

Presentation of PDG Dražen Melčić SD 126 Croatia, Upcoming CA4 Candidate as International Director



PDG Dražena Melčić is a charter member at Lions Club Zagreb Agram, and has been an active Lion for the past 24 years., and currently endorsed and certified candidate for the office of International Director for the period July 1st 2025 to June 30 2027.

I was born 65 years ago in Zagreb, Croatia. I've been married to Vesna Melčić for 40 years, am father of two daughters, Laura and Marta, and grandfather of two granddaughters, Nevia and Lola.

Almost my entire professional career I have been an industrial manager, and leader, running industrial production and international business.

In the 24 years being a Lion, in the first years, I have served as club member, president and secretary my local community, and during the last 14 years also as officer on various levels and responsibilities including being District Governor.

Being a long year active member of my Lions club, and part of Lions International, the World greatest volunteering service association, has enriched my life in so many ways.

As from starting being a Lion back in the year 2000, I have immediately felt the satisfaction of serving people in need in my community. Before I didn't even realize there were so many. Doing this, it also made me happy involving my friends, relatives and other people I knew and also, those I didn't know, into this activity, and making them also happy in the same way. Some of them eventually decided to join.

Not interrupting my volunteering community service, at a certain time, I have also joined serving this great association as district officer on various positions.

Starting being zone and region chairperson, I have finally served as District Governor in the fiscal year 2015/2016.

I have also served as LCIF and GMT District Coordinator in several terms.

My most favoured project where I've been involved for the last 10 years in the organization, is the annual international Lions regatta "Sailing against drugs", fund raising activity for narcotics abuse and prevention programs in Croatia, where some 500 Lions from over 20 countries gather and having a wonderful time together are helping those in need.

But I was definitely convinced about the greatness and strength of our Association after receiving enormous financial support through LCIF and directly from many multiple and single districts after the disastrous earthquake in Croatia.

I also have served as President of Lions Europa Forum 2022 held in Zagreb, Croatia.

I have also attended and participated as presenter on 10 Europa Forums, 2 International Conventions, and a lot of national Conventions and Lions service and humanitarian activities in Europe.

Many years I also serve as presenter and instructor at various faculties in our District and recently I have got the LCIP certificate.

Through all the above listed various national and international activities I have got a lot of Lions friends, worldwide, exchanging with them experiences and initiatives.

With the above mentioned I have tried to illustrate how much Lions and volunteering means to me. It brings me a lot of joy and satisfaction on so many different levels.

That is the reason why I will gladly accept the office of an International Director, to serve this great association, to develop and enhance it, to my best abilities.

Lion Dražen Melčić