Brave Ones)⁸ since 1980, the same year he became the first Croatian para swimmer to participate in Paralympic Games.

In 2006, he was awarded the Order of Danica Hrvatska with the face of Franjo Bučar,⁹ and in 2013 he received the "Franjo Bučar" State Award for Sport.

He competed in the S6, SB5, and SM6 classifications and trained under coach Ivan Varivodić from 1980 to 1987, while Boris Gorjanc served as the federal coach. From 1991 to 1992 he trained with coach Boris Volčanšek, and later with Pero Kuterovac and Marijan Čulina from 1995 to 1996.

⁸ Osnovano 1969. godine s ciljem okupljanja osoba s invaliditetom svih kategorija kojima sport i rekreacija u funkciji psihofizičke rehabilitacije pomažu u svakodnevnom životu. Izvor: Pola stoljeća Sportskog društva invalida "Hrabri" 1969-2019, str. 7.

⁹ Izvor: https://narodne-novine.nn.hr/clanci/sluzbeni/2006_06_72_1724.html.

⁸ Founded in 1969 with the aim of bringing together individuals with disabilities of all categories, the organisation focuses on how sports and recreation can assist in the psychophysical rehabilitation of its members, thereby improving their daily lives. Source: Pola stoljeća Sportskog društva invalida "Hrabri" 1969 - 2019, p. 7.

⁹ Source: https://narodne-novine.nn.hr/clanci/sluzbeni/2006_06_72_1724.html

Na VI. paraolimpijskim igrama u Arnhemu (Nizozemska) 1980. godine (službeni naziv bio je Olimpijada za osobe s invaliditetom) osvojio je četiri medalje, na VII. paraolimpijskim igrama u New Yorku (SAD) 1984. (službeni naziv bio je Međunarodne igre za osobe s invaliditetom) tri medalje, na VIII. paraolimpijskim igrama u Seulu (Republika Koreja) 1988. jednu medalju, a sudjelovao je i na IX. paraolimpijskim igrama u Barceloni (Španjolska) 1992. godine. Također je bio član Zagrebačkog plivačkog kluba od 1993. do 1996. godine te je nastupio na X. paraolimpijskim igrama u Atlanti (SAD) 1996.

Uz ova velika natjecanja, ističe se i sudjelovanje na II. međunarodnim igrama za invalide u Parizu (Francuska) 1987. godine na kojima je osvojio prvo mjesto u disciplini 50m leptir i oborio svjetski rekord koji je držao četiri godine. Osvojio je i medalju na prvom svjetskom prvenstvu koje je tada nosilo naziv Svjetsko prvenstvo i igre za invalide 1990. u Assenu u Nizozemskoj.¹⁰

At the VI Paralympic Games in Arnhem, the Netherlands, in 1980 (officially named Olympics for the Disabled), he won four medals. At the VII Paralympic Games in New York, USA, in 1984 (officially named the International Games for the Disabled), he won three medals. He secured one medal at the VIII Paralympic Games in Seoul, South Korea, in 1988 and also participated at the IX Paralympic Games in Barcelona, Spain, 1992. Furthermore, he was a member of the Zagreb Swimming Club from 1993 to 1996 and competed in the X Paralympic Games in Atlanta, USA, in 1996.

In addition to these major competitions, he notably participated in the II International Games for the Disabled in Paris, France, in 1987, where he claimed first place in the 50m butterfly event and set a world record that stood for four years. He also won a medal at the first World Championships, which was then known as the World Swimming Championships and Games for the Disabled, held in Assen, the Netherlands, in 1990.¹⁰

¹⁰ Prema podacima paraolimpijca Roka Mikelina-Opare

¹⁰ According to information from Paralympian Roko Mikelin-Opara



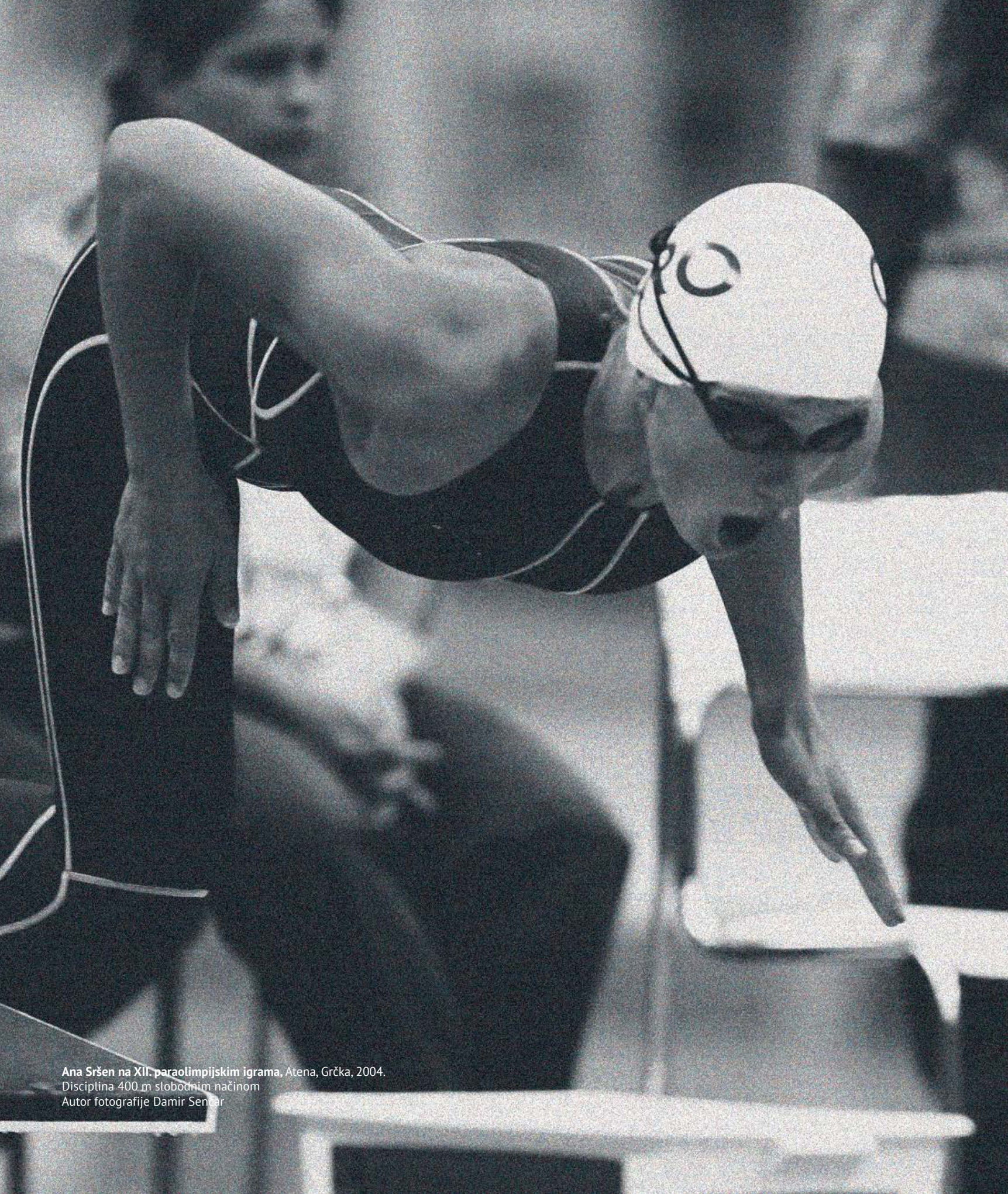
Medalja Roka Mikelina-Opare s II. međunarodnih igara za invalide, Pariz, Francuska, 1987.
promjer 7.1 cm, vrpca 42 cm
Posudba Roko Mikelin-Opara



Medalja Roka Mikelina-Opare sa VI. paraolimpijskih igara, Arnhem, Nizozemska, 1980.
promjer 5.4 cm, vrpca 44 cm
Posudba Roko Mikelin-Opara



Roko Mikelin-Opara na pripremama za VII. olimpijske igre u New Yorku, SAD, 1984.
Slijeva nadesno Roko Mikelin-Opara, Brigita Galičić, Zoltan Moldvai, Zoran Stojanović, Jože Banfi, Radomir Rakonjac
Posudba Roko Mikelin-Opara



Ana Sršen na XII. paraolimpijskim igrama, Atena, Grčka, 2004.
Disciplina 400 m slobodnim načinom
Autor fotografije Damir Sendar

ANA SRŠEN

Plivački klub Natator¹¹ djeluje od 2005., a njegova osnivačica i članica Ana Sršen prva je vrhunska parasportašica koju Hrvatski olimpijski odbor priznaje 1996. godine. Natjecala se u klasama S9, SB8 i SM9 te je nastupila na četiri POI: na X. paraolimpijskim igrama u Atlanti (SAD) 1996. godine, XI. paraolimpijskim igrama u Sydneyju (Australija) 2000., XII. paraolimpijskim igrama u Ateni (Grčka) 2004. godine te na XIII. paraolimpijskim igrama u Pekingu (Narodna Republika Kina) 2008. godine.

¹¹ Športsko rekreacijsko društvo Natator osnovano je 2003. godine, a 2005. mijenja naziv u Plivački klub Natator. Pet članova kluba nastupalo je na paraolimpijskim igrama, devet članova na svjetskim paraplivničkim prvenstvima, a 15 članova na europskim paraplivničkim prvenstvima. Članovi kluba nastupaju na igrama za osobe s intelektualnim poteškoćama Virtus. Klub Natator bio je najvažniji pokretač razvoja paraplivanja u Republici Hrvatskoj. Članovi kluba natječu se u sustavu plivanja i paraplivanja. Za rad s neplivačima klub i treneri dobitnici su Državne nagrade za obuku neplivača po Halliwickovu konceptu i metodi Freds Swim Academy (metoda učenja plivanja koja je primjerena za svaku starosnu skupinu i odvija se po trostupanjskom programu koristeći se tzv. *swimtrainer*-obručom za plivanje. Prema podacima paraolimpijke Ane Sršen.

Swimming club Natator¹¹ has been active since 2005, and its founder and member, Ana Sršen, is recognised as the first elite female parasport athlete by the Croatian Paralympic Committee in 1996. She competed in the S6, SB8, and SM9 classifications, and participated in four Paralympic Games: The X Paralympic Games in Atlanta, USA, in 1996, the XI Paralympic Games in Sydney, Australia, in 2000, the XII Paralympic Games in Athens, Greece, in 2004, and the XIII Paralympic Games in Beijing, People's Republic of China, in 2008.

¹¹ The Natator Sports and Recreational Society was established in 2003 and changed its name to Natator Swimming Club in 2005. Five club members have competed in the Paralympic Games, nine members at the World Para Swimming Championships, and 15 members at the European Para Swimming Championships. Club members also participate in the Virtus Games for individuals with intellectual impairment. Natator has been a key driver in the development of para swimming in the Republic of Croatia. Members of the club compete in both swimming and para swimming events. For their work with non-swimmers, the club and its coaches received the State Award for Teaching Non-Swimmers based on the Halliwick concept and the Freds Swim Academy method (a swimming teaching approach suitable for all age groups, conducted through a three-level programme using the so-called *swimtrainer* swimming aid), according to Paralympian Ana Sršen.

Od 1993. do 2004. bila je članica Zagrebačkog plivačkog kluba (ZPK)¹² i uspješno je surađivala s hrvatskim kondicijskim trenerom Perom Kuterovcem,¹³ s kojim je osvojila svjetsku i europsku medalju te isplivala šest svjetskih i tri europska rekorda. Kao članica PK Natator od 2004. do 2008. godine, a pod vodstvom nizozemske trenerice i olimpijke Marianne Heemskerk¹⁴ osvojila je svjetsku i europsku medalju.

From 1993 to 2004, she was a member of the Zagreb Swimming Club¹² (ZPK) and successfully collaborated with Croatian performance coach Pero Kuterovac,¹³ with whom she won both World and European Championships medals and set six world and three European records. As a member of the Natator Swimming Club from 2004 to 2008, and under the guidance of Dutch coach and Olympian Marianne Heemskerk,¹⁴ she also won one World and one European Championship medal.

Dobitnica je najvećih državnih nagrada u sportu i to: Državne nagrade za sport "Franjo Bučar" 1998. godine, Reda Danice hrvatske s likom Franje Bučara – Priznanje predsjednika RH za 1999. godinu, Reda Danice hrvatske s likom Antuna Radića – Priznanje Predsjednice RH za 2017., Godišnje nagrade za obuku neplivača Hrvatskog športskog saveza za rekreaciju "Sport za sve" 2000., Nagrade Hrvatskog sportskog saveza invalida (Hrvatskog paraolimpijskog odbora) za uključivanje velikog broja mladih s invaliditetom u plivanje 2001. te Nagrade Zagrebačkog sportskog saveza osoba s invaliditetom (koji od 2023. godine nosi naziv Zagrebački parasportski savez) za višegodišnji rad u plivanju mladih s invaliditetom 2012.¹⁵

Ana Sršen received the highest state awards in sports, including the "Franjo Bučar" State Award for Sport in 1998, the Order of Danica Hrvatska with the face of Franjo Bučar – a recognition given by the President of the Republic of Croatia for 1999, the Order of Danica Hrvatska with the face of Antun Radić – a recognition given by the President of the Republic of Croatia for 2017, the Annual Award for Teaching Non-Swimmers in 2000 from the Croatian Sports Federation for Recreation "Sport for All" in 2001. Sršen also received the Croatian Sports Association for People with Disabilities (Croatian Paralympic Committee) Award for her efforts in including many young people with disabilities in swimming. In 2012, she was given the Zagreb Sports Federation of Persons with Disabilities Award for her many years of work with young people with disabilities.¹⁵

¹² Zagrebački plivački klub osnovan je 1934. godine. Do 1941. bio je vodeći klub u plivanju i vaterpolu u gradu Zagrebu, kad i mijenja ime u Hrvatski plivački športski klub "Zagreb", koje nosi do prestanka rada 1945. godine. Podaci prikupljeni od tajnika Zagrebačkog plivačkog kluba Ante Orlovića.

¹³ Pero Kuterovac hrvatski je kondicijski trener čiji su sportaši osvojili 32 medalje na europskim i svjetskim prvenstvima i olimpijskim igrama. Izvor: <https://net.hr/sport/ostali-sportovi/kuterovac-u-studiju-net-hr-a-sportu-donio-cak-32-medalje-samo-radim-svoj-posao-f75716c8-d075-11ee-a5bb-16217f2998db>

¹⁴ Nizozemska plivačica Marianne Yvonne Heemskerk osvajačica je srebrne medalje na Olimpijskim igrama u Rimu 1960. i bila je svjetska rekorderka u disciplini 200m leptir. Izvor: www.olympics.com

¹² The Zagreb Swimming Club was established in 1934. Until 1941, it was the leading club in swimming and water polo in the city of Zagreb, at which point it changed its name to the Croatian Swimming Sports Club "Zagreb" (Hrvatski plivački športski klub "Zagreb"), a name it retained until it ceased operations in 1945, according to the secretary of the Zagreb Swimming Club, Ante Orlović.

¹³ Pero Kuterovac is a Croatian conditioning coach whose athletes have won 32 medals at European and World Championships, as well as at the Olympic Games (source: <https://net.hr/sport/ostali-sportovi/kuterovac-u-studiju-net-hr-a-sportu-donio-cak-32-medalje-samo-radim-svoj-posao-f75716c8-d075-11ee-a5bb-16217f2998db>).

¹⁴ Marianne Yvonne Heemskerk is a Dutch swimmer who won a silver medal at the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome and was a world record holder in the 200m butterfly event (source: www.olympics.com).

¹⁵ Izvor: <https://natator.hr/klub/strucni-tim/ana-srsen/>

¹⁵ Source: <https://natator.hr/klub/strucni-tim/ana-srsen/>



Gornji dio trenirke Ane Sršen s XIII. paraolimpijskih igara
Peking, Narodna Republika Kina, 2008.
54 x 67 cm
Posudba Ana Sršen



Odlikovanje Ane Sršen Redom Danice hrvatske s likom Franje Bučara
Zagreb, Hrvatska, 1999.
21 x 29.5 cm
Posudba Ana Sršen



Ana Sršen na XII. paraolimpijskim igrama
Atena, Grčka, 2004.
Autor fotografije Damir Senčar



Mihovil Španja na XIV. paraolimpijskim igrama, London, Engleska, 2012.
Disciplina 100 m prsnim načinom, klasa SB6
Autor fotografije Damir Senčar

MIHOVIL ŠPANJA

Mihovil Španja bio je član Plivačkog kluba Jug iz Dubrovnika¹⁶ od 1990. do 2012. godine, a po broju osvojenih odličja – jedanaest medalja na europskim i jedanaest na svjetskim prvenstvima te četiri medalje na paraolimpijskim igrama – najtrofejniji je parasportaš od neovisnosti Republike Hrvatske.¹⁷

Od 1999. do 2009. natjecao se u klasama S8, SB7 i SM8, dok se od 2009. godine natjecao u klasama S7, SB6 i SM7 pod vodstvom trenera Deana Kontića.¹⁸

Nastupio je na četirima POI i to na XI. paraolimpijskim igrama u Sydneyju (Australija) 2000., na XII. paraolimpijskim igrama u Ateni (Grčka) 2004., gdje je osvojio tri medalje, na XIII. paraolimpijskim igrama u Pekingu (Narodna Republika Kina) 2008. i na XIV. paraolimpijskim igrama u Londonu (Engleska) 2012., gdje je osvojio jednu medalju.

Mihovil Španja was a member of the Jug Swimming Club¹⁶ in Dubrovnik from 1990 to 2012 and is Croatia's most decorated parasport athlete since the country's independence¹⁷. He won a total of 11 medals at both the European and World Championships, as well as four medals at the Paralympic Games.

From 1999 to 2009, he competed in the S8, SB7, and SM8 classifications, and from 2009 in S7, SB6, and SM7 under the guidance of coach Dean Kontić.¹⁸

He took part in four Paralympic Games: the XI Paralympic Games in Sydney, Australia, in 2000, the XII Paralympic Games in Athens, Greece, in 2004, where he won three medals, the XIII Paralympic Games, in Beijing, the People's Republic of China, in 2008, and the XIV Paralympic Games, in London, England, in 2012, where he won one medal.

¹⁶ Športski klub Jug osnovan je kao nogometni klub 1921. godine. Godine 1923., na inicijativu vaterpolista i plivača Rudija Reša, osnovana je plivačka sekcija kluba (izvor: <https://pkjug.hr/povijest-kluba/>).

¹⁷ Prema podacima paraolimpijca Mihovila Španje

¹⁸ Prema podacima administrativne tajnice Hrvatskog paraplivackog saveza Nataše Sobočan

¹⁶ The Jug Sports Club was initially founded as a football club in 1921. In 1923, at the initiative of Rudi Reš, swimmer and water polo player, a swimming section was established withing the club (source: <https://pkjug.hr/povijest-kluba/>).

¹⁷ According to data from Paralympian Mihovil Španja.

