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# CURRICULUM VITAE

## Srdjan Sergio Filipovic

### High Tech Swimming Coach of the Olympians

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**Name :** Srdjan Filipovic

**Born :** 1972, Belgrade, Serbia

**Nationality :** Serbian, SCG

**Family Status:** Married & 2 kids

**Profession :** Advanced Swim Trainer

**Education :** Graduated from the Academy of Sports, Belgrade, SCG, 1999

**Authorization :** State Swimming Trainer certificate, issued in 1999 by the Swimming federation of Serbia & Montenegro, also confirmed by the Serbian swimming federation in 2003

**Languages :** English, Italian, Portuguese, Serbian (native)

**Computer skills :** Experienced in various software (using almost all commercial programs of the Microsoft under WIN 10 environment)

**Key Qualifications :** Author and director of the own program of the swimming development dedicated to cadet and junior competitors of the **Red Star SC** and **Swim Star 2000 SC** Belgrade for all domestic and international swimming events. Head swim Coach annual strategies at the position of the Head Swim Coach of **Rari Nantes Ascoli** and **Chimera Nuoto** (Italy), **SC Braga** (Portugal) and seniors of the **SC Beograd** (Serbia) for the National events, European Championships and the **Olympic Games (Beijing 2008)**.

**Specialty:** Former Yugoslav Record holder in the men's 1500 m free. From 2008 to 2018 Consultant and exclusive media swim presenter at the Radio Television of Serbia, EUROSPORT Broadcast, etc.

**Professional Membership** Serbian Swimming Federation, Belgrade Serbia

#### Employment Record :

**1998 - 1999** Coach of the Red Star SC, Belgrade, Serbia (Yugoslavia)

**1999-2000** Head Coach of Rari Nantes Ascoli Swimming Club, Ascoli Piceno, Italy

**2002 - 2003** Head Coach of the Chimera Nuoto SC, Arezzo, Italy

**2003-2005** Head Coach of the SC Braga, City of Braga, Portugal

**2007-2008** Coach of the SC Beograd, Serbia and the National Junior Team

**2009-2012** Head coach of the BPK swim club, Belgrade, Serbia

**2012-2014** Head Coach of the the SC Paphos, Cyprus

**2015-2016** Head Coach of the SC Lakatamia, Cyprus

**2016-2017** Headcoach consultant at the Waternation Swim Academy, Dubai, UAE

**2018** Headcoach of the Waternation Swim Academy SC, Dubai, UAE

**2019 - 2020** Head Swim Coach of Oman

#### Media presentations:

- **Alto Adige**, March 1999, Italy
- **L'Adige**, March 1999, Italy
- **Politika Daily magazine**, 1999-2000, Belgrade, Yugoslavia
- **Sportski Zurnal**, Daily Sport Magazine, April, 1999, Belgrade, Yugoslavia
- **FC Red Star Review**, April, 1999, Belgrade, Yugoslavia
- **Il Messaggero**, February 2000, Ascoli Piceno, Italy
- **Politika Daily magazine**, 2002, Belgrade, Serbia
- **Braga Daily Magazine**, July 2003, Braga, Portugal
- **Sport Club**, Sports interview, Belgrade, May 2017, Belgrade, Serbia
- **Muscat Daily**, Sports, Oman, April 2019, Oman
- **Sport Journal**, Swimming, Belgrade April 2019, Serbia
- **Kurir**, Sports, Belgrade May 2020, Serbia

#### Personal Swim Activities:

- \*\* Started with swimming as a active swimmer and competitor: 1982
- \*\* Recorder of Former Yugoslavia in 1500 m freestyle
- \*\* From 1990-1996 six times sets senior SR Yugoslav record in various disciplines
- \*\* Yugoslav record holder in 400 m free and 400 m I.M.
- \*\* Personal Coach of the SRB women's record holder **Ms.Milica Ostojic**, in her braking the new national standards in freestyle as well as to take part in the Beijing 2008 Olympics
- \*\* As National Head Coach of Oman preparing **Isa Al-Aldawi**, national record holder for the Tokyo 2021 Olympic Games.

