

1.1 Curriculum vitae



Associate professor Mario Baić, PhD, born on February 26, 1974 in Zagreb, married, has one child, Croat.

Education: He finished elementary and secondary school in Zagreb. He graduated at the Faculty of Physical Culture University of Zagreb in 1999 under the mentorship of professor Josip Marić, PhD. After completing his studies, he enrolled in the postgraduate specialist study in wrestling. In 2001, he passed his final exam and was appointed to the rank of Physical Education teacher. In 2003, under the mentorship of professor Josip Marić, PhD (from Croatia) and co-mentorship of professor Włodzimierz Starosta, PhD. (from Poland), he successfully defended his master thesis. Professor Baić also passed all the required exams for completing the postgraduate scientific study and he earned the title of Master of Science. In 2006, he defended his doctoral dissertation under the mentorship of professor Hrvoje Sertić, PhD (from Croatia) and the co-mentorship of professor Włodzimierz Starosta, PhD (from Poland) at the Faculty of Kinesiology University of Zagreb.

Teaching and professional activities: After graduating at the Faculty of Physical Culture he was shortly employed (in 1999 as a substitute teacher) at the Zagreb Hotel and Tourism School as a teacher of physical education. Between 2000 and 2007 he worked as a professional wrestling coach in Croatian wrestling clubs. At the Faculty of Kinesiology University of Zagreb/Croatia, he actively participated in the scientific research project „Monitoring changes of the anthropological status of children in wrestling sports activities“, with professor Hrvoje Sertić, PhD, as the project leader. By the end of 2007, he was employed at the faculty of Kinesiology University of Zagreb as a senior assistant in the course Wrestling. In 2011, he was elected into the scientific and teaching rank and position of an assistant professor at the faculty of Kinesiology University of Zagreb. From 2013 he was a Vice dean for Education and Students at the Faculty of Kinesiology University of Zagreb, as well as the president of several Committees (Committee for Education and Student Questions, Committee for Final Thesis of Students at the Integrated Undergraduate and Graduate University Study of Kinesiology, Committee for E-learning, Committee for Quality Assurance) and a member of the Work group for evaluation new and revising all study programmes at the University of Zagreb. Associate professor Mario Baić, PhD, is currently also the course teacher in the course Sports and Law at the Faculty of Kinesiology University of Zagreb and a member of the Committee for Quality Assurance at the Faculty of Kinesiology University of Zagreb.

the field of kinesiology in the Republic of Croatia. Since 2017 he is dean's councillor for quality assurance at the Faculty of Kinesiology University of Zagreb, as well as the member of several Committees (Committee for Education and Student Questions, Committee for Quality Assurance, Committee for Science and Ethics, and Committee for Personnel Issues etc.), and he is ECTS coordinator at the International Relations Office at the Faculty of Kinesiology.

Expert activity: He has been active as an athlete since his early adolescence, and beside wrestling, he had also trained water polo, karate and skiing for a short period. As a wrestler, he went through all competition age categories. In 1989, he won 2nd place in Greek-Roman wrestling at the National Junior Championship, as well as 2nd place in Freestyle Wrestling at the 1995 Senior National Championship. He was the coach of a dozen medal winners in Croatian Championships in all age categories (boys, cadets, juniors and seniors). He holds the present record as a coach with 6 gold medals out of 10 weight categories at the Croatian National Cadet Championship in 2004. He has been a wrestling coach since 1994 in numerous wrestling schools. As of 2000, he has been working as a professional wrestling coach. Over a period of 2 years, he was also the assistant coach of the National Cadet Team (2002, 2003), whereas for a period of 4 years he was also the head coach of the mentioned cadet team (2004, 2005, 2007, 2008). Together with his wrestlers from his club and the national team, Mario Baić accomplished numerous impressive results. At the European Cadet Championship in 2005 in Albany, he won 3rd place with Siniša Hogač, which was the first Croatian medal ever won at a European Championship competition. In addition, another 3 wrestlers were positioned among the top 10 in their respective categories. In 2007, at the European Cadet Championship in Poland, he won 5th place with Marko Košćević. The following year, at the European Cadet Championship in Latvia, he won 3rd place with Dominik Etlinger. Between 2010 and 2011, he was the head coach of the Senior, Junior and Cadet National Team, and in 2010 he won a total of 4 medals in big international competitions. Also in 2010, he won 3rd place at the Senior European Championship in Azerbaijan with Tonimir Sokol. In addition to other admirable results of his wrestlers, that same year, the Croatian Wrestling Federation was nominated by the Croatian Olympic Committee as one of the most successful sports federations in Croatia. He is currently a member of the Executive Board of the Croatian Wrestling Federation and the Croatian Wrestling Coaches Association, as well as a member of the Expert Coach Committee of the Croatian Wrestling Federation. Mario Baić was also a member of the Executive Committee and the president of the Expert Programme Committee of the Zagreb Sports Federation, as well as a member of the Committee for the production of the new Sports Act. In addition to the above mentioned, assistant professor Mario Baić was the head of the Licensing Seminar for Croatian Wrestling Coaches, while he has also (both as a single author and a co-author) published numerous professional papers on wrestling in conference proceedings of national and international scientific and professional conferences. He was also a vice-president or member in Organization Committees of numerous domestic and international scientific and professional conferences in the field of sports and kinesiology. He spent a short time in Germany, Italy, Poland, Russia, Hungary and China as part of his professional training. He is currently a member of the Scientific Committee of the United World Wrestling (UWW).

Scientific activity:

He was appointed into the scientific rank of scientific associate in the scientific area of social sciences – field of kinesiology on June 17 2009. He participated in numerous scientific and expert research projects and conferences, as well as published many papers. Until this moment, he has published over 40 scientific papers (as a single author or as a co-author) and he was the first editor of one Proceedings Book. He was an associate in the production of a part of a textbook by professor Hrvoje Sertić, PhD, titled “Basics of Combat Sports (judo, karate, wrestling)”. He is also one of the authors of the textbook “Application of Wrestling in Other Sports”. Professor Baić participated (or is currently participating) as an associate in projects implemented by the Ministry of Science, Education and Sport of the Republic of Croatia “Monitoring changes of the anthropological status of children in wrestling sports activities”, with professor Hrvoje Sertić, PhD, as the project leader (project number: 034-034 2618-222). In addition to all the above mentioned, assistant professor Mario Baić, PhD, is also the Vice president and a member of multiple organization and programme committees in international scientific and professional conferences. Likewise, he was a member of the scientific committee of the Journal of Combat Sports and Martial Arts and a reviewer in the International Journal of Wrestling Science. In February 2016, he was appointed to the rank of senior scientific associate at the Faculty of Kinesiology University of Zagreb.

He is currently the member of the Editorial Board of the International Journal of Wrestling Science. Last year he was an Organising Committee president of the International scientific and professional conference on wrestling “Applicable Research in Wrestling”, which was held in Novi Sad, Serbia, and he was the first editor of the Conference Proceedings Book.

This year he is a president of the 14th International Scientific Conference of Sport Kinetics 2018 to be held in Poreč, Croatia, 24 – 27.6. 2018 with the main topic “Movement in Human Life and Health”

Awards and acknowledgements:

- 2003 – he was awarded the Special Award for Young Scientists at the International conference in Poland.
- 2010 – he was awarded an acknowledgement by the Faculty of Kinesiology University of Zagreb for his exceptional accomplishments and professional work in sports.
- 2014 – he was awarded the FILA Award (medal of the World Wrestling Federation) for promotion and development of wrestling in the Republic of Croatia and worldwide

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