¹⁸ According to information from by Nataša Sobočan, Administrative Secretary of the Croatian Para Swimming Association

Tijekom svoje karijere isplivao je 16 svjetskih i 18 europskih rekorda. Hrvatski paraolimpijski odbor proglasio ga je najboljim sportašem s invaliditetom za 2000., 2001., 2002., 2004., 2005., 2009. i 2010. godinu, a Hrvatski olimpijski odbor proglasio ga je najboljim sportašem s invaliditetom 2002. i 2004. godine. Godine 2004. dobio je Državnu nagradu za sport "Franjo Bučar", a 2005. godine odlikovan je i Redom Danice hrvatske s likom Franje Bučara, dok je 2009. godine odlikovan i Redom hrvatskog pletera. 2004. godine također su mu uručene nagrada i plaketa Dubrovačko-neretvanske županije za doprinos ugledu i promociji županije u zemlji i svijetu, dok mu je 2005. godine uručena nagrada Grada Dubrovnika za izuzetne uspjehe na Paraolimpijskim igrama u Ateni.¹⁹

Throughout his carrier, Mihovil Španja set 16 world and 18 European records. The Croatian Paralympic Committee named him the best athlete with disability in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2009, and 2010, while the Croatian Olympic Committee awarded him the title of top athlete with disability in 2002 and 2004. In 2004, he received the "Franjo Bučar" State Award for Sport, and in 2005, he was honoured with the Order of Danica Hrvatska with the face of Franjo Bučar, followed by the Order of the Croatian Interlace in 2009. In 2004, he also received the award and plaque of the Dubrovnik-Neretva County for his contribution to the county's reputation nationally and internationally, and in 2005, he was awarded the City of Dubrovnik Award for his outstanding achievements at the Athens Paralympic Games.¹⁹



Akreditacija Mihovila Španje s IPC-ovog europskog prvenstva u plivanju
Reykjavík, Island, 2009.
14.5 x 10 cm
Posudba Mihovil Španja



Red hrvatskog pletera dodijeljen Mihovilu Španji
8 x 4 cm, 6 x 1.5 cm, 3.7 x 1.3 cm
kutija 17 x 13 cm
Posudba Mihovil Španja



Mihovil Španja na XIV. paraolimpijskim igrama u Londonu, Engleska, 2012.
Brončana medalja, disciplina 100 m leđno, klasa S7
Autor fotografije Damir Senčar

¹⁹ Prema podacima paraolimpijca Mihovila Španje.

¹⁹ According to the Paralympian Mihovil Španja.



Kristijan Vincetić na XV. paraolimpijskim igrama u Rio de Janeiru, Brazil, 2016.
Disciplina 100 m leptir načinom
Autor fotografije Damir Senčar

KRISTIJAN VINCETIĆ

Kristijan Vincetić od 1998. godine član je Plivačkog kluba Dubrava. Do 2024. godine radio je kao trener u klubu te je bio zadužen za razvoj mlađih dobnih kategorija plivača.²⁰ Nastupao je u klasama S9, SB9 i SM9 do 2008. godine pod vodstvom trenera Roberta Vočaneca, a od 2008. pa do kraja karijere pod vodstvom trenera Igora Berislavića.²¹ Godine 2011. isplivao je svjetski rekord u disciplini 800m slobodnim načinom u klasi S9, dok je 2015. godine u istoj utrci isplivao dva svjetska rekorda u disciplinama 800m i 1500 m.

Kristijan Vincetić has been a member of the Dubrava Swimming Club since 1998. Until 2024, he worked as a coach at the club and was responsible for the development of younger age categories of swimmers.²⁰ He competed in the S9, SB9, and SM9 classifications, initially under coach Robert Vočanec until 2008, and then under coach Igor Berislavić¹² for the remainder of his career. In 2011, he set a world record in the 800m freestyle in class S9, and in 2015 he set two world records in the same race for the 800m and 1500m freestyle events.

²⁰ Klub je nastao na temeljima Školskog sportskog društva "Modra lasta" koje je djelovalo od 1981. kao Školski športski klub OŠ Marije Jurić Zagorke u Dubravi. Plivačka škola "Dubrava" nastala je iz ŠSD "Modra lasta", a promjenom zakonskih odredbi 1997. nastaje Plivački klub Dubrava. Prema podacima glasnogovornika PK Dubrava Srećka Severa

²¹ Prema podacima administrativne tajnice Hrvatskog paraplivackog saveza Nataše Sobočan

²⁰ The club originated from the School Sports Society "Modra Lasta" (Školsko sportsko društvo "Modra lasta"), which operated since 1981 as the School Sports Club at Marija Jurić Zagorka Primary School in the Zagreb neighbourhood of Dubrava. The Dubrava Swimming School developed out of "Modra lasta," and with changes in legal regulations in 1997, it became the Dubrava Swimming Club, according to Srećko Sever, PK Dubrava Spokesperson.

²¹ According to data from Nataša Sobočan, Administrative Secretary of the Croatian Para Swimming Association.

Osvojio je pet brončanih medalja na svjetskim prvenstvima u velikim i malim bazenima te jednu zlatnu, četiri srebrne i dvije brončane medalje na europskim prvenstvima. Sudjelovao je i na XIII. paraolimpijskim igrama u Pekingu (Narodna Republika Kina) 2008., na XIV. paraolimpijskim igrama u Londonu (Engleska) 2012., na XV. paraolimpijskim igrama u Rio de Janeiru (Brazil) 2016. i na XVI. paraolimpijskim igrama u Tokiju (Japan) 2020. (2021.) godine.

Za 2006. godinu dobio je nagradu Hrvatskog paraolimpijskog odbora za uspješne mlade sportaše s invaliditetom, a 2008. godine dobio je priznanje od Zagrebačkog sportskog saveza osoba s invaliditetom (od 2023. Savez se zove Zagrebački parasportski savez), dok ga je 2009. i 2010. godine taj isti Savez proglasio najboljim sportašem s invaliditetom. Također, Sportski savez Grada Zagreba dodjeljuje mu posebno priznanje za najuspješnijeg sportaša s invaliditetom u 2009., 2010. i 2011. godini. Godine 2010. dobio je nagradu "Luka Ritz" (Nasilje nije hrabrost), dok je 2015. godine dobio Državnu nagradu za sport "Franjo Bučar." U akademskoj godini 2017./2018. proglašen je najuspješnijim sportašem Kineziološkog fakulteta u Zagrebu.

U izboru HPPS-a proglašen je za najuspješnijeg paraplivača Hrvatske za 2016. i 2017. godinu.²²

Vincetić has won five bronze medals at World championships in both long and short-course pools, along with one gold, four silver, and two bronze medals at European championships. He also competed in the XIII Paralympic Games in Beijing, the People's Republic of China, in 2008, the XIV Paralympic Games in London, England, in 2012, the XV Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 2014, and the XVI Paralympic Games in Tokyo, Japan in 2020 (2021).

In 2006, he received an award for successful young athletes with disabilities. In 2008, he was recognized by the Zagreb Para Sport Association, and in 2009 and 2010, he was named the top athlete with disability by the same organisation. The Sport Association of the City of Zagreb awarded him a special recognition as the most successful athlete with disability in 2009, 2010, and 2011. He also received the "Luka Ritz – Violence is not Courage" Award in 2010, and the "Franjo Bučar" State Award for Sport in 2015. In the 2017/2018 academic year, he was named the most successful athlete of the Faculty of Kinesiology in Zagreb.

In recognition of his achievements, the Croatian Para Swimming Association named him the top para swimmer in Croatia in 2016 and 2017.²²

²⁰ Prema podacima paraolimpijca Kristijana Vincetića

²² According to data from Paralympian Kristijan Vincetić



Državna nagrada za sport "Franjo Bučar" dodijeljena Kristijanu Vincetiću
Zagreb, Hrvatska, 2015.
promjer 6.6 cm, kutija 14.5 x 14.5 cm
Posudba Kristijan Vincetić



Kristijan Vincetić na VIII. svjetskom paraplivačkom prvenstvu
Mexico City, 2017.
Autor fotografije Damir Senčar



Dino Sinovčić na XVI. paraolimpijskim igrama u Tokiju, Japan, 2020. (2021.)
Autor fotografije Damir Senčar

DINO SINOVČIĆ

Dino Sinovčić bio je član Plivačkog kluba Mornar iz Splita²³ od 2004. do 2006. godine, dok je od 2006. do 2020. bio član Plivačkog kluba Cibal, također iz Splita.²⁴ Godine 2020. vraća se u PK Mornar gdje radi i kao trener u obuci neplivača.²⁵ Do 2009. godine natjecao se u klasama S8, SB7 i SM8, od 2010. do 2018. u klasama S7, SB6 i SM7, dok se od 2018. godine do danas natječe u klasama S6, SB5 i SM6 pod vodstvom trenera Slobodana Glavčića.²⁶ Sinovčić je osvojio tri medalje na svjetskim prvenstvima te četiri medalje na europskim prvenstvima.

Dino Sinovčić was a member of the Mornar Swimming Club²³ in Split from 2004 to 2006 and joined the Cibal Swimming Club²⁴ in Split from 2006 until 2020. In 2020, he returned to Mornar, where he also works as a swim instructor for non-swimmers.²⁵ Sinovčić competed in the S8, SB7, and SM8 classifications until 2009, in S7, SB6, and SM7 from 2010 to 2018, and since 2018, he has competed in the S6, SB5, and SM6 classifications under the guidance of coach Slobodan Glavčić.²⁶ His athletic achievements include winning three medals at World Championships and four medals at European Championships.

²³ Plivački klub Mornar iz Splita osnovan je 1949. te organizirano radi od obuke neplivača do treninga plivača u svim natjecateljskim kategorijama. Prema podacima tajnice PK Mornar Edite Vrgoč
²⁴ Plivački klub Cibal osnovan je 2006. godine i djeluje na području grada Splita i Splitsko-dalmatinske županije te je punopravan član Hrvatskog paraplivačkog saveza i Parasporskog saveza Grada Splita. Klub je dobitnik skupne nagrade Splitsko-dalmatinske županije za 2014. godinu i nagrade Grada Splita za 2016. godinu zbog sportskih postignuća i zasluga u promicanju paraplivanja od najranijih uzrasta. Izvor: glavni tajnik Hrvatskog paraplivačkog saveza Miro Renić
²⁵ Prema podacima tajnice PK Mornar Edite Vrgoč i glavnog tajnika Hrvatskog paraplivačkog saveza Mire Renića
²⁶ Prema podacima administrativne tajnice Hrvatskog paraplivačkog saveza Nataše Sobočan

²³ The Mornar Swimming Club in Split was established in 1949 and offers organised training programmes, from teaching non-swimmers to training competitive swimmers across all categories, according to Mornar Swimming Club Secretary Edita Vrgoč.
²⁴ The Cibal Swimming Club was founded in 2006 and operates in the city of Split and the Split-Dalmatia County. It is a full member of the Croatian Para Swimming Association and the City of Split Para Sport Federation. In recognition of its achievements and dedication to promoting para swimming from a young age, the club received the Split-Dalmatia County Group Award in 2014 and the City of Split Award in 2016, according to the Secretary General of the Croatian Para Swimming Association, Miro Renić.
²⁵ According to Mornar Swimming Club Secretary Edita Vrgoč and Croatian Para Swimming Association Secretary-General Miro Renić
²⁶ According to Croatian Para Swimming Association Administrative Secretary Nataša Sobočan

Sudjelovao je i na XV. paraolimpijskim igrama u Rio de Janeiru (Brazil) 2016., dok je na XVI. paraolimpijskim igrama u Tokiju (Japan) 2020. (2021.) osvojio jednu medalju, kao i na XVII. Paraolimpijskim igrama u Parizu (Francuska) 2024.

Hrvatski paraolimpijski odbor (HPO) dodijelio mu je priznanje za uspješne mlade sportaše s invaliditetom za 2009. godinu.

Godine 2018. godine dobio je Državnu nagradu za sport "Franjo Bučar", dok je u izboru HPO-a proglašen najboljim parasportašem za 2019., 2021., 2022. i 2023. godinu te najboljim paraplivačem Hrvatske u izboru HPPS-a za 2018., 2019., 2021., 2022. i 2023. godinu.

Godine 2023. odlikovan je Redom Danice hrvatske s likom Franje Bučara.

Na XI. svjetskom paraplivačkom prvenstvu u Manchesteru (Engleska) održanom 2023. godine osvojio je srebrnu medalju u disciplini 100 m leđno i time se kvalificirao za XVII. paraolimpijske igre u Parizu (Francuska) 2024.²⁷

Godine 2024. na Otvorenom europskom paraplivačkom prvenstvu na otoku Madeiri (Portugal) osvojio je srebrnu medalju u disciplini 100m leđno.

He represented Croatia at the XV Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 2016, won a medal at the XVI Paralympic Games in Tokyo, Japan, in 2020 (2021), and at the XVII Paralympic Games in Paris, France, in 2024, where he also won one medal.

The Croatian Paralympic Committee awarded him recognition for promising young athletes with disabilities in 2009.

In 2018, he received the "Franjo Bučar" State Award for Sport. The Croatian Paralympic Committee named him the best parasport athlete in 2019, 2021, 2022, and 2023. He was recognised as Croatia's Best Para Swimmer by the Croatian Para Swimming Association in 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

In 2023, he was honoured with the Order of Danica Hrvatska with the face of Franjo Bučar.

At the XI World Para Swimming Championships in Manchester, England, in 2023, Sinovčić won a silver medal in the 100 m backstroke event, securing his qualification for the XVII Paralympic Games in Paris, France, in 2024.²⁷

In 2024, he won a silver medal at the European Open Para Swimming Championships, on the island of Madeira, Portugal, in the 100m backstroke event.



Akreditacija Dine Sinovčića s WPS-ovog europskog prvenstva
Dublin, Irska, 2018.
12 x 18 cm, vrpca: 40 x 1.5 cm
Posudba Dino Sinovčić

Plivačka kapica Dine Sinovčića s WPS-ovog europskog prvenstva u Dublinu 2018. i sa XVI. paraolimpijskih igara
Tokijo, Japan, 2020. (2021.)
23 x 15 cm
Posudba Dino Sinovčić



Dino Sinovčić na XVI. paraolimpijskim igrama
Tokijo, Japan, 2020. (2021.)
Autor fotografije Damir Senčar

²⁷ Prema podacima paraolimpijke Ane Sršen i paraolimpijca Dine Sinovčića

²⁷ According to information from Paralympians Ana Sršen and Dino Sinovčić

SANJA MILOJEVIĆ

Sanja Milojević bila je članica Plivačkog kluba Natator te se natjecala u klasama S9, SB8 i SM9 pod vodstvom trenera Ferdinanda Majora, dok joj je od jeseni 2008. godine trener bio Antoni Pomar. Osvojila je dvije medalje na europskom prvenstvu i jednu medalju na svjetskom prvenstvu, a godine 2009. postigla je europski rekord u malim bazenima u disciplini 1500 metara, dok je 2011. godine postigla europski rekord u velikim bazenima u disciplini 800 metara slobodno. HPO dodijelio joj je priznanje za uspješne mlade sportaše s invaliditetom za 2008. godinu, dok ju je za 2010. godinu proglasio najuspješnijom sportašicom s invaliditetom Hrvatske.²⁸

Sanja Milojević was a member of the Natator Swimming Club, competing in the S9, SB8, and SM9 classifications under coach Ferdinand Major until autumn 2008, when she began training with coach Antoni Pomar. She won two medals at the European Championships and one medal at the World Championships. In 2009, she set a European record in the 1500m event in short-course pools, and in 2011 she set a European record in the 800m freestyle in long-course pools. The Croatian Paralympic Committee (HPO) awarded her the Young Athlete with Disabilities Recognition in 2008 and named her Croatia's most successful athlete with disability in 2010.²⁸



²⁸ Prema podacima paraolimpijke Ane Sršen i administrativne tajnice Hrvatskog paraplivackog saveza Nataše Sobočan

²⁸ According to information from the Paralympian Ana Sršen and Nataša Sobočan, Administrative Secretary of the Croatian Para Swimming Association

ANTE RAĐA

Ante Rađa bio je član Plivačkog kluba Mornar iz Splita od 2004. do 2006. godine kada prelazi u Plivački klub Cipal u istome gradu. Natjecao se do 2013. godine u klasama S8, SB7 i SM8, a od 2014. godine u klasama S7, SB6 i SM7 pod vodstvom Slobodana Glavčića i Damira Radića. Osvojio je medalju na svjetskom prvenstvu.²⁹ Godine 2010. dobio je nagradu Grada Splita za najboljeg sportaša s invaliditetom, dok mu je HPO dodijelio priznanje za uspješne mlade sportaše s invaliditetom za 2010. godinu.³⁰

Ante Rađa was a member of the Mornar Swimming Club in Split from 2004 to 2006, after which he joined the Cipal Swimming Club in Split. He competed in the S8, SB7, and SM8 classifications until 2013, and has been competing in the S7, SB6, and SM7, classifications since 2014, under coaches Slobodan Glavčić and Damir Radić. Rađa won a medal at the World Championships²⁹ and was awarded the City of Split Award for the Best Para Swimmer 2010. The Croatian Paralympic Committee also awarded him the Young Athlete with Disabilities Recognition in 2010.³⁰

²⁹ Prema podacima administrativne tajnice Hrvatskog paraplivackog saveza Nataše Sobočan
³⁰ Prema podacima administrativne tajnice Hrvatskog paraplivackog saveza Nataše Sobočan, paraolimpijke Ane Sršen i paraolimpijca Ante Rađe

²⁹ According to information from Nataša Sobočan, Administrative Secretary of the Croatian Para Swimming Association
³⁰ According to information from Nataša Sobočan, Administrative Secretary of the Croatian Para Swimming Association and Paralympians Ana Sršen and Ante Rađa



Plivačka kapica Ante Rađe s VIII. svjetskog paraplivackog prvenstva
Ciudad de México, Meksiko, 2017.
23 x 19 cm
Posudba Ante Rađa



Naočale Ante Rađe s VIII. svjetskog paraplivackog prvenstva
Ciudad de México, Meksiko, 2017.
23 x 4 x 1.5 cm
Posudba Ante Rađa



Hrvatski paraolimpijski odbor dodijelio je priznanje Anti Rađi za uspješne mlade sportaše s invaliditetom
Zagreb, Hrvatska, 2011.
37 x 37 cm
Posudba Ante Rađa



Ante Rađa na VIII. svjetskom paraplivackom prvenstvu, Ciudad de México, Meksiko, 2017.
Autor fotografije Damir Senčar

EMMA MEČIĆ

Emma Mečić³¹ natječe se u klasama S9, SB8 i SM9 pod vodstvom trenera Luce Marina. Godine 2023. na XI. svjetskom paraplivačkom prvenstvu u Manchesteru (Engleska) osvojila je srebrnu medalju i time se sa samo 16 godina kvalificirala za XVII. paraolimpijske igre u Parizu (Francuska) 2024. Godine 2023. Mečić je isplivala europski rekord u disciplini 1500m slobodno u klasi S9. Godine 2024. na Otvorenom europskom paraplivačkom prvenstvu na Madeiri (Portugal) osvojila je zlatnu medalju u disciplini 400m slobodno i brončanu medalju u disciplini 100m leđno. Hrvatski paraolimpijski odbor uručio joj je nagradu za uspješne mlade sportaše s invaliditetom za 2019. godinu, a 2024. godine proglašena je najboljom hrvatskom parasportašicom. HPPS Emmu Mečić proglasio je najboljom juniorkom za 2018. i 2019. te najboljom paraplivačicom za 2023. godinu.³²

Emma Mečić³¹ competes in the S9, SB8, and SM9 classifications under the guidance of coach Luca Marin. In 2023, at the XI World Para Swimming Championships in Manchester, England, she won a silver medal, qualifying for the XVII Paralympic Games in Paris, France, in 2024 at just 16. In 2024, she won a gold medal in the 400m freestyle and a bronze in the 100m backstroke at the European Open Para Swimming Championships on the island of Madeira in Portugal. In 2023, Mečić set a European record in the 1500m freestyle in the S9 class. The Croatian Paralympic Committee recognised her as a Young Athlete with Disabilities in 2019, and in 2024, she was named Croatia's Best Parasport athlete. The Croatian Para Swimming Association (HPPS) honoured her as Best Junior in 2018 and 2019, and as Best Female Para Swimmer in 2023.³²



Akreditacija Emme Mečić s XII. svjetskog prvenstva u paraplivanju, Manchester, Engleska, 2023.
11.5 x 18 cm
Donacija Emme Mečić



Emma Mečić na XVII. paraolimpijskim igrama u Parizu, Francuska, 2024.
Disciplina 200 m mješovito
Autor fotografije Daniel Kasap

³¹ Emma Mečić rođena je 11. lipnja 2007. u Locarnu u Švicarskoj, ali članica je hrvatske paraplivačke reprezentacije od 2018. i kluba Nuoto sport Locarno iz Švicarske od 2015. (podaci iz životopisa Emme Mečić)

³² Prema podacima paraolimpijke Ane Sršen

³¹ Emma Mečić was born on June 11, 2007, in Locarno, Switzerland, but has been a member of Croatian para swimming team since 2018 and of the Nuoto Sport Locarno Club in Switzerland since 2015, according to the information from Emma Mečić's biography.

