

THE SUPERMARATHON HISTORY

Boris Kožar from Varaždin, enthusiastic athletic, initiated first supermarathon race from Zagreb to Čazma in 1976, when Čazma celebrated its 750th anniversary. The start was then at the football club Dinamo's stadium in Zagreb, so the track was long 58 kilometers. There were only three runners. Boris Kožar was first to come through finish line after 6 hours, 35 minutes and 2 seconds. Second was Miran Šlajmer from Maribor, Slovenia, after 7 hours, 17 minutes and 20 seconds and third, Petar Jelenečki from Varaždin, Croatia, with time 7:18:30.

From year after year this longest athletic race in Croatia has more and more participants. 17th supermarathon was held in 1992, on 30th of may, when Croats celebrated The Sovereignty day. It was the first time that the race was held in an independent state of Croatia.

Since then, the marathon is sponsored by the highest sports organization in Croatia, The Croatian Olympic Committee, so as The Croatian Athletic Alliance, Bjelovar-bilogora County and the Town of Čazma.

Longdistance runners from european countries participate in the race, therefore it has an international character. The start is in Zagreb's main square, The ban Jelačić Square, and the race is 61 kilometer and 350 meters long.

The route is: Zagreb - Sesevete - Sesevetski Kraljevac - Dugo Selo - Božjakovina - Greda - Lupoglav - Prečec - Lipovec - Kloštar Ivanić - Caginec - Graberje - Šumećani - Dapci - Palančani - Opčevac - Bosiljevo - Čazma.

The race in symbolic way connects two old cities, Zagreb and Čazma, two cathedrals and two capitols, so the race is named "From Capitol to Capitol".