



Vojislav Mijić, Honor Swimmer, Serbia, 2014



Personal Website – None known

Vojislav Mijić is a race director and marathon swimmer who is a 2-time member of the 24-hour club. Mijić worked for three decades as a chemical engineer in his home town before turning his talents to organizing the Sabac Swim Marathon (Plivački maraton Jarak-Šabac), a race on the FINA Open Water Swimming Grand Prix pro circuit, and the annual Epiphany Swimming for the Holy Cross of Honour, an Epiphany swimming event of 33 meters in the Old City Beach on 19 January in his native Šabac, Serbia. He won the Sabac Swim Marathon himself in 1978 and has done hundreds of open water swims in Serbia, Macedonia, Croatia, Bulgaria, Argentina, U.S.A. (from Hawaii to New Jersey), Yugoslavia, Italy, Brazil, Czech Republic, Brazil, the Netherlands, Egypt, Syria and Greece.

As the founder and first president of the Committee for Marathon and Long Distance Swimming in the Republic of Serbia, Mijić often promotes marathon swimming all over Europe. In his native tongue, his nickname can be translated into English as “the man who swims better than he walks.” With three Guinness Book of World Records, the nickname is appropriate. He is an accomplished marathon swimmer himself having captured a bronze medal at the 1986 World Marathon Swimming Championships in the 33 km Maratona del Golfo Capri-Napoli race in Italy. From the Government of the Republic of Serbia, he received a 2008 Recognition as a Meritorious Sportsman.

[Expanded Biography \(Openwaterpedia\)](#)

[Long Swims Database \(Marathon Swimmers Federation\)](#)

Serbian Translation

Vojislav Mijić je Izvršni Direktor u organizaciji Šabačkog maratona kao i plivač maratonac koji je član Kluba24-časa kluba plivanja maratonaca koji su preplivali velike distance.

Mijić je kao hemijski inženjer radio preko 30. godina u njegovom rodnom gradu Šapcu sve dok nije preuzeo da organizuje Šabački plivački maraton Jarak-Šabac, trku koja se bodovala 8 godina u Fina Open Water Swimming Grand Prix Calendaru.

Takođe je organizovao i tradicionalno svake godine 19.januara Bogojavljenko plivanje za Časni Krst u njegovom gradu Šapcu, u Srbiji, na reci Savi u dužini od 33.metra.

Pobedio je na šabačkom maratonu 1978.godine a učestvovao je na mnogim maratonima širom sveta kao u Makedoniji, Bugarskoj, Češkoj Republici, Poljskoj, Argentini, Brazilu, Americi, na Hawajima, na Atlantic sitiju, Holandiji, Egiptu, Siriji, u Grčkoj itd...

Osnivač je kao i prvi Predsednik Odbora za daljinsko i maratonsko plivanje pri Plivačkom Savezu Srbije i često promoviše maratonsko plivanje širom Evrope.

Na njegovom maternjem jeziku se može reći da je dobio nadimak „Čovek koji bolje pliva nego što hoda,,.

Sa tri Ginisova rečna rekorda ovaj njegov nadimak je odgovarajući i prikladan.

On je svoje ispunjenje uspeha u maratonskom plivanju ostvario osvajanjem trećeg mesta i bronzanu medalju na Svetskom prvenstvu u maratonskom plivanju Capri-Napoli 1986 godine u Italiji.

Vlada Republike Srbije mu je dodelila titulu 2008 godine Zaslužnog Nacionalnog sportiste.