³² According to information by Paralympian Ana Sršen

PAULA NOVINA

Paula Novina članica je PK Natator, gdje je počela trenirati s nekoliko mjeseci u programu prema Halliwick konceptu. Nastupa u klasama S9, SB8 i SM9 od 2015. do srpnja 2021. godine, od kada je u klasama S8, SB8 i SM8, pod vodstvom trenera Ferdinanda Majora. Od svibnja 2021. glavni joj je trener Ivan Perzel. Finalistica je europskih i svjetskih prvenstava.

Hrvatski paraolimpijski dodijelio joj je priznanje za uspješne mlade sportaše s invaliditetom za 2014. godinu.

Godine 2024. osvojila je svoju prvu europsku medalju, bronzicu u disciplini 50m slobodno na Otvorenom Europskom paraplivlačkom prvenstvu na Madeiri (Portugal).

Iste godine dobila je priznanje Hrvatskog akademskog sportskog saveza za doprinos u razvoju studentskog sporta u RH.

U izboru HPPS-a proglašena je najboljom paraplivlačicom Hrvatske za 2018., 2019., 2021. i 2022. godinu.

Paula Novina s 20 godina kvalificirala se na Paraolimpijske igre u Parizu (Francuska) 2024., svoje druge u karijeri, a svoj paraolimpijski debi imala je na XVI. paraolimpijskim igrama u Tokiju (Japan) 2020. (2021.).³³

Paula Novina, a member of the Natator Swimming Club, began training as an infant in the Halliwick concept programme. She competed in the S9, SB8, and SM9 classes from 2015 to July 2021, and then in the S8, SB8, and SM8 classes under coach Ferdinand Major. Since May 2021, her head coach has been Ivan Perzel.

A European and World Championships finalist, Paula won her first European medal, a bronze in the 50m freestyle, at the European Open Para Swimming Championships on the island of Madeira in Portugal.

That same year, she received recognition from the Croatian Academic Sports Federation for her contribution to student sports in the Republic of Croatia.

The Croatian Para Swimming Association (HPPS) named her Croatia's Best Female Para Swimmer in 2018, 2019, 2021, and 2022.

She qualified for her second Paralympic Games in Paris, France, in 2024, after making her debut at the XVI Paralympic Games in Tokyo, Japan, in 2020 (2021).³³

³³ Prema podacima paraolimpijki Paule Novine i Ane Sršen.

³³ According to information by Paralympians Paula Novina and Ana Sršen



Medalja Paule Novine sa Europskog prvenstva u plivanju
Madiera, Portugal, 2024.
Promjer 7.5 cm, vrpca 41x2.5 cm
Posudba Paula Novina



Paula Novina na XVI. paraolimpijskim igrama
Tokijo, Japan, 2020. (2021.)
Autor fotografije Damir Senčar



DRUGI SUDIONICI NA PARAOLIMPIJSKIM IGRAMA

OTHER PARTICIPANTS
IN THE PARALYMPIC GAMES

Nataša Sobočan na XII. paraolimpijskim igrama, Atena, Grčka, 2004.
Disciplina 100 m prsnim načinom, SB6
Autor fotografije Damir Senčar

NATAŠA SOBOČAN

Nataša Sobočan bila je članica Zagrebačkog plivačkog kluba od 1998. do 2000. godine, članica Plivačkog kluba Novi Zagreb od 2000. do 2002. i članica Plivačkog kluba Natator od 2002. do 2016. godine. Natjecala se u klasama S7, SB6 i SM7 od 1998. do 1999. pod vodstvom trenera Marijana Čuline, od 1999. do 2000. pod vodstvom Roka Mikelina-Opere, od 2000. do 2001. godine pod vodstvom trenera Ivana Szabe, a od 2001. pa sve do 2016. pod vodstvom trenera Nenada Veršnika.

Sudjelovala je na šest europskih i tri svjetska prvenstva, a bila je sudionica na XII. paraolimpijskim igrama u Ateni (Grčka) 2004. i XIII. paraolimpijskim igrama u Pekingu (Narodna Republika Kina) 2008. godine.

HPPS ju je proglasio najboljom paraplivačicom za 2016. godinu.

Godine 2002. isplivala je svjetski i europski rekord u disciplini 200m prsno, dok je 2005. godine isplivala europski rekord u disciplini 1500m slobodno.

Nataša Sobočan was a member of the Zagreb Swimming Club from 1998 to 2000, a member of the Novi Zagreb Swimming Club from 2000 to 2002, and a member of the Natator Swimming Club from 2002 to 2016. She competed in the S7, SB6 and SM7 classifications and was coached by Marijan Čulina from 1998 to 1999, Roko Mikelin-Opara from 1999 to 2000, Ivan Szabo from 2000 to 2001, and Nenad Veršnik from 2001 to 2016.

She participated in six European and three World Championships and was a participant in the XII Paralympic Games in Athens, Greece, in 2004 and the XIII Paralympic Games in Beijing, the People's Republic of China, in 2008.

The Croatian Para Swimming Association named her the best swimmer of the year for 2016.

In 2002, Nataša Sobočan set a world and European record in the 200m breaststroke event, and in 2005, she set a European record in the 1500m freestyle.



Nataša Sobočan na XII. paraolimpijskim igrama
Atena, Grčka, 2004.
Autor fotografije Damir Senčar

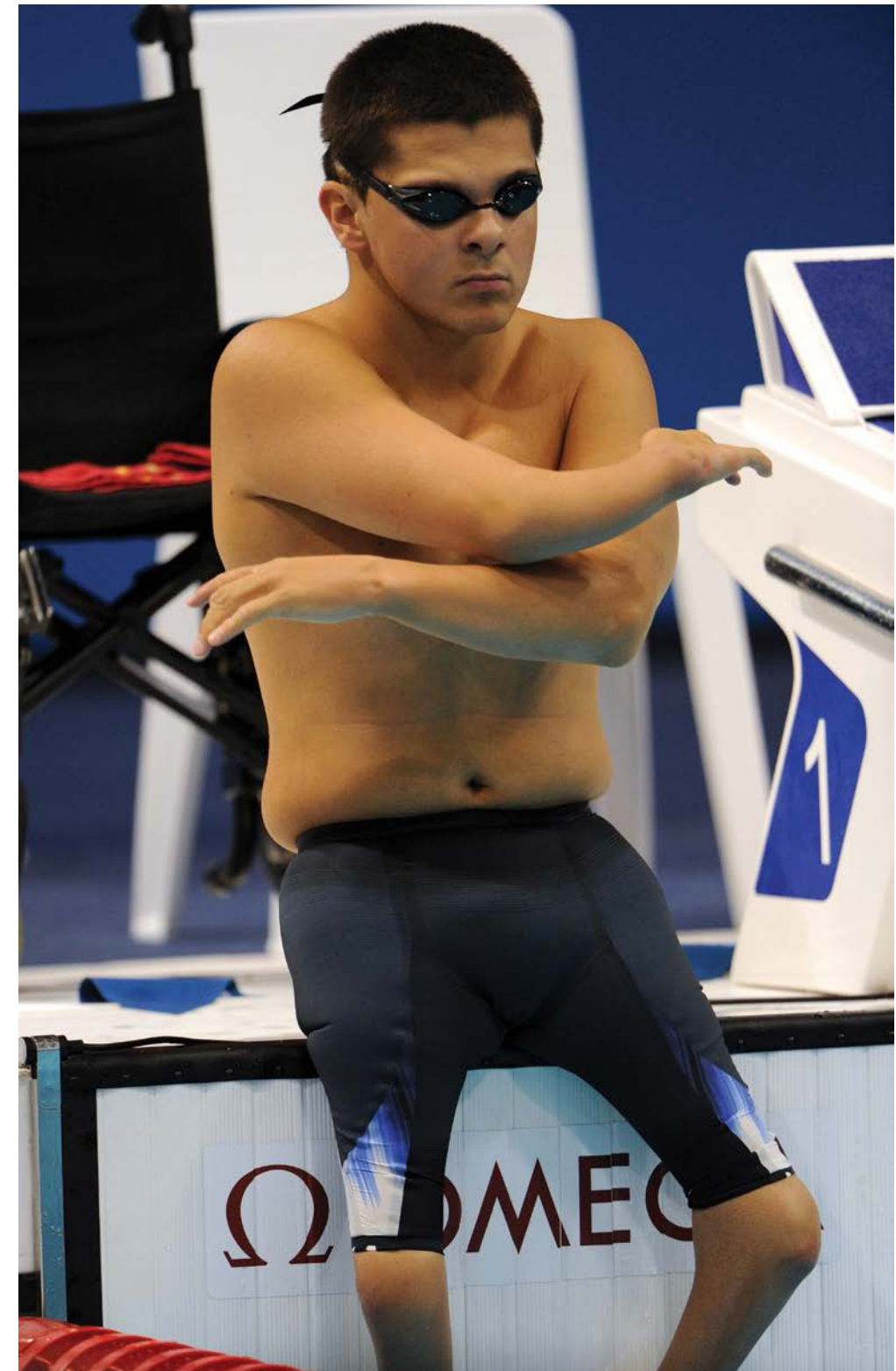
MATIJA GREBENIĆ

Matija Grebenić bio je član Zagrebačkog plivačkog kluba, najdulje pod vodstvom trenera Nenada Veršnika. Od 2005. godine bio je član Plivačkog kluba Natator pod vodstvom trenera Ferdinanda Majora. Natjecao se u klasama S5, SB5 i SM5. Sudjelovao je na tri svjetska prvenstva i na dva europska prvenstva, te je bio finalist na XIV. paraolimpijskim igrama u Londonu (Engleska) 2012. godine. Hrvatski paraolimpijski odbor dodijelio mu je priznanje za uspješne mlade sportaše s invaliditetom za 2008. godinu.³⁴

Matija Grebenić was a member of the Zagreb Swimming Club, mainly under the coaching of Nenad Veršnik. Since 2005, he was a member of the Swimming Club Natator under coach Ferdinand Major. He competed in classes S5, SB5, and SM5. He participated in three World Championships and two European Championships and was a finalist at the XIV Paralympic Games in London, England, in 2012. The Croatian Paralympic Committee awarded him recognition for successful young athletes with disabilities in 2008.³⁴

³⁴ Prema podacima paraolimpijke Ane Sršen i paraolimpijca Matije Grebenića

³⁴ According to information from Paralympians Ana Sršen and Matija Grebenić



Matija Grebenić na XIV. paraolimpijskim igrama
London, Engleska, 2012.
Autor fotografije Damir Senčar

TOMI BRAJŠA

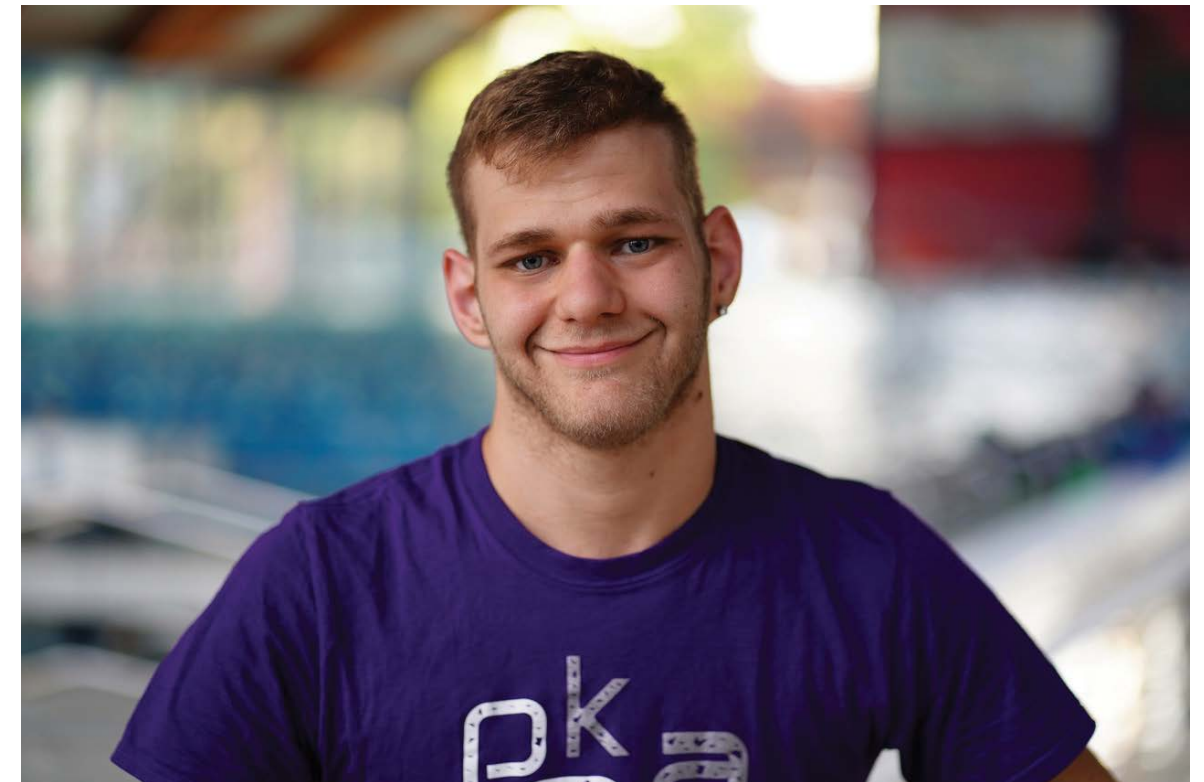
Tomi Brajša član je PK Natator, natječe se u klasama S4, SB3, SM4 do 2020. godine pod vodstvom trenera Ferdinanda Majora, od 2020. godine pod vodstvom trenera Ivana Perzela te kasnije i trenera Matije Mihalića. Finalist je pet europskih prvenstava i sudionik dva svjetska prvenstva. Njegov najznačajniji nastup sudjelovanje je na XVI. paraolimpijskim igrama u Tokiju 2020. (2021.)

Hrvatski paraolimpijski odbor dodijelio mu je priznanje za uspješne mlade sportaše s invaliditetom za 2009. godinu.³⁵

Tomi Brajša is a member of the Natator Swimming Club, competing in the S4, SB3, and SM4 classifications until 2020 under the coaching of Ferdinand Major, and from 2020 under the coaching of Ivan Perzel, and later, under coach Matija Mihalić.

He was a finalist at five European Championships and a participant in two World Championships. His most significant performance was at the XVI Paralympic Games in Tokyo, Japan, in 2020 (2021).

The Croatian Paralympic Committee awarded him recognition for successful young athletes with disabilities in 2009.³⁵



³⁵ Prema podacima paraolimpijke Ane Sršen i iz životopisa Tomija Brajše

³⁵ According to information from Paralympian Ana Sršen and the biography of Tomi Brajša.

