REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ALUMNI CYCLISTS SECTION

2014–2017



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The Alumni Cyclists section was **founded on 16 January 2014** at a high-profile event held on the FELU campus and attended by more than 40 FELU graduates. We invited to the opening **Marko Baloh**, the multiple world record holder in road cycling and one of the best extreme road cyclists, and **Tanja Žakelj**, the multiple European champion and twice the winner of the Olympic cross-country race. The **purpose** of the section is to “improve our cycling fitness and have fun along the way”, whereas our **goals** are the following:

- encourage each other to take part in more sport;

- train more correctly;

- eat a better diet;

- share our experience to improve cycling;

- form a FELU Alumni cycling team and

- strengthen acquaintances for business cooperation.

In the first two years, the Alumni Cyclists section was divided into two groups, namely road cyclists and mountain bikers, whereas from 2015 we have been focusing on **road cycling** only – under the management of **Žiga Primožič** and **Adriana Rejc Buhovac**.

**Our regular activities:**

- opening of the cycling season in March, somewhere at the Slovenian or Croatian seaside;

- weekly rounds on Tuesdays at 17.00, Šmartno pod Šmarno goro, about 50 km;

- weekend training sessions as a preparation for more demanding marathons;

- group participation in cycling events (marathons, brevets, ascents etc.);

- socialising events with lectures on proper nutrition, training etc.

**Membership:**

- The section has a membership of over 30 cyclists; regular weekly rounds are attended by 6–8 road cyclists on average.

- **Four FELU professors are active** in the section: Assist. Prof. Dr Aleša Lotrič, Assoc. Prof. Dr Marko Jakšič, Assoc. Prof. Dr Tomaž Kolar and Prof. Dr Adriana Rejc Buhovac.

**Participation in cycling races:**

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| 2014  Cycling event | Date | No. of registered | | Results |
| Franja Marathon | 8 June 2014 | 4 | Women C: 4th place  Men A: 74th place, 102nd place  Men E: 134th place | |
| Alpe Marathon | 6 July 2014 | 6 | Women B: 4th place, 7th place  Men A: 17th place, 38th place  Men C: 131st place  Men D: 51st place | |
| Ride on Vršič | 6 September 2014 | 2 | Women C: 10th place  Men A: 44th place | |
| Istria Granfondo | 5 October 2014 | 5 | Women B: 1st place  Men Cadets: 4th place, 9th place  Men Masters: 23rd place, 38th place | |

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| 2015  Cycling event | Date | No. of registered | Results |
| Franja Marathon | 14 June 2015 | 5 | Women C: 4th place  Men A: 25th place, 104th place  Men C: 125th place  Men E: 97th place |
| Alpe Marathon | 5 July 2015 | 3 | Men A: 33rd place, 52nd place  Men D: 45th place |
| Ride on Vršič | 5 September 2015 | 1 | Men A: 27th place |

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| 2016  Cycling event | Date | No. of registered | Results |
| Little Franja Marathon | 12 June 2016 | 1 | Men A: 24th place |
| Franja Marathon | 12 June 2016 | 1 | Men E: 88th place |
| Alpe Marathon | 3 July 2016 | 1 | Men D: 15th place |
| Ride on Vršič | 3 September 2016 | 1 | Men D: 85th place |

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This season, we are wearing the FELU Alumni cycling shirts. We are thankful to the FELU Alumni management for co-financing our cycling shirts. The core team of 12 members is now regularly wearing the FELU Alumni colours.





This year we have already attended the Vineyard Heroes Cycling Marathon and we will also take part in the Franja Marathon, the Alpe Marathon, the Ride on Vršič and other events.