

Tomislav BOŠNJAK

Ambassador of the Republic of Croatia to the State of Qatar



DOB	20 December 1951
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interpreting and Translating Diploma (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, 1976); - Bachelor of Arts Degree, Major in Linguistics and Minors in Political Science / Int. Relations and Economics (Monash University, Melbourne 1981); - Various post graduate and specialist courses on issues of conflict resolution and other aspects of international relations and policy planning and implementation in general and in governance, incl. courses at the Harvard University JFK School of Governance, and Zagreb University.
Employment/ Professional	<p>1976 – 1981, Interpreter/Translator Community weekly publication editor (Croatian Weekly)</p> <p>1981 – 1991 Australian Commonwealth Public Servant (in later years Senior Public Service Manager)</p> <p>1991 – 2015 Career Diplomat with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia. Various posts were held during this time: Ambassador for Foreign Aid, Head of Department for the Establishment and Organization of the Diplomatic and Consular Network, Special Envoy for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Assistant minister for Foreign affairs, Consul General in Canada (Mississauga Oct. 1993 – Nov. 1994), Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Iran (Aug. 1996 – Nov. 2000) and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (1999 – Nov. 2000), Head of the Information Department, Charge d'affaires a. i. in Tel Aviv, State of Israel, Acting Head of Political Bilateral Relations for Central and South America and Australasia, Acting Head of Bilateral Economic Relations Department, Chargé d' affaires a. i. in Tripoli (Libya), Head of Corporate Services and Development, Leader of Property Management Section.</p> <p>Dec. 2007 – July 2008 Deputy Civilian Leader and Acting Civilian Leader of The Provincial Reconstruction Team in Feyzabad – Afghanistan.</p> <p>Aug. 2008 – July 2009 Head of Expatriate Network Management Dept/Sectn at the Croatian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.</p> <p>Aug. 2009 – July 2012 Head of non-European Bilateral Economic Relations Department.</p> <p>July 2012 – present Ambassador to the State of Qatar, also accredited to the Sultanate of Oman and the State of Kuwait (present post). Secretary-General Croatian League «Uzdanic» (Australia).</p>
Community/ Political	<p>1980 – 1982 Director, Croatian National Congress Information Office</p> <p>1981 – 1992 Secretary of the Croatian National Congress General Assembly (Croatian diaspora world coordinating body)</p> <p>1983 - 1985 Director General of Foreign Relations of the Croatian</p> <p>1985 -1987</p>

1985 – 1991 National Congress.
Secretary – General Croatian National Congress.

Community/
 Cultural

1969 – 1976

Youth group involvement particularly in theatre and radio productions and programming.

Community/
 Social

Various elected and appointed positions on numerous Australian and ethnic representative bodies related to social, educational and cultural issues.

Languages

Croat
English
French

Citizenship

Croatian
Australian

Additional Fields of Particular Expertise and Interest

- Public Service structures and management and implementation of particular legal acts in a multi cultural environment.
- Interpreting professional standards.
- Interpreting services in the community.
- Public Service training program inception and implementation.
- Equal opportunity in the work place.
- Management of change.
- Appreciation of cultural relativities stemming from exposure to and extensive experiences in various countries (Croatia, Australia, Belgium, France, Canada, Iran, Pakistan, Israel, Palestine, UA Emirates, Libya, Afghanistan, Qatar, Oman, Kuwait and others).
- Community information dissemination and general awareness programs and activities.

Personal

Married, six children.