Tomi Brajša
Autorica fotografije Sara Horvatić



DISCIPLINE U PARAPLIVANJU

Natjecanja u paraplivanju odvijaju se u slobodnom, leđnom, leptir, prsnom i mješovitom načinu plivanja te štafeti na udaljenostima koje se kreću od 50m do 800m u ženskim disciplinama i do 1500m u muškim disciplinama.³⁶

Svjetsko paraplivanje (World Para Swimming,³⁷ WPS) upotrebljava pravila World Aquatics kao osnovu za svoja pravila plivanja, uz dodatna izuzeća (Kodeks izuzeća) u skladu sa sposobnostima plivača da izvedu propisane tehnike. Svjetsko paraplivanje pod upravom je Međunarodnog paraolimpijskog odbora (International Paralympic Committee, IPC³⁸)

³⁶ Prema podacima paraolimpijke Ane Sršen

³⁷ World Para Swimming krovna je svjetska federacija za paraplivače sa sjedištem u Bonnu (Njemačka), pod upravom Međunarodnog paraolimpijskog odbora. Do 2017. zvala se IPC Swimming. Prema World Para Swimming Rules and Regulations, materijali za plivačke suce (izvor: <https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/about> i prema prikupljenim podacima paraolimpijke Ane Sršen)

³⁸ Osnovan je 1989. i djeluje kao Međunarodna federacija za parasport sa sjedištem u Bonnu (Njemačka). MPO organizira paraolimpijske igre i djeluje kao međunarodna federacija za neke sportove. 2001. MOO i MPO potpisali su sporazum s ciljem osiguranja i zaštite paraolimpijskih igara. (izvor: <https://www.paralympic.org/ipc/who-we-are>, <https://olympics.com/ioc/ipc>)

PARA SWIMMING DISCIPLINES

Competitions in para swimming take place in freestyle, backstroke, butterfly, breaststroke, individual medley, as well as relay events with distances ranging from 50 meters to 800 meters in women's events and up to 1500 meters in men's events.³⁶

World Para Swimming (WPS),³⁷ utilizes the rules set forth by World Aquatics as the foundation for its swimming regulations, with additional exceptions (Code of Exceptions) in accordance with the athletes' abilities to perform the required techniques. World Para Swimming is governed by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC).³⁸

³⁶ According to information from Paralympian Ana Sršen

³⁷ World Para Swimming is the umbrella organisation for para swimmers headquartered in Bonn, Germany, and governed by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC). Until 2017, it was known as IPC Swimming, according to the World Para Swimming Rules and Regulations, materials for swimming referees (source: <https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/about> and the data collected from Paralympian Ana Sršen)

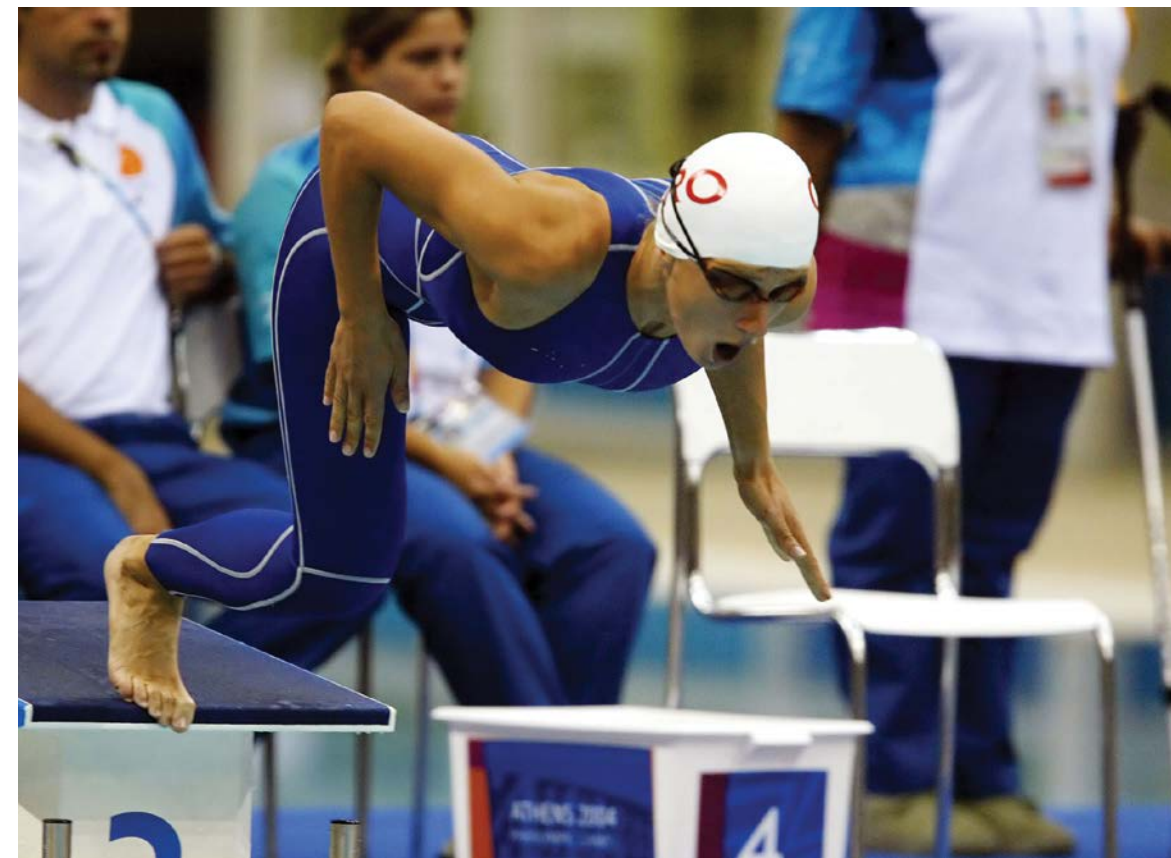
³⁸ It was established in 1989 and operates as an international federation for parasports, headquartered in Bonn, Germany. The IPC organises the Paralympic Games and acts as the international federation for several sports. In 2001, the IOC and IPC signed an agreement aimed at securing and protecting the Paralympic Games. (source: <https://www.paralympic.org/ipc/who-we-are>, <https://olympics.com/ioc/ipc>)

Utrke se odvijaju u olimpijskom bazenu sljedećih dimenzija: širina 25m i dužina 50m s osam staza, a plivači startaju na različite načine: koristeći se skokom u vodu s asistencijom i bez nje, sjedeći na startnoj platformi ili iz vode. Korišteni start najčešće ovisi o stupnju funkcionalnosti samog sportaša. Plivači su na paraolimpijskim igrama razvrstani u 14 različitih klasa.³⁹

Races are held in an Olympic-sized pool with the following dimensions: 25 meters wide and 50 meters long with eight lanes. Swimmers start in various ways: using a dive into the water with or without assistance, sitting on the starting platform, or starting from the water. The starting method often depends on the athlete's level of functionality.³⁹ At the Paralympic Games, swimmers are classified into 14 different classes.³⁹

³⁹ Izvor: <https://www.paralympic.org/feature/how-many-disciplines-are-covered-para-swimming> i prema prikupljenim podacima paraolimpijke Ane Sršen

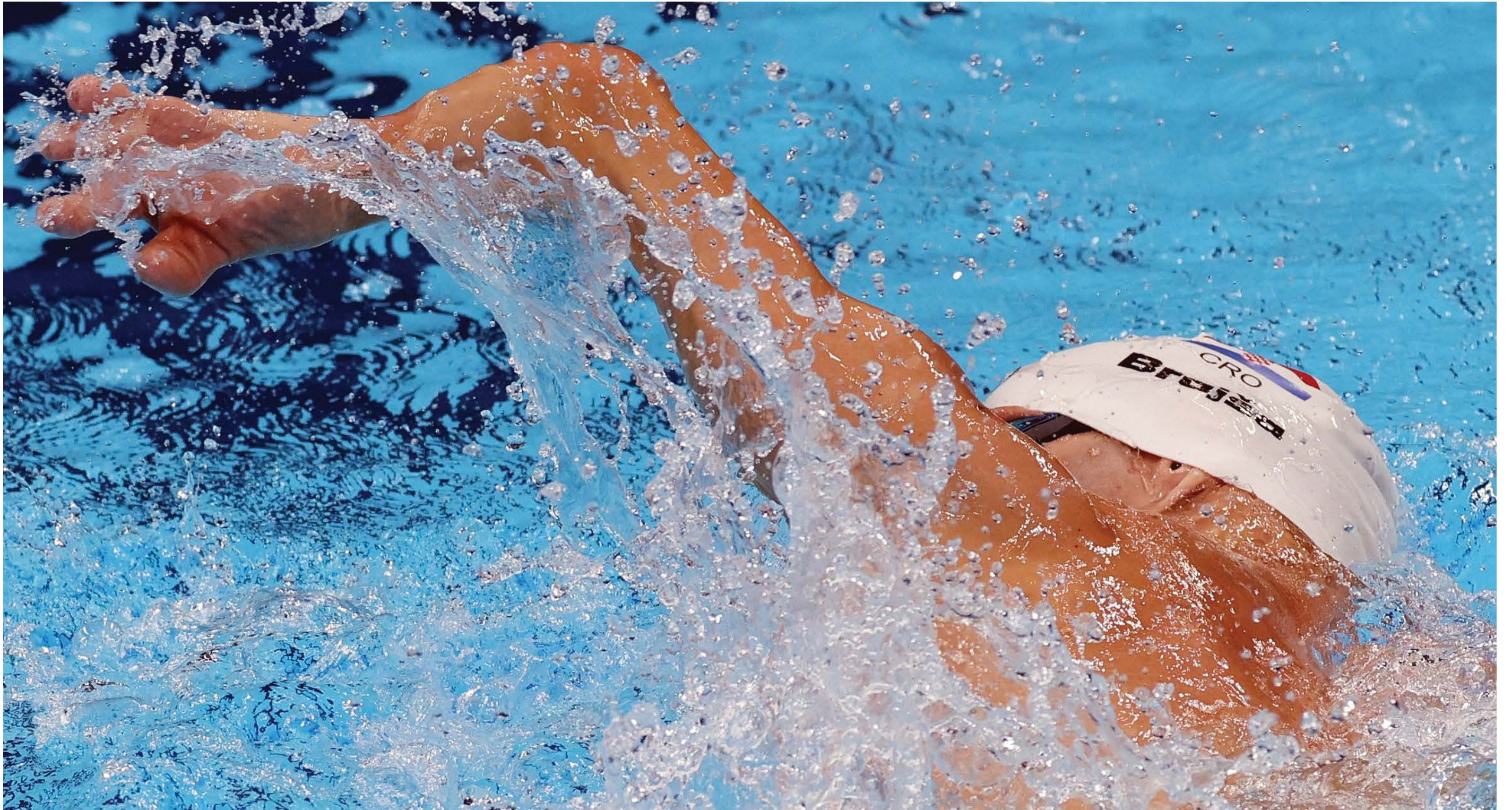
³⁹ Source: <https://www.paralympic.org/feature/how-many-disciplines-are-covered-para-swimming> and according to data collected from Paralympian Ana Sršen



Ana Sršen na XII. paraolimpijskim igrama, Atena, Grčka, 2004.
Disciplina 400 m slobodnim načinom
Autor fotografije Damir Senčar



Kristijan Vincetić na XV. paraolimpijskim igrama u Rio de Janeiru, Brazil, 2016.
Disciplina 100 m leptir načinom
Autor fotografije Damir Senčar



Tomi Brajša na XVI. paraolimpijskim igrama, Tokijo, Japan 2020. (2021.)

Disciplina 200 m slobodnim načinom, S4

Autor fotografije Damir Senčar

KLASIFIKACIJE U PARAPLIVANJU

Kako bi se očuvao integritet poštenog natjecanja, svi parasportovi imaju uspostavljen sustav koji nastoji osigurati da pobjedu određuju sportski čimbenici kao što su vještina, kondicija, snaga, izdržljivost, taktičke sposobnosti i mentalni fokus, isti čimbenici koji određuju uspjeh u sportu općenito. Ovaj sustav naziva se klasifikacija. Kroz klasifikaciju se utvrđuje koji sportaši imaju pravo natjecati se u sportu i kako se ti sportaši zatim zajedno grupiraju za natjecanje da bi se smanjio utjecaj oštećenja kod tih sportaša na sportsku izvedbu.

Grupiranje sportaša prema stupnju ograničenja aktivnosti koje proizlaze iz njihovih oštećenja naziva se sportskim razredima, klasama ili kategorijama. To je u određenoj mjeri slično grupiranju sportaša prema dobi, spolu ili težini.

Klasifikacija u cijelom paraolimpijskom pokretu regulirana je Kodeksom i standardima za klasifikaciju sportaša IPC-ja.

CLASSIFICATIONS IN PARA SWIMMING

To maintain the integrity of fair competition, all parasports have established a system that aims to ensure that victory is determined by sports factors such as skill, fitness, strength, endurance, tactical abilities, and mental focus – the same factors that determine success in sports in general. This system is called classification. Through classification, it is determined which athletes are eligible to compete in the sport and how these athletes are grouped together for competition, in order to minimise the impact of impairments on their sports performance.

Grouping athletes according to the degree of activity limitation resulting from their impairments is called Sport Classes, categories, or divisions. This is somewhat similar to grouping athletes by age, gender, or weight.

Classification across the entire Paralympic movement is regulated by the IPC's Code and Classification Standards for Athletes.

Mihovil Španja na XIV. paraolimpijskim igrama
London, Engleska, 2012.
Autor fotografije Damir Senčar

Da bi osoba bila kvalificirana za natjecanje u paraplivanju, ona mora ispunjavati kriterije utvrđene Pravilima i propisima Svjetske paraplivачke klasifikacije (WPS).

Prihvatljiva su sljedeća oštećenja:

1. Oslabljena snaga mišića
Sportaši s oslabljenom snagom mišića imaju zdravstveno stanje koje ili smanjuje ili eliminira njihovu sposobnost da dobrovoljno stegnu mišiće kako bi se pomaknuli ili generirali silu.
2. Nedostatak udova
Sportaši s nedostatkom udova imaju potpunu ili djelomičnu odsutnost kostiju ili zglobova.
3. Razlika u duljini nogu
Sportašima je skraćena duljina nogu, što je nastalo zbog traume ili urođenih razloga.
4. Nizak rast
Sportaši niskog rasta imat će smanjenu duljinu kostiju gornjih udova, donjih udova i/ili trupa.
5. Hipertonija
Sportaši s hipertonijom imaju povećanu mišićnu napetost i smanjenu sposobnost istezanja mišića uzrokovanu oštećenjem središnjeg živčanog sustava.
6. Ataksija
Sportaši s ataksijom imaju nekoordinirane pokrete uzrokovane oštećenjem središnjeg živčanog sustava.
7. Atetoz
Sportaši s atetozom imaju stalne spore pokrete.

To qualify for competition in para swimming, an individual must meet the criteria established in the World Para Swimming Classification Rules and Regulations (WPS).

The following impairments are acceptable:

1. Impaired Muscle Power
Athletes with impaired muscle power have a health condition that either reduces or eliminates their ability to voluntarily contract their muscles in order to move or to generate force.
2. Limb Deficiency
Athletes with limb deficiency have total or partial absence of bones or joints.
3. Leg Length Difference
Athletes with leg length difference have a difference in the length of their legs as a result of a disturbance of limb growth, or as a result of trauma.
4. Short Stature
Athletes with short stature have a reduced length in the bones of the upper limbs, lower limbs and/or trunk.
5. Hypertonia
Athletes with hypertonia have an increase in muscle tension and a reduced ability of a muscle to stretch caused by damage to the central nervous system.
6. Ataxia
Athletes with ataxia have uncoordinated movements caused by damage to the central nervous system.
7. Athetosis
Athletes with athetosis have continual slow involuntary movements.

8. Oštećen pasivni raspon pokreta
Sportaši s oštećenim pasivnim rasponom pokreta imaju ograničenje ili nedostatak pasivnog pokreta u jednom ili više zglobova.
9. Oštećenje vida
Sportaši s oštećenjem vida imaju smanjen ili nikakav vid uzrokovan oštećenjem strukture oka, optičkih živaca ili optičkih putova ili vidnog korteksa mozga.
10. Inteliktualne poteškoće
Sportaši s intelektualnim poteškoćama imaju ograničenje u intelektualnom funkcioniranju i adaptivnom ponašanju koje utječe na konceptualne, socijalne i praktične adaptivne vještine potrebne za svakodnevni život. Ovo oštećenje mora biti prisutno prije dobi od 18 godina.⁴⁰

8. Impaired Passive Range of Movement
Athletes with impaired passive range of movement have a restriction or a lack of passive movement in one or more joints.
9. Vision Impairment
Athletes with vision impairment have reduced or no vision caused by damage to the eye structure, optical nerves or optical pathways, or visual cortex of the brain.
10. Intellectual Impairment
Athletes with an intellectual impairment have a restriction in intellectual functioning and adaptive behaviour that affects conceptual, social, and practical adaptive skills required for everyday life. This Impairment must be present before the age of 18.⁴⁰

⁴⁰ Izvor: <https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/classification>

⁴⁰ Source: <https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/classification>

Sportske klase	Sport classes
Nazivi sportskih klasa u plivanju sastoje se od prefiksa "S" ili "SB" i broja. Prefiksi označavaju discipline, a brojevi sportske klase.	The sport class names in swimming consist of a prefix "S" or "SB" and a number. The prefixes stand for strokes (or paddling) and the number indicates the sport classes.
Prefiksi se odnose na sljedeće discipline: S slobodno, leptir i leđno SB prsno SM pojedinačno mješovito Prefiks "SM" daje se sportašima koji se natječu u pojedinačnim mješovitim disciplinama.	The prefixes stand for: S freestyle, butterfly, and backstroke events SB breaststroke SM individual medley The prefix "SM" is given to athletes competing in individual medley events.
Sportske klase S1-S10 / SB1-SB9 / SM1-SM10 odnose se na tjelesna oštećenja Postoji deset različitih sportskih razreda za sportaše s tjelesnim oštećenjem, označenih brojevima od 1 do 10. Klasifikatori procjenjuju sve funkcionalne tjelesne strukture koristeći se bodovnim sustavom te procjenjuju sportaše u vodi.	Sport Classes S1-S10 / SB1-SB9 / SM1-SM10 – Physical Impairment There are ten different sport classes based on athlete's degree of physical impairment, numbered 1 - 10. Classifiers assess all functional physical structures using a scoring system and evaluate athletes in the water.
Sportske klase S/SB11-13 – oštećenje vida Sportaši s oštećenjem vida natječu se u tri sportske klase od S/SB11 do S/SB13. S/SB11 – Ovi sportaši imaju vrlo nisku vidnu oštrinu i/ili nemaju percepciju svjetla. S/SB12 – Ovi sportaši imaju veću vidnu oštrinu od sportaša koji se natječu u sportskoj klasi S/SB11 i/ili vidno polje radijusa manjeg od 5 stupnjeva. S/SB13 – Ovi sportaši imaju najmanje oštećenje vida koje ispunjava uvjete za paraolimpijski sport. Imaju najveću vidnu oštrinu i/ili vidno polje radijusa manjeg od 20 stupnjeva.	Sport classes S/SB 11-13 – Vision Impairment Athletes with a vision impairment compete in three sport classes from S/SB11 to S/SB13. S/SB 11 – Athletes have a very low visual acuity and/or no light perception. S/SB 12 – Athletes have a higher visual acuity than athletes competing in the S/SB11 sport class and/or a visual field of less than 5 degrees radius. S/SB 13 – Athletes have the least severe vision impairment eligible for Paralympic sport. They have the highest visual acuity and/or a visual field of less than 20 degrees radius.

Da bi se osiguralo pošteno natjecanje, sportaši u sportskoj klasi S/SB11 moraju nositi zacrnjene naočale.
Da bi se osigurala sigurnost, svi plivači u sportskoj klasi S/SB11 moraju se koristiti *tapperom*,⁴¹ a plivači u sportskim klasama S/SB12 i S/SB13 mogu odabrati žele li ga upotrebljavati ili ne.

Sportske klase S/SB14 – intelektualne poteškoće

Plivači S14 imaju intelektualne poteškoće, što obično dovodi do toga da sportaši imaju poteškoća s prepoznavanjem uzoraka i pamćenjem ili da imaju sporije vrijeme reakcije, što utječe na njihovu sportsku izvedbu.⁴²

In order to ensure a fair competition, athletes in the S/SB11 sport class are required to wear blackened goggles.
To ensure safety all S/SB11 swimmers must use a *tapper*,⁴¹ swimmers in the S/SB12 and S/SB13 sport classes may choose whether or not they wish to use one.

