



## Asteroid's name after Vladis Vujnović



According to the International Astronomical Union, Asteroid 182590 got the name after Professor Vladis Vujnović; see [https://www.wgsbn-iau.org/files/Bulletins/V001/WGSBNBull\\_V001\\_003.pdf](https://www.wgsbn-iau.org/files/Bulletins/V001/WGSBNBull_V001_003.pdf). The link's citation says, among the other information, the following: "Vladis Vujnovic (b. 1933) is a professor of astronomy and physics at the University of Zagreb, a pianist, author of numerous astronomy textbooks and other publications, and a major contributor to the development of astronomy and astrophysics in Croatia."

Further information can be found at: <https://www.sdss.org/instruments/>, while there is more about the asteroid's astronomical details at: [https://minorplanetcenter.net/db\\_search/show\\_object?object\\_id=182590](https://minorplanetcenter.net/db_search/show_object?object_id=182590) (including the asteroid's period, inclination, size, etc.). It is interesting to note that the asteroid was discovered by Željko Ivezić's team 20 years ago, but only recently obtained the name after Vladis.

Last several years of the „official“ career, Vladis spent at the Department of Geophysics, Faculty of Science, University of Zagreb, and extending his engagements toward geomagnetism. Meanwhile, he continues to work tirelessly in his area of expertise and more, publishing books, giving lectures, helping in editing *Geofizika* as a member of Editorial Board, etc. For many of us, who were his passionate followers as ten-agers and later on students, it is also a privilege to know him professionally and privately. Around Vladis official retirement, I returned to Croatia and got to use his office at the Department.

This note is one of the ways how the Department of Geophysics congratulates and celebrates Professor Vujnović numerous accomplishments. Moreover, we are grateful for all his vivid lectures (including the seminar about Ruđer Bošković, etc.), reviews for *Geofizika* journal and much more.

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