

Ratko Kovačić
Curriculum Vitae

I was born on 9th March, 1958 in Bjelovar, Croatia, where I finished my Primary and Secondary school.

Education: Faculty of Economics in Zagreb, graduated in 1981.

Previous Positions: 24 years working experience as an economist.

Commercial bussiness, foreign trade and financial bussiness (1981-1998)

Since 1998-2000 I have been employed in Administrativ department for society activites of Bjelovarsko-bilogorska district.

Present Professional Positions: Since 2000 I have been the Head of Administrative Department for Economy, Building Trade and Utilities of Bjelovar-Bilogora District.

Present sport Position:

- ✓ President of the Croatian Sports Federation for the Disabled
- ✓ Member at large of EC European Paralympic Committee
- ✓ Member of Croatian Table Tennis Team for the Disabled
- ✓ Vice President of Sport Society for the Disabled «Sokol» Bjelovar
- ✓ Vice President of Sport Association for the disabled of Bjelovar-Bilogora District

Activities

- ✓ The Representative of the Croatian Sports Federation for the Disabled in General Assembly EPC (Paris 1997, Malmo 1998, Duisburg 1999, Dublin 2001, Athens 2003) and IPC (Sydney 1997, Athens 2001, Cairo 2004)
- ✓ Participant in table tennis on the Paralympic Games in Sydney 2000 and Athens 2004
- ✓ President of Organising Committee for the European Conference which was held in Pula, April, 2001.
- ✓ President of Organising Committee for the European Championships 2003 in Table Tennis for the Disabled which was held in Zagreb Croatia.
- ✓ President of the Organising Committee for the CP ISRA Development seminar which was held in Zagreb in 2003
- ✓ Member of the Organising Committee for the EPC Conference, which was held in Bratislava (Slovakia), August 30th 2002

I am married to Mira, and a father of one child, Paula. I am disabled from my birth but nevertheless, since my schooldays I have actively participated in sport life through chess, basketball, swimming and table tennis where I have achieved the best results.

I have a qualification for coaching table tennis and for my work in education of youngsters, I have received the recognition from Croatian Table Tennis Association. I am still an active table tennis player at the international level. I do a lot of different organisational work so I am introduced with problems of sport management. As a President of the Croatian Sports Federation for the Disabled I work on improvement and promoting the Paralympic movement and development of sport for the disabled and cooperation between all disability groups. I take care of financing all activities and sport programmes of all disabled athletes in Croatia.

Croatian Sports Federation for the Disabled is organised to represent all disability groups and the Croatian Law of Sport confirm too. Through promoting sport between disabled people, I actuate the

organising and promoting of new sports, like, Powerlifting, Boccia and Alpine Skiing, that was not practised in Croatia until now and I expect that our athletes will compete in these sports at high international events soon. Very often we cooperate in programs with organisation and athletes from Eastern European region. I was present on every events and meetings of the EPC Executive committee where I present interests of athletes and development within Nations.

In my further work I'm planning a special care of developing a sport and a system of competitions and organise successful promotion of sport for the disabled.

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