Sport classes S/SB 14 – Intellectual Impairment

S14 swimmers have an intellectual impairment, which typically leads to the athletes having difficulties with regards to pattern recognition, sequencing, and memory, or having a slower reaction time, all of which can impact sports performance in general.⁴²

⁴⁰ Izvor: <https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/classification>
⁴¹ Tapper (eng.) osoba koja plivaču daje do znanja kada se približava kraju bazena tako što ga dodirne jedanput ili dvaput.
Izvor: <https://www.paralympic.org/news/how-do-visually-impaired-swimmers-know-where-their-opponents-are>, <https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/tapper#:~:text=noun;1,a%20pipe%2C%20nut%2C%20etc>
⁴² <https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/classification>

⁴⁰ Source: <https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/classification>
⁴¹ The term "tapper" refers to a person who signals a swimmer when they are approaching the end of the pool by tapping them once or twice
Source: <https://www.paralympic.org/news/how-do-visually-impaired-swimmers-know-where-their-opponents-are>, <https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/tapper#:~:text=noun;1,a%20pipe%2C%20nut%2C%20etc>
⁴² Source: <https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/classification>



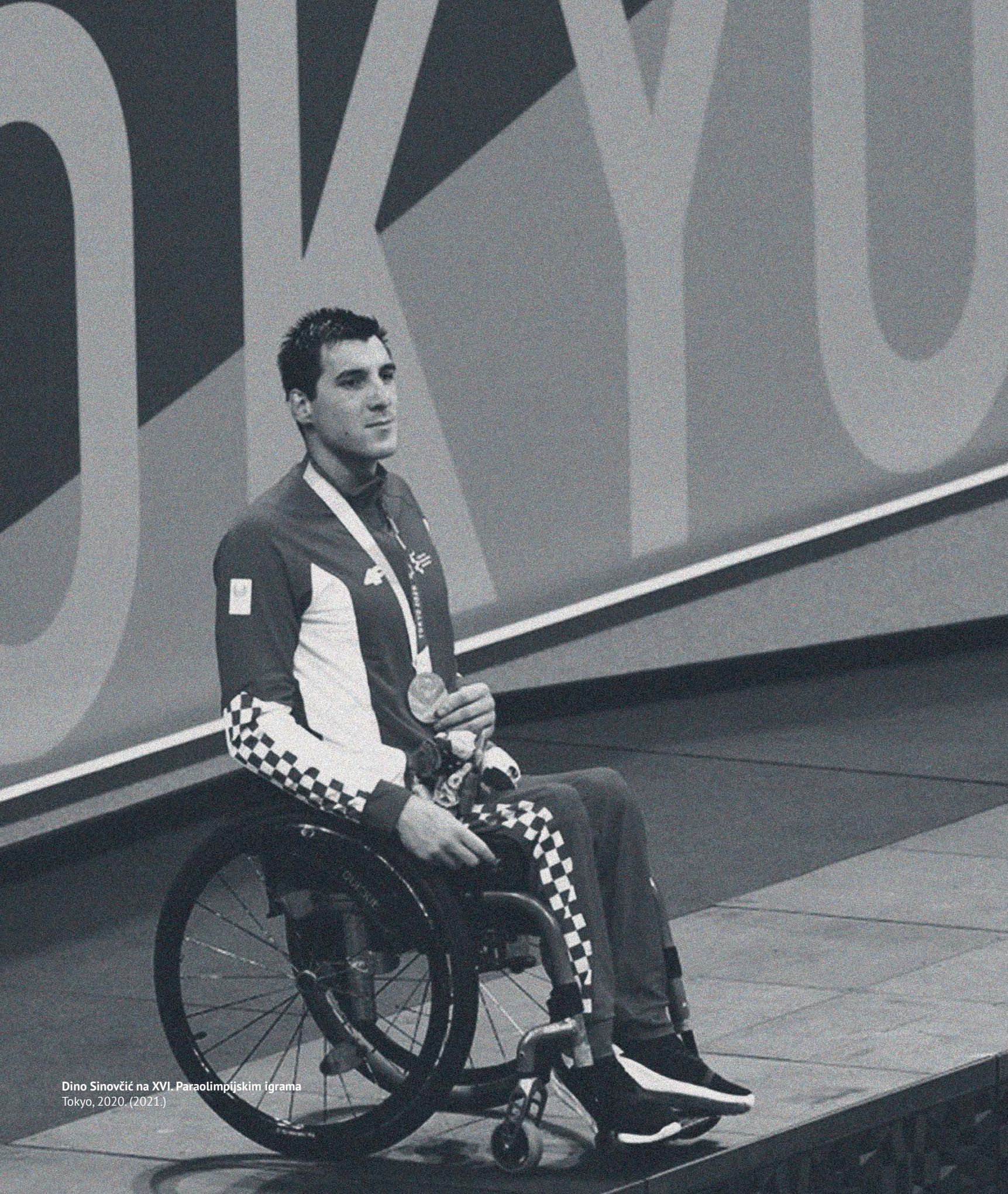
Nataša Sobočan na XII. paraolimpijskim igrama, Atena, Grčka, 2004.
Disciplina 100 m prsnim načinom, SB6
Autor fotografije Damir Senčar



Mihovil Španja na XIV. paraolimpijskim igrama, London, Engleska, 2012.
Disciplina 100 m prsnim načinom, klasa SB6
Autor fotografije Damir Senčar



Matija Grebenić na XIV. paraolimpijskim igrama, London, Engleska, 2012.
Autor fotografije Damir Senčar



Dino Sinovčić na XVI. Paraolimpijskim igrama
Tokyo, 2020. (2021.)

PARAOLIMPIJSKE IGRE

Tijekom Drugog svjetskog rata, točnije 1944. godine, dr. Ludwig Guttmann na zahtjev britanske vlade otvorio je centar za ozljede kralježnice u bolnici Stoke Mandeville u Velikoj Britaniji, a s vremenom je rehabilitacijski sport postao rekreativni, na kraju i natjecateljski.

Na dan otvaranja Olimpijskih igara u Londonu (Engleska) 1948. godine, dr. Guttmann organizirao je prvo natjecanje za sportaše u invalidskim kolicima koje je nazvao Igre Stoke Mandeville. U natjecanju je sudjelovalo 16 natjecatelja u streličarstvu. To je ujedno označilo i početak razvoja paraolimpijskog sporta.⁴³ Prve međunarodne igre Stoke Mandeville održane su 1952. godine. Tada su se uz britanske timove natjecali i veterani iz Nizozemske. Igre su se 1954. godine nastavile razvijati i tada je na njima sudjelovalo 14 zemalja. Većina sudionika, od kojih su svi bili paraplegičari, dolazila je iz bolnica ili rehabilitacijskih centara čiji su ravnatelji slijedili primjer Stoke Mandevillea i uključili su sport u svoje programe.

⁴³ <https://www.paralympic.org/ipc/history>

PARALYMPIC GAMES

During the Second World War, in 1944, at the request of the British Government, Dr. Ludwig Guttmann opened a spinal injuries centre at the Stoke Mandeville Hospital in Great Britain, and in time, rehabilitation sport evolved to recreational sport and then to competitive sport.

At the Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Games in London, England, in 1948, Dr. Guttmann organised the first competition for wheelchair athletes, which he named the Stoke Mandeville Games. The games involved 16 athletes competing in archery. This also marked the beginning of the development of Paralympic sports.⁴³

The first international Stoke Mandeville Games were held in 1952. At that time, Dutch ex-servicemen also competed alongside British teams. The games continued to develop in 1954, with participation from 14 countries.

Most of the participants, all of whom were paraplegics, came from hospitals or rehabilitation centres whose directors followed the example of Stoke Mandeville and incorporated sports in their programmes.

⁴³ Source: <https://www.paralympic.org/ipc/history>

Godine 1959. osnovan je Međunarodni odbor igara Stoke Mandeville (The International Stoke Mandeville Games Committee), koji je bio odgovoran za organizaciju igara, dok je 1972. godine naziv izmijenjen u Međunarodnu federaciju igara Stoke Mandevillea (The International Stoke Mandeville Games Federation (ISMGF)). Od 1990. godine postaje Međunarodna organizacija sportova u invalidskim kolicima Stoke Mandeville (The International Stoke Mandeville Wheelchair Sports Federation, ISMWSF).⁴⁴

IX. međunarodne igre Stoke Mandeville, koje se smatraju prvim Paraolimpijskim igrama,⁴⁵ održale su se u Rimu (Italija) 1960. godine, a upravo je paraplivanje bilo jedan od osam sportova koji su se našli na sportskom programu.

Tada je sudjelovalo 77 plivača s ozljedama leđne moždine iz ukupno 15 zemalja, a za medalje su se natjecali u 62 natjecanja. Najveća prijeđena udaljenost kod plivača bila je 50 m, a discipline su uključivale leđno, prsno, slobodno i mješovito za plivače s ozljedom kralježnice.⁴⁶

In 1959, the International Stoke Mandeville Games Committee was established, responsible for organising the games, while in 1971 the name was changed to the International Stoke Mandeville Games Federation (ISMGF). From 1990, it became the International Stoke Mandeville Wheelchair Sports Federation (ISMWSF).⁴⁴ The IX International Stoke Mandeville Games, considered the first Paralympic Games,⁴⁵ were held in Rome, Italy, in 1960, and swimming was one of the eight sports included in the sports programme.

In those games, 77 swimmers with spinal cord injuries from a total of 15 countries participated, competing in 62 events for medals. The longest distance swum by athletes was 50 meters, and the disciplines included backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle, and individual medley for swimmers with spinal injuries.⁴⁶

⁴⁴ Izvor: https://www.paralympic.org/sites/default/files/document/120209103536284_2012_02_History%2Bof%2BParalympic%2BMovement.pdf.

⁴⁵ Paraolimpijske igre u Rimu 1960. godine nazivaju se "Paraolimpijskim igrama" samo retrospektivno. One ispunjavaju niz kriterija koji su potrebni da bi se smatrale paraolimpijskima, a to znači da su održane na međunarodnoj razini koja uključuje sportaše iz više zemalja koji se natječu u različitim sportovima i da imaju raznolik sustav klasifikacija koji omogućuje natjecanje osobama s različitim vrstama invaliditeta. Tadašnji službeni naziv natjecanja bio je IX. međunarodne igre Stoke Mandeville. Podaci prikupljeni putem elektroničke pošte od voditelja paraolimpijskog arhiva, knjižnice i informacija Jana Coenena, 13.1. 2023.

⁴⁶ Izvor: <https://natator.hr/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Lets-Swim-Including-children-and-adults-with-disabilities-through-swimming.pdf>, str 22

⁴⁴ Source: https://www.paralympic.org/sites/default/files/document/120209103536284_2012_02_History%2Bof%2BParalympic%2BMovement.pdf

⁴⁵ The Paralympic Games held in Rome in 1960 were only subsequently named the "Paralympic Games." They fulfil a number of criteria necessary for these games to be considered Paralympic, meaning that they are at an international level, include athletes from multiple countries competing in various sports, and have a diverse classification system that allows competition among different types of persons with disabilities. The official name of the competition at that time was the IX International Stoke Mandeville Games, according to data collected via email from the head of the Paralympic archive, library, and information, Jan Coenen, on January 13, 2023.

⁴⁶ Source: <https://natator.hr/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Lets-Swim-Including-children-and-adults-with-disabilities-through-swimming.pdf>, p. 22

Iste te godine, 1960., pod okriljem Svjetske federacije bivših vojnika, osnovana je Međunarodna radna skupina za sport za osobe s invaliditetom. Tako je 1964. godine osnovana Međunarodna sportska organizacija za osobe s invaliditetom (International Sport Organisation for the Disabled, ISOD) koja je omogućila uključivanje svih onih sportaša koji nisu mogli sudjelovati na Međunarodnim igrama u Stoke Mandevilleu – osobe s oštećenjem vida, amputacijama, cerebralnom paralizom i paraplegičare.⁴⁷ Godine 1976. službeni naziv igara u Torontu (Kanada) bio je Torontolympiad⁴⁸ ili Olimpijada za osobe s tjelesnim invaliditetom,⁴⁹ gdje su osobe s amputacijama te slijepi i slabovidni sportaši po prvi puta bili uključeni u plivački program. Godine 1980. na Olimpijadi za osobe s invaliditetom 1980. u Arnhemu (Nizozemska) uključeni su i sportaši s cerebralnom paralizom.⁵⁰ Na toj manifestaciji, na Olimpijadi za osobe s invaliditetom u Arnhemu,⁵¹ prvi put je predstavljena maskota koju je osmislio dizajner Necky Oprinsen iz Nizozemske, a predstavljala je par vjeverica koje su se zvale Noggi i Joggi.⁵² Tada je nastupio i prvi hrvatski paraplivatelj, Roko Mikelin-Opara, koji je osvojio tri srebrne medalje u disciplinama 100m slobodno, 100m leđno i 150m mješovito, kao i brončanu medalju u disciplini 100m prsno.

⁴⁷ Izvor: <https://www.paralympic.org/ipc/history>

⁴⁸ Prema podacima na službenim stranicama IPC-ja ovo su bile V. paraolimpijske igre, <https://www.paralympic.org/paralympic-games/summer-overview>, veljača 2024.

⁴⁹ Podaci prikupljeni putem elektroničke pošte od voditelja paraolimpijskog arhiva, knjižnice i informacija Jana Coenena, 13. 1. 2023.

⁵⁰ Izvor: <https://natator.hr/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Lets-Swim-Including-children-and-adults-with-disabilities-through-swimming.pdf>

⁵¹ Prema podacima na službenim stranicama IPC-ja ovo su bile VI. paraolimpijske igre, <https://www.paralympic.org/paralympic-games/summer-overview>, veljača 2024.

⁵² Izvor: <https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/arnhem-1980/>

In the same year, 1960, under the auspices of the World Federation of Ex-Servicemen, an International Working Group on Sport for the Disabled was established. It led to the formation, in 1964, of the International Sport Organisation for the Disabled (ISOD), which offered opportunities for those athletes who could not participate in the International Stoke Mandeville Games: vision impaired, amputees, persons with cerebral palsy, and paraplegics.⁴⁷

In 1976, the official name of the games in Toronto, Canada, was the "Torontolympiad" or the Olympics for Physically Disabled Persons,^{48,49} where athletes with amputations, as well as blind and visually impaired athletes, were included in the swimming programme for the first time. In 1980, at the Olympics for the Disabled held in Arnhem, the Netherlands, athletes with cerebral palsy also competed.⁵⁰

In 1980, at the Olympics for the Disabled held in Arnhem,⁵¹ the first mascot was introduced, designed by Dutch designer Necky Oprinsen, representing a pair of squirrels named Noggi and Joggi.⁵² It was also the debut of the first Croatian para swimmer, Roko Mikelin-Opara, who won three silver medals in the 100m freestyle, 100m backstroke, and 150m individual medley events, as well as a bronze medal in the 100m breaststroke.

⁴⁷ Source: <https://www.paralympic.org/ipc/history>

⁴⁸ According to the official IPC webpage, those were the 5th Paralympic Games; <https://www.paralympic.org/paralympic-games/summer-overview>, February 2024

⁴⁹ Information was gathered by email from Jan Coenen, manager of the Paralympic archive, library and information, on January 13, 2023

⁵⁰ Source: <https://natator.hr/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Lets-Swim-Including-children-and-adults-with-disabilities-through-swimming.pdf>

⁵¹ According to the official IPC webpage, those were the 6th Paralympic Games; <https://www.paralympic.org/paralympic-games/summer-overview>, February 2024

⁵² Source: <https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/arnhem-1980/>

Godine 1978. i 1980. osnovane su Međunarodna udruga za sport i rekreaciju cerebralne paralize (Cerebral Palsy International Sports and Recreation Association, CPISRA) i Međunarodna sportska federacija za slijepe (International Blind Sports Federation, IBSA), dok je 1982. godine osnovan Međunarodni koordinacijski odbor za sport osoba s invaliditetom u svijetu (International Co-coordinating Committee Sports for the Disabled in the World, ICC). Međunarodni paraolimpijski odbor (International Paralympic Committee, IPC) osnovan je 22. rujna 1989. u Düsseldorfu (Njemačka), dok je od 1999. godine sjedište IPC-ja u Bonnu (Njemačka).

Riječ "paraolimpijski" potječe od grčke riječi "para", što znači "pored" i riječi "olimpijski", što označava da su Paraolimpijske igre paralelne Olimpijskim igrama te da ta dva pokreta stoje jedan uz drugoga.⁵³

In 1978 and 1980, the Cerebral Palsy International Sports and Recreation Association (CPISRA) and the International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA) were established, while in 1982, the International Co-coordinating Committee for Sports for the Disabled in the World (ICC) was founded.

The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) was established on September 22, 1989, in Düsseldorf, Germany, and since 1999, its headquarters have been in Bonn, Germany.

The term "Paralympic" derives from the Greek preposition "para" (alongside) and the word "Olympic", indicating that the Paralympic Games run parallel to the Olympic Games and that these two movements stand alongside each other.⁵³

Godina 1984. jedina je godina kad su igre nosile naziv Međunarodne igre za osobe s invaliditetom u New Yorku (SAD),^{54,55} a Roko Mikelin-Opara tada je osvojio zlatnu medalju u štafeti 4x50m mješovito i dvije brončane medalje u disciplinama 100m leđno i 100m slobodno. Članovi štafete bili su Jože Banfi, Roko Mikelin-Opara, Zoltan Moldvai i Radomir Rakonjac.⁵⁶ Na ovim igrama predstavljena je maskota dizajnerice Maryanne McGrath Higgins pod nazivom Dan D. Lion i to u opremi za trčanje.⁵⁷

The year 1984 is the only year when the games were named the International Games for the Disabled New York, USA.^{54,55} There, Roko Mikelin-Opara won a gold medal in the 4x50m medley relay and two bronze medals in the 100m backstroke and 100m freestyle events. The members of the relay team were Jože Banfi, Roko Mikelin-Opara, Moldvaj Zoltan, and Radomir Rakonjac.⁵⁶ At these games, the mascot designed by Maryanne McGrath Higgins named Dan D. Lion was presented, dressed in running gear.⁵⁷

⁵⁴ Podaci prikupljeni putem elektroničke pošte od voditelja paraolimpijskog arhiva, knjižnice i informacija Jana Coenena, 13. 1. 2023. i paraolimpijca Roka Mikelina Opare, 4. 1. 2024.

⁵⁵ Prema podacima sa službenih stranica IPC-ja, ovo su bile VII. paraolimpijske igre te je u nazivu navedeno Stoke Mandeville i New York. U početku su se četiri skupine invaliditeta trebale zajedno natjecati u SAD-u jer je MOO 1977. godine najavio da će se Olimpijske igre održati u Los Angelesu 1984., ali neovisne sportske organizacije s invaliditetom nisu imale formalne odnose s Olimpijskim organizacijskim odborom. Stoga je 1980. Američka nacionalna udruga sportaša u invalidskim kolicima pridružena Međunarodnoj federaciji igara Stoke Mandevilleu objavila da će održati vlastite igre za sportaše u invalidskim kolicima u Stoke Mandevilleu. Ostale tri skupine osoba s invaliditetom odabrale su New York kao mjesto održavanja igara. (izvor: <https://www.paralympic.org/paralympic-games/summer-overview>, veljača 2024., <https://www.paralympic.org/stoke-mandeville-new-york-1984>, veljača 2024.)

⁵⁶ Prema podacima paraolimpijca Roka Mikelina Opare, 4. 1. 2024.