#### Main Personal Swim Achievments:

- \*\* Twice ranked 4th at World Cup, in 1500 m free, Beijing and Shanghais (China), 1993
- \*\* 6th place at the World Cup, 1000 m freestyle, Milan (Italy), 1993
- \*\* Gold medal in 4 x 200 m medley relay Balkan Games, Ismir (Turkey), 1988

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## Professional Swim Coach References:

### 2019- Head Coach of the Oman swimming national team, Muscat, Oman

- \* Oman swimming team won in GCC competion in Kuwait in 5km and 10km for the teams
- \* GCC Open water champs - **Ahmed al Kulaibi** 5 km champion
- \* GCC Open water champs - **Aiman Talib** 10 km champion
- \* Arab championship Casablanca - **Mohammad Aulad Thani** bronze medal at 50 backstroke
- \* GCC championship sumner - **Aiman Talib** bronze medal at 800 freestyle
- \* GCC short course - **Chalid Jandhami** silver medal at 50 breast and 50 freestyle
- \* World swimming Championships Gwangju 2019 - **Issa Al Adawi** set National records at 50 and 100 freestyle
- \* Asian Championship Bangalore 2019- **Isa Al Adawi** part of the final at men's 50 freestyle and new NR (23.90), part of the final at men's 100 free and new NR (52.50)
- \* **Isa Al Adawi** in FINA program for the next Olympics (Tokyo 2021).

## 2016-2018 Consultant and Head Coach of the Waternation Swim Academy SC, Dubai, UAE

\* **Aarya Lakshminarayan** swam out three LBTs in the women's 200 freestyle, 50 & 100 butterfly, also earned silver medal in the women's 200 freestyle at the Emirates Cup 2018

## Season 2014-2015 Head Coach of the SC Lakatamia, Cyprus

\* **Stefani Nicolaou** – Junior champion at the M 50,100 breast and became a member of the National selection

## Season 2012 -2014 Head Coach of the SC Paphos, Cyprus

- \* **Pavlos Charalampides** - Junior champion of Cyprus in the M 100 fly and member of Cyprus national team for Balkan games
- \* **Eric Ribas** – Junior champion of Cyprus in the men's 50 fly
- \* **Ersia Stylianou** – Junior vice champion in the 50 and 100 breast
- \* **Coach of the Cyprus age group champions** in all categories

## Season 2009/2012 - Head Coach of the SC BPK (SRB) & member of the National Coach Board

- \* **Milica Ostojic** 8 times National Rec holder (200, 400, 800 and 1500 free), champion of Serbia for the season 2011-2012 (Short course pools). She is involved in the National Olympic Committee's program for the Olympic Games 2012.
- \* **Janko Radmanovic** (1995), as part of the BPK swimming club, few time top-3 swimmer of the international competitions in Serbia, BiH and Greece, also member of the Serbian national uunior selection for the traditional Balkan Swimming Championships 2012 (Krusevac, Serbia)
- \* In the season 2010-2011, as part of the Serbian Swimming Coach Staff, few top swim stars of the Serbian swimming national junior selection have been monitored in the periods of the preparation for the PSS national programs.

## Season 2006/2008 - Coach of the SC Beograd (Serbia) & the SRB National Junior Team

- \* **Milica Ostojic** 8 times National Rec holder (200, 400, 800 and 1500 free), ranked 10th at the Monterrey 2008 (World Junior Champs) and Beijing 2008 Olympian in 200 free... According to the national programs, she wa involved in the program for the London 2012 Olymppics.
- \* **Jovana Bogdanovic** (1992), women's National Record holder. She took part in the Manchester 2008 (SC FINA World Championships – short course pool), the Balkan Champion (Pitesti, Romania 2008) in 200 breast, Semi-Finalist of the LEN European Junior Swimming Champs 2008 in Belgrade
- \* **Milica Ostojic** (1991), women's Junior Champion of the Balkan (Athens 2007) in 200 and 400 free, women's 4 x 100 medlay relay as well as in the 4 x 200 freestyle. 10 times Ostojic set the national standards in 2008: 400 free 4.20.03 (25m), 4.24.51(50m), 200 free 2.02.51(25m), 2.03.43 (50m), 800 free 9.03.67(25m) and 1500 free 17.29.56 (25m).

