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Award ceremony for Raska's best athletes in 2023

As one of the sponsors of Kopaonik Ski Club, representatives of our company attended an award ceremony honoring the best athletes of Raska in 2023 which was organized by the Raska Municipality Sports Association. "Pride of Raska" award given to the most promising young athletes went to Djordje Miletic, a representative of the Kopaonik Ski Club who is the best on the national level in selection juniors born in 2010. The young athlete received the award wearing a cap with the logo of Adriatic Metals Serbia.

Kopaonik Ski Club from Raska is the club with the longest tradition in Serbia and one of the most successful in the history of this sport. Among members there are about 30 children aged 6-15, and some of them hold the highest honors at national competitions. In the previous season, the club held an excellent 3rd place in the general rankings in Serbia among a total of 26 clubs.

Adriatic Metals Serbia is very pleased to support this club with such a long history and a whole series of successes behind it.



KUD "Raska" 25th Anniversary Celebration



25 years of existence and excellence of Cultural Artistic Society KUD "Raska" were aptly celebrated in Raska Cultural Centre under the slogan "When kolo starts it signifies fraternal harmony - when a heart starts dancing, feet dance too". The audience which comprised of admirers of folk dance, folk songs and tradition had the opportunity to enjoy a wonderful performance by two children's ensembles, and preparatory and performing ensembles of KUD "Raska". Overall, a total of around 130 performers excelled on stage, including current members as well as members who retired.

Rich history of KUD "Raska" is adorned with numerous awards including the last two won in 2023- the golden 1st place at International Folklore Festival in Turkey in competition of 27 ensembles and the Silver Plaque at Republic Festival of Folklore Ensembles of Serbia.

A special emotion was present among the audience while the stage "burst" under the feet of the "golden and silver" performers, including representatives of our company which was one of the donors who provided financial support for this memorable celebration.

„Kopaonik" Ski Club organizes Raska Alpine Cup

Last weekend, „Kopaonik" Ski Club from Raska organized a two-day Alpine Cup competition on Kopaonik mountain. The competition brought together 150 competitors from Serbia, but also from Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Hungary, Albania and Greece.

On the first day, children aged 13 to 16 competed in slalom category, while on the second day children aged 7 to 16 competed in giant slalom category.

Adriatic Metals Serbia, as one of the sponsors of „Kopaonik" Ski Club, was pleased to attend Raska Alpine Cup, and our company representative Ivana Miletic had the honor of presenting awards to the five best skiers aged 13 to 14 in the giant slalom category- Filip Dimovski (Macedonia), Mihajlo Miljkovic (Serbia), Nikola Bukleski (Macedonia), Risto Jugovic (Bosnia and Herzegovina) and Djordje Miletic (Serbia).



Interview with Milan Mutavdzic

Senior Geology Assistant



Where were you born?

I was born in the city of Kraljevo, considering that Raska didn't have a maternity hospital at the time. However, my parents are from Raska and I have been living here since I was born.

How long have you been working for Adriatic Metals Serbia?

I have been working for Adriatic Metals (previously Tethyan Resources) for five and a half years.

What did you do before joining the company?

Firstly, I studied at the Faculty of Sports and Physical Education in Belgrade, and immediately before employment I worked as a lifeguard at the Raska Swimming Pool and played futsal which I still do until this very day.

What do you like most about your job?

Considering that I had no previous experience in this industry, I did not even know what kind of work is typical for companies like these. However, soon I realized that this job is very diverse and interesting, either when I'm working on our company premises or when I'm working outdoors which gave me an opportunity to see many wonderful landscapes in our municipality. So, my job consists of several different kinds of work that I do on a daily basis. To this day, that diversity is what I like about my job the most.

What is it like to be a part of a geology team?

Being part of a geology team is the same as being part of a futsal team. Everyone has their role, together we work hard, complement each other, make each other better and look forward to mutual successes. It is often not easy, but with unity and effort every obstacle can be overcome.

What are the biggest challenges you faced at work and how did you solve them?

Naturally there were many challenges over the years, both considering the work itself and interpersonal relationships but, as I mentioned above, with dedication and honesty everything that was once a challenge became a part of the experience.

Has this job brought you any new experiences?

A lot, really. From work experience related to geology and my job position, through getting to know how large companies and sectors within those company function, to getting to know a large number of people, different job positions, etc. I was lucky enough to get a job in a small company and to grow with it. I believe that at the moment I am not even aware of everything that I have gained during these five and a half years.

Do you think that Adriatic Metals Serbia gives young people opportunity to advance in their careers and learn new things that may be useful to them in the future?

Yes I do. One of the many things that set this company apart from others is that it gives opportunities to young people. Most of our team consists of young people actually.

How did you feel when you started working for the company, and what are your impressions now?

As I mentioned before, in the beginning everything was unknown to me, but I quickly realized that this is a phenomenal job and nothing has changed until today. Except that I'm a few years older, although I don't feel that way (laughs).

What do you like most about Raška?

Raska is a beautiful town tucked between slopes of two mountains Golija and Kopaonik, and bordered by rivers on three sides and Sakovsko hill on the fourth. In addition to the fact that I like the town's looks, I also like life in Raska because it is small, everything is near by, people mostly know each other and since I have two children, life is much simpler here than in a bigger city.

Do you hang out with colleagues after work?

Whenever I can, I try to join them in a pub after work (laughs).

Do you have any hobbies?

I play futsal which I can't really refer to as a hobby because it leans more towards professional sport since I have practice every day and play in the professional league, but let's call it some kind of a hobby.

Since 2017, you played at the Rudnica soccer tournament, and were named the best player of 2021 and 2023 tournaments. How does it feel to be named the best player?

Considering that I'm a futsal player, I have won many tournaments in Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Austria and Germany, but the tournament in Rudnica is one of my favorites because I play with my colleagues. It is important for us to do our best, because at that tournament we are primarily representing Adriatic Metals and secondly ourselves. I think we have done well so far. I would not give great importance to awards I gained individually, of course it feels nice, but I always share those award with my team.

How do you see yourself and the town of Raska in the future?

I see Adriatic Metals as one big company that will improve the quality of life in Raska, many fellow citizens employed by it, and of course myself continually progressing through work I do for Adriatic Metals.

What advice would you give to young people who are just starting to build their careers?

I would advise young people to work hard, to be persistent and above all honest. With such attitude towards work and colleagues, progress is guaranteed.