⁵⁷ Izvor: <https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/new-york-1984/>

⁵⁴ Information was gathered by email from Jan Coenen, manager of the Paralympic archive, library, and information, on January 13, 2023, and from Paralympic athlete Roko Mikelin-Opara on January 4, 2024

⁵⁵ According to the official IPC webpage, those were the 7th Paralympic Games, and both Stoke Mandeville and New York were specified in their names. Initially, the four disability groups at the time were supposed to compete together in the USA, as the IOC had announced in 1977 that the 1984 Olympic Games would be held in Los Angeles. However, the independent sports organisations for athletes with disabilities had no formal relations with the Olympic Organising Committee. Therefore, in 1980, the American National Wheelchair Athletic Association, an affiliated organisation of the International Stoke Mandeville Games Federation, announced it would hold its own Games for wheelchair athletes in Stoke Mandeville. The other three impairment groups chose New York as their Games venue. (source: <https://www.paralympic.org/paralympic-games/summer-overview>, February 2024, <https://www.paralympic.org/stoke-mandeville-new-york-1984>, February 2024)

⁵⁶ According to information from Paralympian Roko Mikelin-Opara, January 4, 2024

⁵⁷ Source: <https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/new-york-1984/>

⁵³ Izvor: <https://www.paralympic.org/ipc/history>

⁵³ Source: <https://www.paralympic.org/ipc/history>

Godine 1988.⁵⁸ Međunarodne igre za osobe s invaliditetom mijenjaju naziv u Paraolimpijske igre^{59,60} te su održane u Seoulu (Republika Koreja), što je bio prvi put da se održavaju u istom gradu kao i Olimpijske igre. Mikelin-Opara tada je osvojio brončanu medalju u disciplini 100m leđno. Ondje je predstavljena i maskota Gomdoori čije je ime izvedeno iz korejske riječi za plišanog medvjedića. Maskota dizajnerice Lee Yun-Soo prikazana je kao par medvjeda povezanih nogama, što simbolizira sposobnost prevladavanja nevolje kroz suradnju i poticanje čovječanstva na miran i skladan zajednički rad.⁶¹ Sâm pojam Paraolimpijskih igara prvi put se pojavio u tisku na materijalima proizvedenim za Paraolimpijske igre u Tokiju 1964. godine.^{62,63}

In 1988,⁵⁸ the International Games for the Disabled changed their name to the Paralympic Games,^{59,60} and were held in Seoul, South Korea, marking the first time they took place in the same city as the Olympic Games. Mikelin-Opara won a bronze medal in the 100m backstroke at these Paralympic Games. The mascot Gomdoori was introduced, its name derived from the Korean word for "teddy bear." Designed by Lee Yun-Soo, the mascot was depicted as a pair of bears with their legs tied together, symbolising the ability to overcome adversity through cooperation and encouraging humanity to work together peacefully and harmoniously.⁶¹ The term "Paralympic Games" first appeared in print in materials produced for the 1964 Paralympic Games held in Tokyo, Japan.^{62,63}

⁵⁸ Paraolimpijski simbol uključivao je tae-geuk, korejski ukrasni motiv koji se prema istočnjačkoj filozofiji odnosi na krajnju stvarnost iz koje potječu sve stvari i vrijednosti. Prvi je put upotrebljen na Paraolimpijskim igrama u Seoulu (Republika Koreja)1988. godine. Logotip se sastojao od pet tae-geukova u bojama sličnim bojama olimpijskih krugova (plavoj, crnoj, crvenoj, žutoj i zelenoj). Ovaj logotip bio je u upotrebi do Zimskih paraolimpijskih igara u Lillehammeru (Norveška) 1994. godine. Na IPC-ovom svjetskom prvenstvu, kako bi se napravila veća razlika u odnosu na olimpijski simbol, korišten je paraolimpijski logo s tri tae-geuka s motom "Um, tijelo, duh". Ovaj logotip koristio se do svečanosti zatvaranja Paraolimpijskih igara u Ateni 2004. godine. Godine 2003. tvrtka Sholtz and Friends modernizirala je postojeće tae-geukove tako što je upotrijebila trenutni paraolimpijski logotip te ga prikazala u zaokruženiem stilu, istovremeno zadržavajući postojeće boje: plavu, crvenu i zelenu, dok bi Agitos (paraolimpijski simbol koji označava vizualan prikaz paraolimpijskog pokreta i potječe od latinskog izraza "krećem se") uključivao i naziv IPC. Ovaj simbol predstavlja i novi moto "Duh u pokretu" te je prvi put predstavljen na svečanosti zatvaranja Paraolimpijskih igara u Ateni 2004., dok je prilikom predaje zastave Pekingu korištena zastava s novim logotipom. Godine 2019. IPC je surađivao s londonskom dizajnerskom agencijom North te je paraolimpijski simbol ponovno nacrtan tako da je svaki od tri pojedinačna elementa isti. Razmaci i geometrija također su pročišćeni tako da se tri elementa sad okreću oko zajedničke središnje točke. IPC je usvojio crvenu, plavu i zelenu boju (kao najzastupljenije u nacionalnim zastavama diljem svijeta) kakve koristi Međunarodni olimpijski odbor u olimpijskim krugovima. Kreiran je i novi narativ "Promjena počinje sa sportom". Izvor: <https://www.paralympic.org/logo>.

⁵⁹ Podaci prikupljeni putem elektroničke pošte od voditelja paraolimpijskog arhiva, knjižnice i informacija Jana Coenena, 13. 1. 2023.

⁶⁰ Prema podacima na službenim stranicama IPC-ja, ovo su bile VIII. paraolimpijske igre (izvor: <https://www.paralympic.org/paralympic-games/summer-overview>, veljača 2024.).

⁶¹ Izvor: <https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/seoul-1988/>

⁶² Podaci prikupljeni putem elektroničke pošte od voditelja paraolimpijskog arhiva, knjižnice i informacija Jana Coenena, 13.01. 2023.

⁶³ Prema podacima na službenim stranicama IPC-ja, ovo su bile II. paraolimpijske igre (izvor: <https://www.paralympic.org/paralympic-games/summer-overview>, veljača 2024.)

⁵⁸ The Paralympic symbol was based on "taegeuk," a decorative element that, according to Oriental philosophy, designates the ultimate reality from which all things and values emerge. This symbol was first used at the 1988 Paralympic Games held in Seoul, South Korea. The logo features five "taegeuks" in colours similar to the Olympic rings: blue, black, red, yellow, and green. This logo remained in use until the Paralympic Winter Games in Lillehammer, Norway, 1994. For the IPC World Championships, a Paralympic logo with three "taegeuks" was chosen along with the motto "Mind, Body, Spirit" to emphasise the distinction from the Olympic symbol. This logo was used until the closing ceremony of the 2004 Paralympic Summer Games in Athens, Greece. In 2003, the agency Scholz and Friends modernised the existing "taegeuks," retaining the Paralympic logo but giving it a more circular shape while keeping the colours blue, red, and green. The updated logo, known as Agitos (from Latin "I move"), included the name IPC. This symbol also represented a new motto, "Spirit in Motion," and was introduced for the first time at the closing ceremony of the 2004 Paralympics in Athens, Greece, where the flag was handed over to Beijing, marked with the new logo.

In 2019, the IPC collaborated with the London design agency North, which redrew the Paralympic symbol, making the three elements more similar in appearance. The distance between them and their geometry were simplified, with the three elements now rotating around a common central point. The IPC adopted red, blue, and green, three colours that are most widely represented in national flags around the world, the same colours used by the International Olympic Committee for the Olympic rings. A new brand narrative was also created: "Change Starts with Sport." (source: <https://www.paralympic.org/logo>).

⁵⁹ Information was gathered by email from Jan Coenen, manager of the Paralympic archive, library, and information, on January 13, 2023.

⁶⁰ According to the official IPC webpage, those were the VIII Paralympic Games (source: <https://www.paralympic.org/paralympic-games/summer-overview>, February 2024).

⁶¹ Source: <https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/seoul-1988/>.

⁶² Information was gathered by email from Jan Coenen, manager of the Paralympic archive, library, and information, on January 13, 2023.

⁶³ According to the official IPC webpage, those were the II Paralympic Games (source: <https://www.paralympic.org/paralympic-games/summer-overview>, February 2024)

Godine 1992. na otvorenju IX. paraolimpijskih igara u Barceloni (Španjolska) Roko Mikelin-Opara nosi hrvatsku zastavu, pod kojom je i nastupao, što je bilo prvo sudjelovanje hrvatskih parasportaša na paraolimpijskim igrama od uspostave neovisnosti Republike Hrvatske.⁶⁴ Na ovim igrama predstavljena je maskota Petra dizajnera Javiera Mariscala koja prikazuje pozitivnu, ekstrovertiranu, neovisnu, energičnu i hrabru djevojku bez ruku.⁶⁵

Na X. paraolimpijskim igrama u Atlanti (SAD) 1996. sudjelovali su Ana Sršen i Roko Mikelin-Opara, a tada je predstavljena maskota dizajnera Trevora Irvina nazvana Blaze, koja predstavlja pticu feniks, inače simbol grada Atlante.⁶⁶

Na XI. paraolimpijskim igrama u Sydneyju (Australija) 2000. godine prvi put su se natjecali plivači s intelektualnim oštećenjima.⁶⁷

Na ovim igrama sudjelovali su i Ana Sršen i Mihovil Španja, a predstavljena je i maskota Lizzie dizajnera Matthewa Hattana i Jozefa Szekeresa koja prikazuje ogrličastu guštericu. Volan maskote u zelenoj je i zlatnoj boji te je u obliku Australije. Tijelo je u oker boji koja odražava boju zemlje. Lizziena snaga, odlučnost i stav simboliziraju sve paraolimpijske sportaše koji sudjeluju na Igrama.⁶⁸

In 1992, during the opening of the IX Paralympic Games in Barcelona, Spain, Roko Mikelin-Opara carried the Croatian flag under which he competed, marking the first participation of Croatian para-athletes in the Paralympic Games since the establishment of the independence of the Republic of Croatia.⁶⁴ The mascot, named Petra, was designed by Javier Mariscal and depicts a positive, extroverted, independent, energetic, and brave girl without arms.⁶⁵

At the X Paralympic Games in Atlanta, USA, 1996, Ana Sršen and Roko Mikelin-Opara participated, and the mascot Blaze, designed by Trevor Irvin, was introduced, representing the phoenix, which is the symbol of the city of Atlanta.⁶⁶

At the XI Paralympic Games in Sydney, Australia, in 2000, swimmers with an intellectual impairment competed for the first time.⁶⁷ Among the participants were Ana Sršen and Mihovil Španja. The mascot, Lizzie, designed by Matthew Hattan and Jozef Szekeres, depicted a frill-necked lizard. The frill was in green and gold and shaped like Australia. The body was in ochre, reflecting the colour of the earth. Lizzie's strength, determination, and attitude symbolise all the Paralympic athletes participating in the Games.⁶⁸

Na XII. paraolimpijskim igrama u Ateni (Grčka) 2004. godine predstavljena je maskota morskog konjića Proteasa dizajnera Spyrosa Gogosa. Ime je dobila po Proteju, mitološkom bogu mora ili bogu rijeka i oceanskih vodenih tijela. Kao obilježje Proteja dolazi pridjev "protejski" s općim značenjem "svestran", "promjenjiv" i "sposoban poprimiti mnoge oblike".⁶⁹ Na ovim igrama Mihovil Španja osvojio je tri brončane medalje u disciplinama 100m leđno, 200m mješovito i 400m slobodno, a sudionice su bile i Ana Sršen i Nataša Sobočan.

Na XIII. paraolimpijskim igrama u Pekingu 2008. sudjelovali su Ana Sršen, Mihovil Španja, Kristijan Vincetić i Nataša Sobočan. Na ovim igrama predstavljena je maskota krava Fu ("sretno!") Niu ("krava") Lele ("radost") dizajnera Wua Guanyinga, koja je bila prikazana u bojama preuzetima s tradicionalnih kineskih novogodišnjih crteža i darova.⁷⁰

Na XIV. paraolimpijskim igrama u Londonu (Engleska) 2012. predstavljena je maskota Mandeville dizajnera Granta Huntera. Ime je dobila po bolnici Stoke Mandeville. Tri šiljka na kacigi simboliziraju tri Agitosa paraolimpijskog logotipa, dok maskota simbolizira prijateljstvo.⁷¹ Na ovim igrama Mihovil Španja osvojio je brončanu medalju na 100m leđno, a sudionici su bili i Kristijan Vincetić i Matija Grebenić.

At the XII Paralympic Games in Athens, Greece, in 2004, the mascot was a seahorse named Proteas, designed by Spyros Gogos. Its name was derived from Proteus, the mythological god of the sea or the god of rivers and oceanic bodies of water. The adjective "protean," meaning "versatile," "changeable," and "capable of taking many forms," is associated with Proteus.⁶⁹ At these Games, Mihovil Španja won three bronze medals in the 100m backstroke, 200m individual medley, and 400m freestyle events, while Ana Sršen and Nataša Sobočan also participated.

At the XIII Paralympic Games in Beijing, the People's Republic of China, in 2008, Ana Sršen, Mihovil Španja, Kristijan Vincetić, and Nataša Sobočan competed. For those Games, the mascot was a cow named Fu Niu Lele. Its name literally means "Good Luck! (Fu) Cow (Niu) Happiness (Lele)". It was designed by Wu Guanying and was depicted in colours taken from traditional Chinese New Year drawings and gifts.⁷⁰

At the XIV Paralympic Games in London, the UK, in 2012, the mascot Mandeville was introduced, designed by Grant Hunter. It was named after the Stoke Mandeville Hospital. The three spikes on its helmet symbolize the three Agitos of the Paralympic logo, while the mascot itself represents friendship.⁷¹ At these Games, Mihovil Španja won a bronze medal in the 100m backstroke, with participants including Kristijan Vincetić and Matija Grebenić.

⁶⁴ Podaci prikupljeni od paraolimpijca Roka Mikelina-Opare

⁶⁵ Izvor: <https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/barcelona-1992/>

⁶⁶ Izvor: <https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/atlanta-1996/>

⁶⁷ Izvor: <https://natator.hr/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Lets-Swim-Including-children-and-adults-with-disabilities-through-swimming.pdf>, str. 33

⁶⁸ Izvor: <https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/sydney-2000/>

⁶⁴ According to information from Paralympian Roko Mikelin-Opara

⁶⁵ Source: <https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/barcelona-1992/>

⁶⁶ Source: <https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/atlanta-1996/>

⁶⁷ Source: <https://natator.hr/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Lets-Swim-Including-children-and-adults-with-disabilities-through-swimming.pdf>, p. 33

⁶⁸ Source: <https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/sydney-2000/>

⁶⁹ Izvor: <https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/athens-2004/>

⁷⁰ Izvor: <https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/beijing-2008/>

⁷¹ Izvor: <https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/london-2012/>

⁶⁹ Source: <https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/athens-2004/>

⁷⁰ Source: <https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/beijing-2008/>

⁷¹ Source: <https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/london-2012/>

Na XV. paraolimpijskim igrama u Rio de Janeiru (Brazil) 2016. sudjelovali su Kristijan Vincetić i Dino Sinovčić, a tada je predstavljena i maskota dizajnera Luciane Eguti i Paula Muppeta pod nazivom Tom, koja je bila nadahnuta brazilskom florom, a ime je dobila po glazbeniku Antônio Carlosu Tomu Jobimu.⁷²

XVI. paraolimpijske igre trebale su se održati u Tokiju (Japan) 2020. godine, ali su zbog pandemije COVID-19 odgođene za 2021. godinu,⁷³ a te godine Dino Sinovčić osvojio je brončanu medalju u disciplini 100m leđno. Sudjelovali su i Kristijan Vincetić, Paula Novina i Tomi Brajša.

Na ovim igrama predstavljena je maskota Someity dizajnera Ryoa Taniguchija. Ime je dobila po popularnoj sorti trešnjina cvijeta "someiyoshino". Someity ima taktilne senzore u obliku trešnjina cvijeta i pokazuje ogromnu mentalnu i fizičku snagu. Predstavlja paraolimpijske sportaše koji savladavaju prepreke.⁷⁴

At the XV Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 2016, Kristijan Vincetić and Dino Sinovčić participated, and the mascot, named Tom, designed by Luciana Eguti and Paulo Muppet, was introduced. It was inspired by Brazilian flora and named after musician Antônio Carlos Jobim.⁷²

The XVI Paralympic Games were scheduled to be held in Tokyo (Japan) in 2020 but were postponed to 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.⁷³ That year, Dino Sinovčić won a bronze medal in the 100m backstroke event. Kristijan Vincetić, Paula Novina, and Tomi Brajša also participated.

At these Games, the mascot Someity, designed by Ryo Taniguchi, was introduced. Its name is derived from the popular cherry blossom variety "someiyoshino." Someity has tactile sensors in the shape of cherry blossoms and demonstrates immense mental and physical strength. It represents Paralympic athletes who overcome obstacles.⁷⁴

⁷² Izvor: <https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/rio-2016/>

⁷³ Izvor: <https://www.paralympic.org/tokyo-2020>

⁷⁴ Izvor: <https://www.paralympic.org/tokyo-2020/mascot>

⁷² Source: <https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/rio-2016/>

⁷³ Source: <https://www.paralympic.org/tokyo-2020>

⁷⁴ Source: <https://www.paralympic.org/tokyo-2020/mascot>

Na XVII. paraolimpijskim igrama u Parizu (Francuska) 2024. Dino Sinovčić osvojio je brončanu medalju u disciplini 100m leđno.⁷⁵ Na igrama su sudjelovale i plivačice Emma Mečić i Paula Novina. Tada je prvi put predstavljena maskota koja je jednaka na Olimpijskim i Paraolimpijskim igrama. Maskotu naziva Paralympic Phryge dizajnirao je Joachim Roncin, a predstavlja frigijsku kapu temeljenu na onoj s kakvom je Marianne, nacionalni simbol francuske Republike, prikazivana za vrijeme Francuske revolucije.⁷⁶ Maskota s vidljivom protezom za trčanje ponosno predstavlja parasportaše, promovirajući vrijednosti Paraolimpijskih igara.⁷⁷ Po prvi put u povijesti, dizajniran je isti logotip za Olimpijske i Paraolimpijske igre koji čine medalja kao simbol sporta te plamen koji predajom od Igara do Igara spaja ljude iz različitih krajeva svijeta. Simbolika plamena u širenju je pozitivne energije koja okuplja ljude i potiče ih na nova rješenja i poboljšanje svijeta. Marianne pak predstavlja ilustraciju Francuske.⁷⁸

At the XVII Paralympic Games in Paris (France) in 2024, Dino Sinovčić won a bronze medal in the 100m backstroke.⁷⁵ Swimmers Emma Mečić and Paula Novina also participated. For the first time, a mascot was introduced that is the same for both the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The mascot, called Paralympic Phryge, was designed by Joachim Roncin and represents the Phrygian cap, similar to the one worn by Marianne, the national symbol of the French Republic, during the French Revolution.⁷⁶ With a visible running prosthesis, it proudly represents parasport athletes and promotes Paralympic values.⁷⁷ For the first time in history, the same logo was designed for both the Olympic and Paralympic Games, consisting of a medal as a symbol of sport and a flame that connects people from different parts of the world through its relay from Games to Games. The symbolism of the flame embodies the spread of positive energy that brings people together and inspires new solutions and improvements for the world. Marianne, in turn, represents an illustration of France.⁷⁸

⁷⁵ Izvor: <https://www.hpo.hr/Novosti/PI-Dino-Sinovcic-osvojio-broncu/1951>.