## Season 2003/2005 - Head Coach of the SC Braga, Braga (Portugal)

- \* Six titles of the Portuguese Nationals - **Daniel Pereira** (in 50, 100 and 200 Back) and Sara Carneiro (in 50, 100 and 200 Fly)
- \* **Daniel Pereira** participant of the European SC Championships in Dublin (Ireland) 2003 - ranked 16th in 200 Back (1:58.80) also rank 25th at FINA rankings for 2003
- \* Member of the Coach Staff of the Portugal national team at Euro Junior Championships, Lisbon 2004. Filipovic's best women's swimmer Sara Carneiro reached 11th place in 100 (1:03.98) and 200 fly (2:20.77)
- \* **Ivo Carneiro**, silver medal in 400 free - International Euro Meet Luxembourg 2004
- \* **Ivo Carneiro** participant of the Universiade in Ismir 2005, Turkey
- \* 2003 **Raquel Felgeiras** participant of the FINA World Championships in Barcelona 2003, Spain
- \* In the seasons 2003/04 and 2004/05 - 88 regional records and 3 national records of Portugal
- \* 2004 sa SC Braga is ranked 4th at the Team Championships of Portugal (Division 1)

## Season 2002/2003 Head Coach of the Chimera Nuoto, Arezzo (Italy)

## Season 2001/2002, Consultant of the Swim Star 2000 SC, Belgrade (Serbia & Montenegro)

\* **Igor Rasula** (1986) Double Vice Champion of Serbia & Montenegro in 2002 (SC & LC), Double Champion of Serbia in 2002, Winner of 3 medals at LEN Meet "Mainz Swim Fest 2002", Germany (100, 200 and 400 Freestyle)

## Season 1999/2000 Head Coach of the Rari Nantes Ascoli, Ascoli Piceno (Italy)

- \* **Simona Alfonsi** (1983) ranked 5th in 100 m fly, time 1:04,74 (National SC Championships, Imperia, Italy 2000)
- \* Ms. **Alessandra Cellini** (1985), 100 m free (1:00,85), 100 m breaststroke (1:18,50) – ( National SC Championships, Imperia, Italy 2000)

## Season 1998/1999, Coach of the Red Star SC and Swim Star 2000 SC, Belgrade (Yugoslavia)

\* **Igor Rasula** (1986) - ranked 12th in 100 m backstroke (1:18,00) – European Meeting 'Giovane di nuoto Trento', (Trento,Italy, 1999)

## Season 1997/1998, Red Star SC, Belgrade, Couch of the Youth Swim Team (ages of 12-15)

- \* **Gorana Goranic** (1987), 2nd place in 100 m Backstroke (1:23,50), at the Yugoslav National Championships 1998
- \* **Dejan Zivkovic** (1985), 2nd place in 100 m Fly (1:13,50), at the Yugoslav National Championships 1998
- \* **Filip Andjelkovic** (1985) 3rd place in 100 m Breaststroke (1:23,89), at the Yugoslav National Championships 1998

## Some of Filipovic's swim activities (from 1999 to 2019) been recorded through the camera vision:



Sergio Filipovic with his five swimming talents of the **Red Star Swim Club**, Belgrade in 1998. Whole that season many medals were reached in pioneer category for this Club. Igor Rasula, F. Andjelkovic, Gorana Goranic, Dejan Zivkovic and Dario Gacesa.



Sergio Filipovic and Igor Rasula with **Mr. Walter Bolognani** the present National Junior Headcoach of Italy, one of the most respectable Italian trainers, on July 1999, at the Swim Center in Trento, Italy



Sergio Filipovic with his best women's swimmer **Sara Carneiro (SC Braga)** at the LEN European Junior Championships Lisbon 2004 in Portugal



Sergio Filipovic with his chief competitors of **SC Braga Swim Club** (Portugal) participated in the famous LEN event "Ante Lambasa Memorial" International Meeting in Belgrade, 2004 led by Ivo and Sara Carneiro...



I.Rasula & S.Filipovic - International swim Meet "Novi Sad '99" (SCG) was the last competition after their 2-year long lasting period of worthy mutual swim activities.



