



**Vicko Soljan, Honor Administrator, Croatia, 2007**



Personal Website (None Known)

**Vicko Soljan** founded the Croatian Long Distance Swimming Federation in 1980 and has organized the Croatia International Long Distance Swimming Championship (the 16K Faros Marathon) in Stari Grad Bay since 1996 and the Faros Long Distance Swimming Club since 1976. He founded the 5 km and 25 km LEN Open Water Swimming Championship in 1989. The Faros Marathon Swim was the only international event to continue in Croatia through the 1991-1992 war. Soljan conducted the first LEN Long Distance Championships in 1989 with 5 km and 25 km distances. He took national teams to 6 European Championships and 4 World Championships. He has written about open water swimming for various newspapers for 58 years and is the author of Stari Grad – European Centre of Long Distance Swimming.

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

Long Swims Database (Marathon Swimmers Federation) - No entry expected

#### Croatian Translation

**Vicko Šoljan** je osnovao Hrvatski plivački savez na daljinu 1980-te godine, organizirao Hrvatsko Međunarodno prvenstvo u plivanju na daljinu (16Km Faros maraton) u uvali Stari Grad od 1996-te i

osnovao Plivački klub Faros na duge relacije od 1976. Osnivač je LEN prvenstva u plivanju na otvorenim vodama od 5Km i 25Km. 1989-te godine. Plivački maraton Faros je bio jedini međunarodni događaj koji se u Hrvatskoj nastavio tijekom rata 1991.-1992. Šoljan je 1989-te godine održao prvo LEN prvenstvo na daljinama od 5Km i 25Km. Vodio je reprezentacije na 6 Europskih i 4 Svjetskih prvenstava. O plivanju na otvorenom pisao je u raznim novinama 58 godina i autor je Starog Grada - Europskog centra plivanja na daljinu.