⁷⁶ Izvor: <https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/paris-2024/>

⁷⁷ Izvor: <https://www.paralympic.org/paris-2024/mascot>

⁷⁸ Izvor: <https://hpo.hr/Novosti/Paris-2024-Predstavljen-logotip-Igara/1165>

⁷⁵ Source: <https://www.hpo.hr/Novosti/PI-Dino-Sinovcic-osvojio-broncu/1951>

⁷⁶ Source: <https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/paris-2024/>

⁷⁷ Source: <https://www.paralympic.org/paris-2024/mascot>

⁷⁸ Source: <https://hpo.hr/Novosti/Paris-2024-Predstavljen-logotip-Igara/1165>



Medalja Roka Mikelina-Opere s VIII. paraolimpijskih igara
Seoul, Republika Koreja, 1988.
Promjer 6.2 cm, vrpca 46 cm
Posudba Roko Mikelin-Opara



Medalja Roka Mikelina-Opere sa VII. paraolimpijskih igara, New York, SAD, 1984.
Promjer 5 cm, vrpca 46 cm
Posudba Roko Mikelin-Opara



Gornji dio trenirke Mihovila Španje s XIV. paraolimpijskih igara
London, Engleska, 2012.
60 x 62 cm
Posudba Mihovil Španja



Medalja Mihovila Španje s XIV. paraolimpijskih igara
London, Engleska, 2012.
Promjer 8.5 cm, vrpca: 46.5 cm
Posudba Mihovil Španja



Maskota Paralympic Phryge sa XVII. paraolimpijskih igara
Pariz, Francuska, 2024.
28 x 22 x 11 cm
Posudba Lucija Šušković

SVJETSKA PRVENSTVA

Svjetsko prvenstvo u plivanju i igre za invalide održano je 1990. u Assenu u Nizozemskoj, a na tom natjecanju Roko Mikelin-Opara osvojio je srebrnu medalju u disciplini 50m leptir,^{79,80} dok je prvo paraplivnačko prvenstvo održano pod okriljem IPC-ja organizirano u Valletti (Malta) 1994. godine.⁸¹

Godine 1998. Ana Sršen na II. IPC-ovom svjetskom prvenstvu u plivanju u Christchurchu (Novi Zeland) osvaja srebrnu medalju na 100m prsno.

Godine 2002. na III. IPC-ovom svjetskom prvenstvu u plivanju, koje se održalo u Mar del Plati (Argentina), Mihovil Španja osvojio je srebrnu medalju u disciplini 100m leđno i brončanu medalju u disciplini 400m slobodno, dok je Ana Sršen osvojila brončanu medalju u maratonu (5000m).

Na IV. IPC-ovom svjetskom prvenstvu u plivanju u Durbanu (Južna Afrika) 2006. godine Španja je osvojio brončanu medalju na 100m leđno.

⁷⁹ Prema podacima od paraolimpijca Roka Mikelina-Opare

⁸⁰ Izvor: <https://paralympichistory.org.au/article/swimming-world-games-for-disabled-1990/> Podatak prikupljen putem elektroničke pošte 20. 7. 2023. od Jeana Miniera, sportskog direktora Francuskog paraolimpijskog i sportskog odbora.

⁸¹ Izvor: <https://www.paralympic.org/mexico-city-2017/about/about-para-swimming>, za vrijeme istraživanja povijesti europskih i svjetskih prvenstava nisu dobiveni podaci iz Međunarodnog paraolimpijskog odbora. Na njihovoj internetskoj stranici navodi se povijest SP-a od 1994. godine. Prema Jeanu Minieru, navodi se da je prvo Svjetsko prvenstvo održano 1990. godine u Assenu.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The World Swimming Championships for the Disabled were held in 1990 in Assen, Netherlands, where Roko Mikelin-Opara won a silver medal in the 50m butterfly event.^{79,80} The first Para Swimming Championships organised under the auspices of the IPC took place in Valletta (Malta) in 1994.⁸¹

In 1998, Ana Sršen won a silver medal in the 100m breaststroke at the II IPC World Swimming Championships in Christchurch, New Zealand. In 2002, at the III IPC World Swimming Championships held in Mar del Plata, Argentina, Mihovil Španja won a silver medal in the 100m backstroke and a bronze medal in the 400m freestyle, while Ana Sršen earned a bronze medal in the marathon (5000m).

At the IV IPC World Swimming Championships in Durban (South Africa) in 2006, Španja won a bronze medal in the 100m backstroke.

⁷⁹ According to information from Paralympian Roko Mikelin-Opara

⁸⁰ Source: <https://paralympichistory.org.au/article/swimming-world-games-for-disabled-1990/>. Information was gathered by email from Jan Coenen, manager of the Paralympic archive, library, and information, on July 20, 2023.

⁸¹ Source: <https://www.paralympic.org/mexico-city-2017/about/about-para-swimming>; during the research on the history of European and World Championships, the International Paralympic Committee did not provide data, but the history of World Championships from 1994 is posted on its website. According to Jean Minier, the first World Championships was held in 1990 in Assen, the Netherlands.

Medalja Mihovila Španje s IV. IPC-ovog svjetskog prvenstva u plivanju
Durban, Južna Afrika, 2006.
Promjer 6,5 cm, yrpca 35 cm
Posudba Mihovil Španja

Na I. IPC-ovom svjetskom prvenstvu u malim bazenima u Rio de Janeiru (Brazil) 2009. godine Španja je osvojio dvije zlatne medalje u disciplinama 100m leđno i 200m mješovito te dvije srebrne medalje u disciplinama 100m mješovito i 100m prsno, postigavši dva svjetska i četiri europska rekorda. Na tom natjecanju Kristijan Vincetić osvojio je dvije brončane medalje na 100m leptir i 400m slobodno. Na V. IPC-ovom svjetskom prvenstvu u plivanju u Eindhovenu (Nizozemska) 2010. godine Španja je osvojio dvije zlatne medalje u disciplinama 400m slobodno i 100m prsno te dvije srebrne medalje u disciplinama 100m leđno i 200m mješovito. Postigao je i dva nova svjetska rekorda. Kristijan Vincetić osvojio je brončanu medalju na 100m leptir, dok je Sanja Milojević osvojila brončanu medalju u disciplini 5000m.⁸² Na VII. IPC-ovom svjetskom prvenstvu u plivanju u Glasgowu (Škotska) 2015. godine Vincetić je osvojio brončanu medalju na 100m leptir. Godine 2017. mijenja se naziv IPC-ovog svjetskog prvenstva u plivanju, koje se počinje zvati Svjetsko paraplivnačko prvenstvo,⁸³ a na VIII. svjetskom paraplivnačkom prvenstvu u Ciudad de México (Meksiko) 2017. godine Kristijan Vincetić osvojio je brončanu medalju na 400m slobodno, dok je Ante Rađa osvojio brončanu medalju na 100m leđno.

At the I IPC World Championships in Short-Course in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 2009, Španja secured two gold medals in the 100m backstroke and 200m individual medley, as well as two silver medals in the 100m individual medley and 100m breaststroke, achieving two world records and four European records. During this event, Kristijan Vincetić won two bronze medals in the 100m butterfly and 400m freestyle. At the V IPC World Swimming Championships in Eindhoven, the Netherlands, in 2010, Španja won two gold medals in the 400m freestyle and 100m breaststroke, and two silver medals in the 100m backstroke and 200m individual medley, setting two new world records. Kristijan Vincetić won a bronze medal in the 100m butterfly, while Sanja Milojević earned a bronze medal in the 5000m event.⁸² At the VII IPC World Swimming Championships in Glasgow, Scotland, in 2015, Vincetić won a bronze medal in the 100m butterfly. In 2017, the name changed from IPC World Swimming Championships to World Para Swimming Championships,⁸³ and at the VIII World Para Swimming Championships in Mexico City, Mexico, in 2017, Kristijan Vincetić won a bronze medal in the 400m freestyle, while Ante Rađa won a bronze medal in the 100m backstroke.

⁸² Prema podacima administrativne tajnice Hrvatskog paraplivnačkog saveza Nataše Sobočan
⁸³ Prema podacima paraolimpijke Ane Sršen

⁸² According to information from Nataša Sobočan, Administrative Secretary of the Croatian Para Swimming Association
⁸³ According to information from Paralympian Ana Sršen

Na IX. svjetskom paraplivnačkom prvenstvu u Londonu (Engleska) 2019. godine i na X. svjetskom paraplivnačkom prvenstvu na Madeiri (Portugal) 2022. godine Dino Sinovčić osvojio je zlatnu medalju u disciplini 100m leđno. Godine 2023. na XI. svjetskom paraplivnačkom prvenstvu⁸⁴ u Manchesteru (Engleska) Dino Sinovčić osvojio je srebrnu medalju na 100m leđno, dok je Emma Mečić osvojila srebrnu medalju na 400m slobodno. Tim rezultatima kvalificirali su se za XVII. paraolimpijske igre u Parizu (Francuska) 2024. godine.

At the IX World Para Swimming Championships in London, England, in 2019, and the X World Para Swimming Championships in Madeira, Portugal, in 2022, Dino Sinovčić won a gold medal in the 100m backstroke event. In 2023, at the XI World Para Swimming Championships⁸⁴ in Manchester, England, Dino Sinovčić won a silver medal in the 100m backstroke, while Emma Mečić earned a silver medal in the 400m freestyle. With those results, Dino Sinovčić and Emma Mečić qualified for the XVII Paralympic Games in Paris, France, in 2024.

⁸⁴ Godine 2023. održalo se XI. Svjetsko paraplivnačko prvenstvo (izvor: <https://www.britishswimming.org/mcr2023/>, veljača 2024.).

⁸⁴ The 11th World Para Swimming Championships were held in 2023. <https://www.britishswimming.org/mcr2023/>, February 2024.



Medalja Kristijana Vincetića s I. IPC-ovog svjetskog prvenstva u malim bazenima
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 2009.
Promjer 8 x 7 cm, vrpca 43 cm
Posudba Kristijan Vincetić



Medalja Kristijana Vincetića sa VII. IPC-ovog svjetskog prvenstva u plivanju
Glasgow, Škotska, 2015.
Promjer 7 x 6 cm, vrpca 39 x 2.5 cm, kutija 11 x 15.5 cm
Posudba Kristijan Vincetić



Medalja Roka Mikelina-Opare sa Svjetskog prvenstva i igara za invalide
Assen, Nizozemska, 1990.
Promjer 5.4 cm, vrpca 45 cm
Posudba Roko Mikelin-Opara



Medalja Mihovila Španje s IV. IPC-ovog svjetskog prvenstva u plivanju
Durban, Južna Afrika, 2006.
Promjer 6.5 cm, vrpca 35 cm
Posudba Mihovil Španja



Skin Ante Rađe s VIII. svjetskog paraplivackog prvenstva
Ciudad de México, Meksiko, 2017.
33 x 37 cm
Posudba Ante Rađa



Plivačka kapica Dine Sinovića s X. svjetskog paraplivackog prvenstva
Madeira, Portugal, 2022.
23 x 19 cm
Posudba Dino Sinović



Medalja Mihovila Španje s Europskog prvenstva u plivanju za invalide, Stockholm, Švedska, 2001.
Promjer 4.7 cm, visina 5.5 cm, yrpca 41 cm
Posudba Mihovil Španja

EUROPSKA PRVENSTVA

Ana Sršen prva je hrvatska paraplivačica koja je sudjelovala na Europskom prvenstvu u plivanju za hendikepirane u Badajozu (Španjolska) 1997. godine,⁸⁵ gdje je osvojila srebrnu medalju u disciplini 100m prsno.⁸⁶

Godine 1999. na Europskom prvenstvu u plivanju za invalide⁸⁷ u Braunschweigu (Njemačka) Mihovil Španja osvaja srebrnu medalju u disciplini 400m slobodno.

Godine 2001. na Europskom prvenstvu u plivanju za invalide u Stockholmu (Švedska) Ana Sršen u disciplini 100m prsno osvaja brončanu medalju, a Mihovil Španja zlatnu medalju u disciplini 400m slobodno, postavljajući rekord europskih prvenstava.

⁸⁵ Naziv natjecanja "Campeonato de Europa de Natación para Minusválidos" preuzet je s medalje koju je osvojila Ana Sršen, ali na zapisniku s tog natjecanja iz 1997. stoji: "IPC European Swimming Championships 1997/Mind, Body, Spirit for Functional & Mental Handicap/International Federations/Badajoz (Spain), 3rd - 11th of August 1997/III Campeonatos de Europa de Natación para Minusválidos," podaci preuzeti od paraolimpijke Ane Sršen.

⁸⁶ Prema podacima paraolimpijke Ane Sršen

⁸⁷ Prema podacima paraolimpijca Mihovila Španje

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ana Sršen was the first Croatian para swimmer to compete at the European Disability Swimming Championships, held in Badajoz, Spain, in 1997.⁸⁵ She won a silver medal in the 100m breaststroke.⁸⁶

In 1999, at the European Disabled Swimming Championships,⁸⁷ held in Braunschweig, Germany, Mihovil Španja won a silver medal in the 400m freestyle event.

In 2001, at the European Disabled Swimming Championships, held in Stockholm, Sweden, Ana Sršen won a bronze medal in the 100m breaststroke, while Mihovil Španja, won a gold medal in the 400m freestyle, setting a European Championships record.

⁸⁵ The name of the competition, "Campeonato de Europa de Natación para Minusválidos," was taken from the medal won by Ana Sršen. However, the minutes from the 1997 competition state: "IPC European Swimming Championships 1997 / Mind, Body, Spirit for Functional & Mental Handicap / International Federations / Badajoz (Spain), August 3-11, 1997 / III Campeonatos de Europa de Natación para Minusválidos," with data provided by Paralympian Ana Sršen.

⁸⁶ According to information from Paralympian Ana Sršen

⁸⁷ According to information from Paralympian Mihovil Španja

Godine 2009. u Reykjavíku (Island) na I. IPC-ovom europskom prvenstvu u plivanju Španja osvaja zlatne medalje u disciplinama 100m prsno i 200m mješovito te srebrne medalje u disciplinama 400m slobodno i 100m leđno. Također postavlja dva nova rekorda europskih prvenstava. Na tom istom natjecanju Kristijan Vincetić osvojio je srebrnu medalju na 100m leptir i zlatnu medalju na 400m slobodno, dok je Dino Sinovčić osvojio brončanu medalju na 100m leđno.

Godine 2011. na II. IPC-ovom europskom prvenstvu u plivanju u Berlinu (Njemačka) Španja osvaja zlatnu medalju u disciplini 200m mješovito, tri srebrne medalje u disciplinama 400m slobodno, 100m leđno i 50m leptir te jednu brončanu medalju u disciplini 100m prsno. Kristijan Vincetić osvaja srebrnu medalju na 400m slobodno, a Sanja Milojević srebrnu medalju u disciplini 400m slobodno te zlatnu medalju u disciplini 5000m. Ona te iste godine postiže i europski rekord u velikim bazenima u disciplini 800m slobodno.⁸⁸

Na III. IPC-ovom europskom prvenstvu u plivanju u Eindhovenu (Nizozemska) 2014. godine Vincetić je osvojio srebrnu medalju na 400m slobodno i brončanu medalju na 100m leptir, dok je na IV. IPC-ovom europskom prvenstvu u plivanju u Funchalu (Portugal) 2016.⁸⁹ osvojio srebrnu medalju na 400m slobodno i brončanu na 100m slobodno.

Godine 2018. mijenja se naziv IPC-ovog europskog prvenstva u plivanju, ono postaje WPS-ovo europsko prvenstvo,⁹⁰

In 2009, in Reykjavik, Iceland, at the I IPC Swimming European Championships, Španja won gold medals in the 100m freestyle and 200m individual medley, as well as silver medals in the 400m freestyle and 100m backstroke, setting two European Championships records. At the same event, Kristijan Vincetić won a silver medal in the 100m butterfly and a gold medal in the 400m freestyle, while Dino Sinovčić won a bronze medal in the 100m backstroke.

In 2011, at the II IPC Swimming European Championships, held in Berlin, Germany, Španja won a gold medal in the 200m individual medley and three silver medals, in the 400m freestyle, 100m backstroke, and 50m butterfly, as well as a bronze medal in the 100m breaststroke. Kristijan Vincetić won a silver medal in the 400m freestyle, while Sanja Milojević won a silver medal in the 400m freestyle and a gold medal in the 5000m. That same year, she also set a European record in long course in the 800m freestyle.⁸⁸

At the III IPC Swimming European Championships, held in Eindhoven, the Netherlands, in 2014, Vincetić won a silver medal in the 400m freestyle and a bronze medal in the 100m butterfly, while at the IV IPC Swimming European Championships in Funchal, Portugal, in 2016,⁸⁹ he won a silver medal in the 400m freestyle and a bronze in the 100m freestyle.

In 2018, the name changed from IPC European Championships in swimming

a te godine na WPS-ovom europskom prvenstvu u Dublinu (Irska)⁹¹ Sinovčić je osvojio zlatnu medalju na 100m leđno, dok je na WPS-ovom europskom otvorenom prvenstvu na Madeiri (Portugal) 2021. godine⁹² osvojio srebrnu medalju na 100m leđno.⁹³

Otvoreno europsko paraplivnačko prvenstvu na Madeiri 2024. ostat će zapamćeno po tome da su hrvatske paraplivnice osvojile tri medalje: Emma Mečić osvojila je zlatnu medalju u disciplini 400m slobodno i brončanu medalju u disciplini 100m leđno, dok je Paula Novina osvojila broncu u disciplini 50m slobodno.

Hrvatski paraplivnač Dino Sinovčić obranio je titulu viceprvaka Europe osvojivši srebrnu medalju u disciplini 100m leđno.⁹⁴ Zadnji dio izložbe pod nazivom "Ispred okvira" prikazuje razgovore s paraplivnicama Emmom Mečić i Anom Sršen te paraplivcima Rokom Mikelinom-Oparom, Dinom Sinovčićem, Mihovilom Španjom i Kristijanom Vincetićem. Kroz razgovore u formi videointervjua prikazano je koje sudjelovanje na natjecanjima sugovornici izdvajaju kao posebno iskustvo te su opisane zanimljivosti vezane uz natjecanja. Posljednje pitanje koje smo postavili paraplivnicama i paraplivcima odnosi se na njihovu poruku budućim generacijama. Većina je pozvala sve da se uključe u sport, poručujući da sport upotpunjuje život. Složit ćemo se da su upravo to dokazali svojim sportskim djelovanjem i postignućima predstavljenima na izložbi "Osam staza skrivenog okvira".

to WPS European Championships.⁹⁰ That year, at the WPS European Championships in Dublin, Ireland, ⁹¹ Sinovčić won a gold medal in the 100m backstroke, while at the WPS European Open Championships in Madeira in 2021,⁹² he won a silver medal in the 100m backstroke.⁹³

The Open European Para Swimming Championships in Madeira, Portugal, in 2024 will be remembered for Croatian para swimmers winning three medals: Emma Mečić won a gold medal in the 400m freestyle and a bronze medal in the 100m backstroke, while Paula Novina won a bronze medal in the 50m freestyle.⁹⁴

Croatian para swimmer Dino Sinovčić defended his title of vice-champion of Europe, winning a silver medal in the 100m backstroke.

The final section of the exhibition titled "In Front of the Frame" features interviews with female para swimmers Emma Mečić and Ana Sršen, as well as male para swimmers Roko Mikelin-Opara, Dino Sinovčić, Mihovil Španja, and Kristijan Vincetić. Through video interviews, they share which competition experiences they consider special and describe interesting aspects related to the competitions. The last question we asked the para swimmers was about their message to future generations. Most encouraged everyone to get involved in sports, stating that sports enrich life. We would agree that they have proven this through their sports activities and achievements presented in the exhibition "Eight Paths of the Hidden Frame."