Among many fantastic results with the **Rari Nantes Ascoli SC** at the various regional and national meets in Italy, Mr. Filipovic blasted off a new IT women swim potency **Simona Alfonsi** (1983). At the Championships in Imperia 2000, Ms. Simona Alfonsi was ranked 5th in 100 m fly (time 1:04,74).



**Ms. Milica Ostojic** (1991), Junior Champion of the Balkan (Athens 2007) in 200 and 400 free, women's 4 x 100 medley relay as well as in the 4 x 200 freestyle. 10 times set national standards in 2008.



**Ms. Jovana Bogdanovic** (1992), National Rec holder, took part in the Manchester 2008 (SC World Champs), the Balkan Champion (Romania 2008) in 200 breast, Semi-Finalist of the EJC 2008 in Belgrade



**Ms. Milica Ostojic** ranked 10th at the Monterrey 2008 (**Fina World Junior Champs**) and **Beijing 2008 Olympian** in 200 free...



As a **Head Coach** of the Oman Swimming Team at the 10th Asian Age Group Championships 2019 in Bengaluru, India



**Mohammad Aulad Thani** (Oman) won a bronze medal in the men's 50 back at the 2019 Arab Junior Champs Casablanca, Morocco



**Isa Al-Aldawi** 2 times NRec holder of Oman (50 and 100 free), the participant of the **Fina World Champs Gwangju 2019**, in FINA program for the Olympics

# Some of the few accomplishments shown in the various international press sport media:

Encontrado o substituto de José Borges

## Sp. Braga confirma Filipovic treinador da natação

João Soares

O Sporting Club de Braga confirmou, ontem, como treinador da sua secção de natação, o técnico jugoslavo Srdjan Filipovic, embora sem explicitar a duração do respectivo contrato.

O acordo entre as duas partes foi estabelecido dois dias depois de o clube português contactar com o treinador desportivo do Sporting de Braga, inicialmente com as suas infra-estruturas, condições e projectos.

Tendo gostado do que viu e ouvido as condições que lhe foram propostas, Srdjan Filipovic, prepara-se agora para um novo desafio na sua carreira, depois de na época final ter sido o coordenador da selecção jugoslava em jantares durante a Campeonato da Europa disputado em Glasgow e dos meetings internacionais da Hungria e Eslovénia.

Srdjan Filipovic é licenciado em Natação pela Faculdade de Educação da



Srdjan Filipovic é o novo responsável técnico pela natação do Sporting de Braga

Montenegro (treinador, árbitro e jogador).

### UM BRAGA CAMPEÃO

Agora, perante uma nova realidade na sua carreira desportiva, o técnico jugoslavo pretende ter um Sporting de Braga campeão nacional na próxima época e que dois ou três atletas possam alcançar os tempos que eles próprios participaram nos Jogos Olímpicos de Atenas.

Isso mesmo foi o que aconteceu quando o novo técnico recebeu o convite para assumir o cargo de treinador do Sporting de Braga para o próximo ano. Filipovic foi o escolhido pelo Sporting de Braga para assumir o cargo de coordenador das duas escolas de natação, em substituição de

Braga Portugal, July 17, 2003

http://www.ilmessaggero.it/hermes/2000/02/05/07\_MARCHE/ASCOLI/NUOTO/02



ASCOLI PICENO  
UNA NOVITA' NEL MONDO DEL NUOTO ASCOLANO

Sabato 5 Febbraio 2000

### Filipovic guida la Rari Nantes

di GIULIO LUCIDI

Sono molte le novità in seno alla Rari Nantes, sodalizio impegnato, ormai da anni, nel nuoto con brillanti risultati. In primo luogo va sottolineato che la squadra agonistica, che comprende atleti dai 9 ai 18 anni, ha assunto una connotazione comprensoriale visto che i suoi atleti risiedono, oltre che ad Ascoli, a Castelli di Lama, San Benedetto, Sant'Egidio ed Alba Adriatica.

Ma la novità principale è rappresentata dal nuovo tecnico Sergio Filipovic. Un tecnico di esperienza internazionale con all'attivo parecchi anni di permanenza alla guida della squadra di nuoto della Stella Rossa di Belgrado e della Nazionale della ex Jugoslavia under 15.