⁹⁰ According to information from Paralympian Ana Sršen

⁹¹ Source: <https://total-croatia-news.com/news/sport/dino-sinovic-wins-gold-at-world-para-swimming-european-championships/>

⁹² Source: <https://www.paralympic.org/news/madeira-european-open-championships-postponed-2021>.

⁹³ According to information from Paralympians Ana Sršen, Dino Sinovčić, Mihovil Španja, and Kristijan Vincetić

⁹⁴ According to information from Paralympian Ana Sršen

⁸⁸ Prema podacima administrativne tajnice Hrvatskog paraplivnačkog saveza Nataše Sobočan

⁸⁹ Prema dostupnim podacima ovo je bilo četvrto izdanje tog natjecanja (izvor: <https://www.paralympic.org/funchal-2016>)

⁸⁸ According to information from Nataša Sobočan, Administrative Secretary of the Croatian Para Swimming Association

⁸⁹ According to available data, it was the fourth edition of the competition (source: <https://www.paralympic.org/funchal-2016>)



Medalja Ane Sršen s Europskog prvenstva za hendikepirane
Badajoz, Španjolska, 1997.
Promjer 8.5 cm, vrpca 44 cm
Posudba Ana Sršen



Medalja Ane Sršen s III. IPC-ovog svjetskog prvenstva u plivanju
Mar del Plata, Argentina, 2002.
Promjer 8 cm, vrpca: 43 x 4 cm
Posudba Ana Sršen



Medalja Mihovila Španje s Europskog prvenstva u plivanju za invalide, Stockholm, Švedska, 2001.
Promjer 4.7 cm, visina 5.5 cm, vrpca 41 cm
Posudba Mihovil Španja



Akreditacija Mihovila Španje s III. IPC-ovog svjetskog prvenstva u plivanju
Mar del Plata, Argentina, 2002.
10.3 x 15 cm
Posudba Mihovil Španja



Medalja Kristijana Vincetića s I. IPC-ovog europskog prvenstva u plivanju, Reykjavík, Island, 2009.
Promjer 7 cm, vrpca 39 x 2 cm
Posudba Kristijan Vincetić



Medalja Mihovila Španje s IPC-ovog europskog prvenstva u plivanju, Reykjavík, Island, 2009.
Promjer 7 cm, vrpca 38 cm
Posudba Mihovil Španja

LITERATURA

Pola stoljeća Sportskog društva invalida "Hrabri" 1969-2019. Sportsko društvo invalida "Hrabri", Zagreb, 2019., str.7.

IPC European Swimming Championships 1997 / Mind, Body, Spirit for Functional & Mental Handicap / International Federations / Badajoz (Spain), 3rd-11th of August 1997 / III Campeonatos de Europa de Natación para Minusválidos, zapisnik.

USMENI IZVORI

Brajša, Tomi, hrvatski paraolimpijac

Bunić, Višnja, profesorica kineziologije (usmjerenje kineziterapija)

Coenen, Jan, voditelj Paraolimpijskog arhiva, knjižnice i informacija

Grebenić, Matija, hrvatski paraolimpijac

Korpar, Mirela, tajnica PK Vidra Varaždin

Lulić Drenjak, Jasna, viša predavačica Katedre za fizioterapiju Fakulteta zdravstvenih studija Sveučilišta u Rijeci

Markešić, Ruža, pomoćnica glavnog tajnika za odnose s medijima i javnost rada i službenica za informiranje HPO-a

Mečić, Emma, hrvatska paraolimpijka

Mikelin-Opara, Roko, hrvatski paraolimpijac

Minier, Jean, sportski direktor Francuskog paraolimpijskog i sportskog odbora

Orlović, Ante, tajnik Zagrebačkog plivačkog saveza

Rađa, Ante, hrvatski paraolimpijac

Renić, Miro, glavni tajnik Hrvatskog paraplivačkog saveza

Sever, Srećko, glasnogovornik PK Dubrava

Sinovčić, Dino, hrvatski paraolimpijac

Sobočan, Nataša, administrativna tajnica Hrvatskog paraplivačkog saveza

Sršen, Ana, hrvatska paraolimpijka

Španja, Mihovil, hrvatski paraolimpijac

Vincetić, Kristijan, hrvatski paraolimpijac

Vrgoč, Edita, tajnica PK Mornar

ELEKTRONIČKI IZVORI

www.olympics.com

https://pkjug.hr/povijest-kluba/

https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/about

https://www.paralympic.org/ipc/who-we-are

https://olympics.com/ioc/ipc

https://www.paralympic.org/feature/how-many-disciplines-are-covered-para-swimming

https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/classification

https://www.paralympic.org/news/how-do-visually-impaired-swimmers-know-where-their-opponents-are

https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/tapper#:~:text=noun,1.,a%20pipe%2C%20nut%2C%20etc

https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/classification

https://www.paralympic.org/ipc/history

https://www.paralympic.org/sites/default/files/document/120209103536284_2012_02_History%2Bof%2BParalympic%2BMovement.pdf

https://natator.hr/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Lets-Swim-Including-children-and-adults-with-disabilities-through-swimming.pdf

https://www.paralympic.org/ipc/history

https://www.paralympic.org/paralympic-games/summer-overview

https://natator.hr/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Lets-Swim-Including-children-and-adults-with-disabilities-through-swimming.pdf

https://www.paralympic.org/paralympic-games/summer-overview

https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/arnhem-1980/

https://www.paralympic.org/ipc/history

https://www.paralympic.org/paralympic-games/summer-overview

https://www.paralympic.org/stoke-mandeville-new-york-1984

https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/new-york-1984

https://www.paralympic.org/paralympic-games/summer-overview

https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/seoul-1988/

https://www.paralympic.org/logo

https://www.paralympic.org/paralympic-games/summer-overview

https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/barcelona-1992/

https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/atlanta-1996/

https://natator.hr/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Lets-Swim-Including-children-and-adults-with-disabilities-through-swimming.pdf, str 33

https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/sydney-2000/

<https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/athens-2004/>
<https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/beijing-2008/>
<https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/london-2012/>
<https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/rio-2016/>
<https://www.paralympic.org/tokyo-2020>
<https://www.paralympic.org/tokyo-2020/mascot>
<https://www.hpo.hr/Novosti/PI-Dino-Sinovic-osvojio-broncu/1951>
<https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/paris-2024/>
<https://www.paralympic.org/paris-2024/mascot>
<https://hpo.hr/Novosti/Paris-2024-Predstavljen-logotip-Igara/1165>
<https://paralympichistory.org.au/article/swimming-world-games-for-disabled-1990/>
<https://www.paralympic.org/mexico-city-2017/about/about-para-swimming>
<https://www.britishswimming.org/mcr2023/>
<https://www.paralympic.org/funchal-2016>
<https://total-croatia-news.com/news/sport/dino-sinovic-wins-gold-at-world-para-swimming-european-championships/>
<https://www.paralympic.org/news/madeira-european-open-championships-postponed-2021>

LITERATURE

Pola stoljeća Sportskog društva invalida "Hrabri" 1969 - 2019 (Half a Century of Sports Society of the Disabled "Hrabri"), Sportsko društvo invalida "Hrabri," Zagreb 2019, p. 7

IPC European Swimming Championships 1997 / Mind, Body, Spirit for Functional & Mental Handicap / International Federations / Badajoz (Spain), August 3–11, 1997 / III Campeonatos de Europa de Natación para Minusválidos, minutes

ORAL SOURCES

Tomi Brajša, Croatian Paralympian

Višnja Bunić, Professor of Kinesiology, Zagreb, Specialization Kinesitherapy

Jan Coenen, Manager of the Paralympics Archive, Library and Information

Matija Grebenić, Croatian Paralympian

Mirela Korpar, Secretary of the PK Vidra Varaždin

Jasna Lulić-Drenjak, Senior Lecturer at the Department for Physiotherapy, Faculty of Health Studies, University of Rijeka

Ruža Markešić, Assistant of the Secretary General for Media Relations and Public Relations and Information Officer at CPC

Emma Mečić, Croatian Paralympian

Roko Mikelin-Opapa, Croatian Paralympian

Jean Minier, Sports Director of the French Paralympic and Sports Committee

Ante Orlović, Secretary of the Zagreb Swimming Association

Ante Rađa, Croatian Paralympian

Miro Renić, Secretary General of the Croatian Para Swimming Association

Srećko Sever, Spokesperson for PK Dubrava

Dino Sinovčić, Croatian Paralympian

Nataša Sobočan, Administrative Secretary of the Croatian Para Swimming Association

Ana Sršen, Croatian Paralympian

Mihovil Španja, Croatian Paralympian

Kristijan Vincetić, Croatian Paralympian

Edita Vrgoč, Secretary of PK Mornar

ONLINE REFERENCES

www.olympics.com

https://pkjug.hr/povijest-kluba/

https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/about

https://www.paralympic.org/ipc/who-we-are

https://olympics.com/ioc/ipc

https://www.paralympic.org/feature/how-many-disciplines-are-covered-para-swimming

https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/classification

https://www.paralympic.org/news/how-do-visually-impaired-swimmers-know-where-their-opponents-are

https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/tapper#:~:text=noun,1.,a%20pipe%2C%20nut%2C%20etc

https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/classification

https://www.paralympic.org/ipc/history

https://www.paralympic.org/sites/default/files/document/120209103536284_2012_02_History%2Bof%2BParalympic%2BMovement.pdf

https://natator.hr/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Lets-Swim-Including-children-and-adults-with-disabilities-through-swimming.pdf

https://www.paralympic.org/ipc/history

https://www.paralympic.org/paralympic-games/summer-overview

https://natator.hr/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Lets-Swim-Including-children-and-adults-with-disabilities-through-swimming.pdf

https://www.paralympic.org/paralympic-games/summer-overview

https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/arnhem-1980/

https://www.paralympic.org/ipc/history

https://www.paralympic.org/paralympic-games/summer-overview

https://www.paralympic.org/stoke-mandeville-new-york-1984

https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/new-york-1984

https://www.paralympic.org/paralympic-games/summer-overview

https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/seoul-1988/

https://www.paralympic.org/logo

https://www.paralympic.org/paralympic-games/summer-overview

https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/barcelona-1992/

https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/atlanta-1996/

https://natator.hr/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Lets-Swim-Including-children-and-adults-with-disabilities-through-swimming.pdf, p. 33

https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/sydney-2000/

<https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/athens-2004/>
<https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/beijing-2008/>
<https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/london-2012/>
<https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/rio-2016/>
<https://www.paralympic.org/tokyo-2020>
<https://www.paralympic.org/tokyo-2020/mascot>
<https://www.hpo.hr/Novosti/PI-Dino-Sinovic-osvojio-broncu/1951>
<https://www.theolympicdesign.com/paralympics/mascots/paris-2024/>
<https://www.paralympic.org/paris-2024/mascot>
<https://hpo.hr/Novosti/Paris-2024-Predstavljen-logotip-lgara/1165>
<https://paralympichistory.org.au/article/swimming-world-games-for-disabled-1990/>
<https://www.paralympic.org/mexico-city-2017/about/about-para-swimming>
<https://www.britishswimming.org/mcr2023/>
<https://www.paralympic.org/funchal-2016>
<https://total-croatia-news.com/news/sport/dino-sinovic-wins-gold-at-world-para-swimming-european-championships/>
<https://www.paralympic.org/news/madeira-european-open-championships-postponed-2021>

IMPRESSUM

OSAM STAZA SKRIVENOG OKVIRA
POVIJEST PARAPLIVANJA U HRVATSKOJ _
EIGHT LANES OF THE HIDDEN FRAME
THE HISTORY OF PARA SWIMMING IN CROATIA

Izložba je održana na Kineziološkom fakultetu Sveučilišta u Zagrebu od 2. do 30. travnja 2024. _
Exhibition hosted at the Faculty of Kinesiology, University of Zagreb, from 2 to 30 April 2024.

NAKLADNIK _ PUBLISHER
Hrvatski športski muzej _ Croatian Sports Museum
Praška 2, 10000 Zagreb

ZA NAKLADNIKA _ FOR THE PUBLISHER
Danira Bilić

UREDNICI KATALOGA _ CATALOGUE EDITORS
Sandro Đukić / Martina Vargek

AUTORICA KONCEPCIJE IZLOŽBE _ EXHIBITION CONCEPT Martina Vargek

AUTORICE IZLOŽBE, TEKSTOVA I KATALOGA _ AUTHOR OF THE EXHIBITION, TEXTS AND CATALOGUE
Martina Vargek / Ana Sršen

AUTORICA KATALOŠKIH JEDINICA _ AUTHORS OF CATALOGUE ENTRIES Martina Vargek

GRAFIČKO OBLIKOVANJE I PRIPREMA _ GRAPHIC DESIGN AND PREPRESS CCN-images / Jana Dabac

DIZAJN NASLOVNICE _ COVER PAGE DESIGN CCN-images / Sandro Đukić

FOTOGRAFIJE _ PHOTOGRAPHS CCN-Images / Aleksandar Blažina, Viktor Zahtila

VIDEO _ VIDEO CCN-Images / Sandro Đukić, Aleksandar Blažina, Viktor Zahtila, Nikola Kapidžić

TRANSKRIPT VIDEOMATERIJALA S TALIJANSKOG JEZIKA _ TRANSCRIPT OF VIDEO RECORDINGS FROM ITALIAN
Petra Husain Pustaj

PRIJEVOD NA ENGLISKI JEZIK _ ENGLISH TRANSLATION Miloš Đurđević, Marko Theodore Mravunac

LEKTURA I KOREKTURA _ PROOFREADING Marko Theodore Mravunac

STILSKO OBLIKOVANJE _ STYLE SHEET Sergej Novosel Vučković

PRIPREMA TEKSTA DEPLIJANA _ AUTHOR OF THE FLYER TEXTS Martina Vargek

PRIJEVOD NA FRANCUSKI JEZIK _ FRENCH TRANSLATION Katarina Bijelić Beti

IZRADA KATALOGA NA BRAILLEOVOM PISMU _ CATALOGUE PRODUCTION IN BRAILLE
Hrvatski savez slijepih _ Croatian Blind Union / Antonija Papić

LEKTURA TEKSTA ZA KATALOG NA UVEĆANOM CRNOM TISKU I BRAILLEOVU PISMU Maja Trinajstić, Kontekst

LIKOVNI POSTAV IZLOŽBE _ EXHIBITION SETUP Martina Vargek / Sandro Đukić

TEHNIČKI POSTAV _ TECHNICAL SETUP Vedran Grladinović, Aleksandar Blažina

KOORDINATORICA EDUKATIVNIH PROGRAMA _ EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM COORDINATOR Martina Vargek

AUTORICA EDUKATIVNIH PROGRAMA _ AUTHOR OF PROGRAM COORDINATOR Ana Sršen

AUTORICA AUDIODESKRIPCije NA HRVATSKOM JEZIKU _ AUTHOR OF AUDIO DESCRIPTION IN CROATIAN Martina Vargek

AUTORICA AUDIODESKRIPCije NA ENGLESKOM JEZIKU _ AUTHOR OF AUDIO DESCRIPTION IN ENGLISH Marta Cerovečki

PROGRAMIRANJE AUDIO DESKRIPCije _ PROGRAMMING OF AUDIO DESCRIPTION Mihael Giba

UREDNIKA AUDIODESKRIPCije I PRILAGODBE IZLOŽBE OSOBAMA OŠTEĆENA VIDA _
EDITOR OF AUDIO DESCRIPTION AND EXHIBITION ADAPTATION FOR PERSONS WITH IMPAIRED SIGHT Martina Vargek

PRILAGODBA VIDEOMATERIJALA ZA OSOBE OŠTEĆENA SLUHA _
ADAPTATION OF VIDEO RECORDINGS FOR PERSONS WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENT Martina Vargek

ISBN 978-953-6835-16-4

ORGANIZATORI _ ORGANIZERS
Hrvatski športski muzej _ Croatian Sports Museum
Hrvatski paraolimpijski odbor _ Croatian Paralympic Committee
Hrvatski paraplivajući savez _ Croatian Paraswimming Federation
Kineziološki fakultet - Sveučilište u Zagrebu _ Faculty of Kinesiology University of Zagreb

Zahvaljujemo svima koji su omogućili ovu izložbu
Danira Bilić, Andrej Krbec, Sergej Novosel Vučković, Ratko Kovačić, Roberto Zidar, Miro Renić, Ruža Markešić, Ticijan Komparić, Tihana Šiletić, Jasenka Butić, Nataša Sobočan, Zoran Stojanović, Jean Minier, Jan Coenen, Kristijan Vincetić, Mihovil Španja, Roko Mikelin-Opara, Emma Mečić, Paula Novina, Tomi Brajša, Sanja Milojević, Ante Rađa, Dino Sinovčić, Ružica Mečić, Petra Husain Pustaj, Jasna Lulić Drenjak, Višnja Bunić, Edita Vrgoč, Mirela Korpar, Ante Orlović, Mirjam Čop, Srećko Sever, Matija Grebenić, Ferdinand Major, Craig Spence, Lucija Šušković, Marta Cerovečki, Marijan Sutlović, Sanela Čavarušić Jakovac, Maja Juras.
Međunarodni paraolimpijski odbor, PK Dubrava, PK Natator, PPK Forca, PK Vidra, Zagrebački plivački klub, PK Jug Dubrovnik, PK Mornar Split, PK Cipal, Sportsko društvo invalida Hrabri, Kineziološki fakultet Zagreb, Kineziološki fakultet Osijek, Francuski institut u Hrvatskoj. _
We would like to thank everyone who made this exhibition possible:
Danira Bilić, Andrej Krbec, Sergej Novosel Vučković, Ratko Kovačić, Roberto Zidar, Miro Renić, Ruža Markešić, Ticijan Komparić, Tihana Šiletić, Jasenka Butić, Nataša Sobočan, Zoran Stojanović, Jean Minier, Jan Coenen, Kristijan Vincetić, Mihovil Španja, Roko Mikelin-Opara, Emma Mečić, Paula Novina, Tomi Brajša, Sanja Milojević, Ante Rađa, Dino Sinovčić, Ružica Mečić, Petra Husain Pustaj, Jasna Lulić-Drenjak, Višnja Bunić, Edita Vrgoč, Mirela Korpar, Ante Orlović, Mirjam Čop, Srećko Sever, Matija Grebenić, Ferdinand Major, Craig Spence, Lucija Šušković, Marta Cerovečki, Marijan Sutlović, Sanela Čavarušić Jakovac, Maja Juras.
International Paralympic Committee, PK Dubrava, PK Natator, PPK Forca, PK Vidra, Zagreb Swimming Club, PK Jug Dubrovnik, PK Mornar Split, PK Cipal, Sports Society for the Disabled “Hrabri”, Faculty of Kinesiology Zagreb, Faculty of Kinesiology Osijek, French Institute in Croatia.

REALIZACIJU IZLOŽBE FINACIJSKI JE POMOGLO _ THE EXHIBITION WAS FINANCIALLY SUPPORTED BY
Ministarstvo kulture i medija Republike Hrvatske _ Ministry of Culture and Media of the Republic of Croatia