La società ascolana aveva iniziato la stagione con l'istruttore Barbara Girolami che, però, aveva già fatto presente di non poter garantire un impegno costante a causa dei suoi impegni professionali.

C'è stata poi la possibilità, per i dirigenti ascolani, attraverso amicizie comuni, di mettersi in contatto con il tecnico jugoslavo che, nel giro di pochi giorni, si è trasferito ad Ascoli ed ha iniziato il nuovo lavoro con la squadra.

Filipovic sta seguendo il gruppo di ragazzi da circa 2 mesi e conta di trasmettere loro quelle qualità che gli hanno consentito, da atleta, di ottenere brillanti risultati come il record jugoslavo dei 1500 seniores, alcune affermazioni nei campionati balcani di nuoto e la partecipazione ai campionati del mondo in Cina nel 1993. Ed i primi risultati si sono già visti al meeting di nuoto "Città di Ascoli".

La Rari Nantes, infatti, ha ottenuto ben 16 medaglie di cui cinque d'oro. In evidenza Alessio Cetani, Simona Alfonsi, Melissa Corradi e le atlete della staffetta 4 X 50 stile (Eleonora Iavarone, Katia Piorani e le stesse Melissa Corradi e Simona Alfonsi). E' stata una competizione nella quale gli atleti della Rari Nantes si sono messi particolarmente in evidenza dimostrando di che stoffa sono fatti lasciando dunque ben sperare in una stagione ricca di eventi positivi. I ragazzi che sto seguendo - dice Sergio Filipovic - sono davvero promettenti e possono migliorare ancora. Continuo, nel giro di un paio di anni, di ottenere risultati a livello regionale e nazionale".

Ascoli Piceno (Italy) February 05, 2000

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## Swim Star Web Portal-Swimming Interview Sergio Filipovic, Coach

Former national record holder of the old-Yugoslavia in mid and long distances, twice ranked 4th in the World Cup (Shanghai, China 1993), the Balkan champion (1998), graduated as a advanced swim coach at the Academy of Sport, Belgrade (1999), with the 5-year international experience (Rari Nantes, Ascoli, Chimera Nuoto, Italy, SC Braga Sporting, Portugal), temporal member of the National coach board of the Portugal Junior selection as well as the Serbian Swimming, in the present chief coach of the Swimming Club Belgrade... His last achievements - Milica Ostojic and Jovana Bogradnovic (participants of the Monterrey 2008 World Junior Champs and Milica Ostojic participant of the Beijing Olympic Games 2008).



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THE GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS DEPEND ON PROFESSIONALISTS

The interview is arranged in Serbian language and is dedicated to the domestic swim audience, Belgrade 21/03/09

### Uvod / Preface...

U povodu 10-to-godisnjice od osnivanja PK "Swim Star 2000", kao jednog od njegovih osnivača i prvog trenera kluba, zamolili smo poznatog srpskog plivačkog trenera Srdjana Filipovica za jedan intervjue u kome bismo se setili početaka kluba, boravka u Italiji na istorijskom mitingu Trento 1999, pomenuli neke od njegovih sjajnih uspeha u plivanju, ali dotakli se i problema unutar plivačkog sporta Srbije, koji u poslednje vreme eskaliraju. Intervju je realizovan u Beogradu u jednom živom interaktivnom razgovoru. Prenosimo ga u celini i izrazavamo zahvalnost Filetu za vreme koje nam je posvetio.

For the 10th anniversary of the Swim Star 2000 SC foundation, as a member of its foundation and the first swim coach, we asked well known Serbian swim trainer Sergio Filipovic for an interview, where we could mention some of the first steps of the club, then the participation in the historical Euro Youth Meet Trento 1999, some achievements in his swimming career, as well as to touch some of the present problems in the Serbian swimming sport. This interview is arranged in the interactive talks. We present it and would like to express gratitude to Mr. Filipovic for the time he spent with us...

### Dobrodoslica našem gostu treneru Srdjanu Filipovicu ..

Dobrodoslili na SWIM STAR WEB PORTAL. U ime menadžmenta i naših vernih posetilaca izrazavamo vam zahvalnost, izmedju ostalog i zbog cinjenice da ste jedan od osnivača plivačkog kluba Swim Star 2000 (daleke 1999 godine)...

Filipovic: Zahvaljujem se na pozivu za intervjue zaista najboljem plivačkom portalu, ne samo u Srbiji vec i sira. Znam da ste proslje godine usli u prvih deset najposrebnijih plivačkih sajtova u Evropi.

### Sećanje na Evropski miting plivačkih nada "Trento 1999"...

24. marta najvlas se tacno 10 godina od "hrabre akcije" u kojoj ste vi i plivač Igor Rasula, iskazali kolika vam je ljubav za plivanjem, a s druge strane ljubav za domovinom. Nakon prve noci bombardovanja, napustili ste Beograd i uz nadjudske napore stigli u Trento. Tamo ste narednih nekoliko dana sa svojim prijateljima i kolegama...

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## Omani swimmers hog limelight at GCC meet

ABU DHABI

REPORT BY

The Omani national swim team made its debut at the GCC meet at the GCC swimming pool which is situated in Khalifa bin Zayed Stadium. The GCC champions were the Omani swimmers who took home the silver medal in the 100m freestyle category. In the 50m freestyle category, the Omani swimmers finished with the silver medal in the 50m freestyle category (1:17.99).



Khalid al-Khalifa claimed the gold medal in the individual category while his team mate Ahmad al-Qasbi finished as runner-up in the male 100m freestyle category. In the 100m freestyle category, the Omani swimmers finished with the silver medal in the 100m freestyle category (1:17.99).

Khalid finished in the second place while the Omani swimmer Ahmad al-Qasbi finished in the third place. The Omani swimmers came up with a shining performance in all the categories of the tournament. In the 100m freestyle category, the Omani swimmers finished with the silver medal in the 100m freestyle category (1:17.99).

At the individual category of 100m, Omani swimmer Ahmad al-Qasbi finished in the third place in the 100m freestyle category (1:17.99).

Consequently, with the GCC championship, as many as 199 Omani swimmers took part in the Omani swim meet.

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Exclusive interview for Swim Star Web Portal 2009

Oman Swim Presentation in Kuwait 2019

# OMAN SWIMMERS CORNER GLORY

Kulaibi wins gold at the 17th GCC Open Water Swimming Championships



Competitors at the start line of their 10km race at the 17th GCC Open Water Swimming Championships in Kuwait on Friday.



Taha al Kahiry awards the Oman youth (15-17 years) team on winning the team gold. Photo right: Khalid al Kulaibi (center) receives the gold medal.

Our Correspondent  
Muscat

Oman's experienced swimmer Khalid al Kulaibi claimed a gold while his teammate Faysal al Qasbi claimed a silver in the men's 10km race at the 17th GCC Open Water Swimming Cham-

ampionships in Kuwait on Friday. Also adding to the individual medals tally for Oman was Muhammad Audaithani, who bagged a bronze in 5km youth category (15-17 years). The championships in Kuwait is hosting the GCC event along with the fourth Arab and ninth Asian championships.

A total of 19 swimmers from 16 countries are competing in these three championships. Taha al Kahiry, Oman Swimming Association chief and Arab Swimming Federation chairman, later awarded the winners. Kahiry is also the chairman

of the GCC Swimming Sports Committee. Kulaibi won the gold in a time of 1:23:27.0 while Qasbi claimed 1:26:28.8 and silver. Khalid al Kulaibi was part of the team as Oman also claimed the team title. In the 15-17 years age category, Oman's Muhammad

Audaithani, Shihabi Alaa Deen and Bashir al Kulaibi led Oman to team gold.

Qatar swimmer Mohamed Almuhammad bagged gold in the individual with a time of 1:29:34.0. Bahrain's Omar Abdullah won the second place with 1:31:49.3 while Oman's Muhammad took the bronze in 1:35:16.9. The Arab championship gold was won by Marwan Al Amrani of Egypt in a time of 1:23:35.6 ahead of the Salah Muhammad of Syria (1:23:18.9).

Vitaly Khaykayev of Kazakhstan won the Asian title in a time of 1:22:27.0 while Japan's Yusaku Yamamoto bagged the silver in 1:22:28.3. A total of 65 referees were involved in managing the races under Oman's Abdul Munim al Alawi, member of the FINA open water technical committee.

# Qasmi clinches GCC gold in 10km open water race

Oman swimmers return with rich haul of eight medals including five gold



Swimmers take part in the 10km race at the 17th GCC Open Water Championships in Kuwait on Saturday.

Amrullah  
Muscat

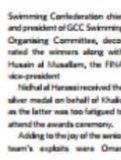
Oman long-distance swimmers ruled the waters at the recently-concluded 17th GCC Open Water Championships in Kuwait as they swept the gold medals in both the 5km and 10km events along with team titles in both the races.

Amran al Qasbi, who had picked a silver in the 5km race, bettered his performance to claim the gold in the 10km distance on Saturday. Amrullah al Kulaibi, who had won the 5km gold, came second to make it an one-two to ensure sub-ran's team title.

Qasbi had a time of 1:23:27.0 to win the title while Kulaibi timed 1:26:28.8 for the silver. Later, Taha al Kahiry, the Oman Swimming Association (OSA) chairman and Arab



Srdjan Filipovic, Oman coach.



Amran al Qasbi (second from right) receives the 10km trophy.

Swimming Confederation chief and president of GCC Swimming Organizing Committee, decorated the winners along with Hussein al Musallam, the FINA vice-president. Khalid al Kulaibi received the silver medal on behalf of Khalid as the latter was too fatigued to attend the awards ceremony. Adding to the joy of the winner team's exploits were Oman

youth (15-17 years) swimmers, who picked the team gold in the 5km race. The team comprised Muhammad Audaithani, Shihabi Alaa Deen and Bashir al Kulaibi. Muhammad had also won an individual bronze medal in the 5km race. The Oman delegation, which returned home on Friday with eight medals including five gold, two silver and one bronze, was

headed by Mohammed al Hama-

ri, OSA board member and accompanied by the team's chief coach, Serbia's Srdjan Filipovic.

The GCC championships in Kuwait was held along with the fourth Arab and ninth Asian open water championships.

Speaking on Oman's success, a delighted Kahiry said, "I would like to congratulate the boys and the coaching staff for the excellent results. Our swimmers demonstrated high standards on their way to gold medals." Coach Filipovic said, "I am happy with the results at the championships, which was held along with Arab and Asian events. To have our swimmers compete against some of the best swimmers from Asia was an advantage as there were some big names from Japan and Kazakhstan." The former World Cup swimmer said, "The experience of Khalid helped him and despite the long years he has put in the sport, his passion and commitment is praiseworthy. Muhammad has displayed good potential and has a bright future while Amran has been consistent with his performances in Kuwait and controlled the 10km race for the gold."

**GCC Champs, April, 22 2019**

**GCC Champs, April, 24 2019**

## RECOMMENDATION BY THE SRB SWIM EXECUTIVE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Belgrade, May 15, 2016

Hereby we certify that **Mr. Sergio Filipovic**, Advanced swim trainer, was the Head Coach of Swim Star 2000, Swimming Club, Belgrade in the season 1998/1999 and a member of its foundation. Since 2000, upon our club's management patronage Mr. Filipovic moved to **Rari Nantes Ascoli Swimming Club** (Italy) one season and **Chimera Nuoto**, Arezzo (Italy) also for one season. In the period from 2003 to 2005 Filipovic has been the **Head Coah of Swimming Club Braga** (Portugal) and part of the Portugal National Junior team staff. From 2006-2008 Mr. Filipovic was **Coach of SC Beograd** (SRB), while from 2009-2012, **Head coach of SC BPK Belgrade** (SRB). Also we confirm that Mr. Filipovic, due to his wide coach's engagement within Serbian Swimming represents one of the top leading persons ever. We highly recommend Mr. Filipovic for the position in the world competitive swimming and we keep the right to consult him about any matter concerning swimming development in Serbia in case Mr. Filipovic would decide to transfer his knowledge & experiences in the future to some swimming club or the national swim association worldwide.

**Mrs. Olivera Mladenovic, MrPh,**

*Ex Vice President of the Serbian Swimming Federation and President of the SC Swim Star 2000, SRB*

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