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SWIMMING THE SEAS OF THE GLOBE  
For a world without barriers and without frontiers  
2010 - 2016



# Foreword

In the world there are over 650 million disabled people, 10% of the entire population.

80% of these people are unemployed but only 25% of them seek employment

The technologies exist today to offer Persons with Disabilities the self-sufficiency to play a new role in society.

*«Society has a duty to step in to close the huge gap which still separates disabled people from the productive world»*

*(Salvatore Cimmino)*



# Salvatore

Salvatore is married and has a 15-year old child. He lives in Rome and works for Selex ES, a Finmeccanica Company

When he was just 14, Salvatore suffered from a terrible osteosarcoma, and in order to save his life, his right leg had to be amputated well above the knee.

At the age of 40, after countless physical problems, under medical advice Salvatore took up swimming. He had never swam before!

Eight months later, on July 15th 2006, he made his first crossing from Capri to Sorrento, (22 km), without any prosthetic aid. Immediately after, he began his "Swimming Strike" in order to attract the public's attention to the world of the disabled and their problems.

In 2007 he organized his "SWIM AROUND ITALY" during which he joined the Aniene Rowing Club of Rome and gained support from the Rome Foundation. He swam ten legs of about 15kms each around the Italian coastline from Genova to Trieste, to remind people of the issues related to architectural barriers.

In 2008 he took part on his own in the "Capri to Torre Annunziata" swim and later in the "Capri to Naples", one of the legs of the Long Distance Swimming World Championship.

In 2009 he undertook his "SWIM AROUND EUROPE": 6 legs of up to 40 kms each, including the Strait of Messina, the Strait of Gibraltar, Oresund Strait from Copenhagen to Malmoe, Salvore Cape to Triest, and the English Channel, where he broke the all time Italian record, previously held by an able bodied person.

In 2010 he began his "SWIMMING THE SEAS OF THE GLOBE - For a world without barriers or frontiers", a new challenge to conquer the seas of the entire planet.

# Why is he doing it?

Salvatore Cimmino's goal is to raise the awareness of the public and especially of the institutions on the issues and the obstacles that disabled people have to face every day.

To obtain adequate prosthetic aids for everyone through technology, to create disabled-friendly cities without barriers, ensure full parity in education and jobs and the right to full dignity and citizenship.

The disabled person must become a resource for society, he/she must be assigned his/her own role with dignity, and make his/her contribution to social and economic growth.

*«We must have the will to create a different world, with equality, democracy and real and genuine opportunities in terms of well-being for everyone. An inclusive world where disabilities are valued and celebrated»*

*(Salvatore Cimmino)*



# SWIMMING THE SEAS OF THE GLOBE 2010 – 2014

## **The legs of SWIMMING THE SEAS OF THE GLOBE *For a world without barriers or frontiers***

1^: ISRAELE - Lake Tiberias - 17 km – May 7, 2010 (solo)

2^: ITALY / SLOVENIA - Trieste / Koper - 21 km – September 20, 2010 (solo)

3^: ARGENTINA - Rio Paranà, Santa Fe/Coronda Swimming Marathon - Fina Grand Prix - 47 km - January 30, 2011

4^: CANADA – Victoria, (BC) - 20 km, United World College HQ ([www.uwcad.it](http://www.uwcad.it)) – May 22, 2011 (solo)

5^ NEW ZEALAND - Cook Strait - 30 km – October 9, 2011 during the Rugby World Championships, organized by John Kirwan, current manager of the Japanese national team and ex-All Blacks (solo)

6^ DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO - Lake Kivu, Goma – 47 Km – April 22, 2012 (solo)

7^ UNITED STATES – BOSTON Harbour – 30 Km – September 22, 2012 (solo)

8^ AUSTRALIA – Rottnest Strait – Western Australia – 20 Km – February 20, 2013

9^ ITALY – Liguria – Cinque Terre – Riomaggiore - Monterosso al Mare – 20 Km – July 6, 2013 (solo)

10^ MEXICO - Sumidero Canyon Swimming Marathon - Fina Grand Prix - 20 km – October 2013 (solo)

11^ UNITED STATES - New York Swimming Marathon ([www.nycswim.org](http://www.nycswim.org)) - 54 km - June 28, 2014

12^ CUBA/UNITED STATES – La Habana, (Hemingway Marina) – Key West Island, Florida (USA) – July 15, 2016



New Zealand



Israel



Australia



Canada



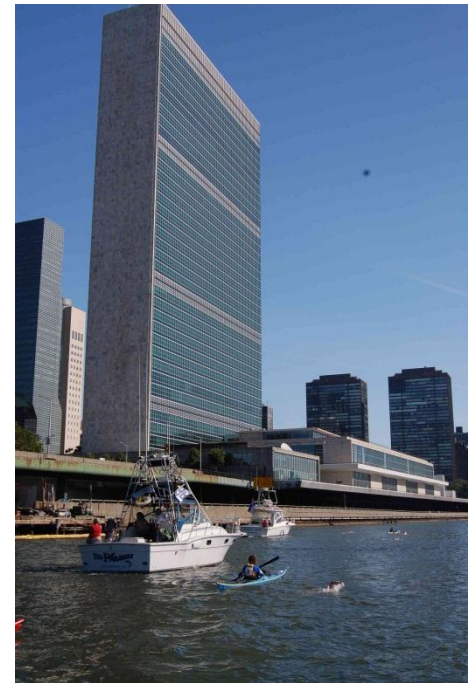
Canyon del Sumidero, MEXICO



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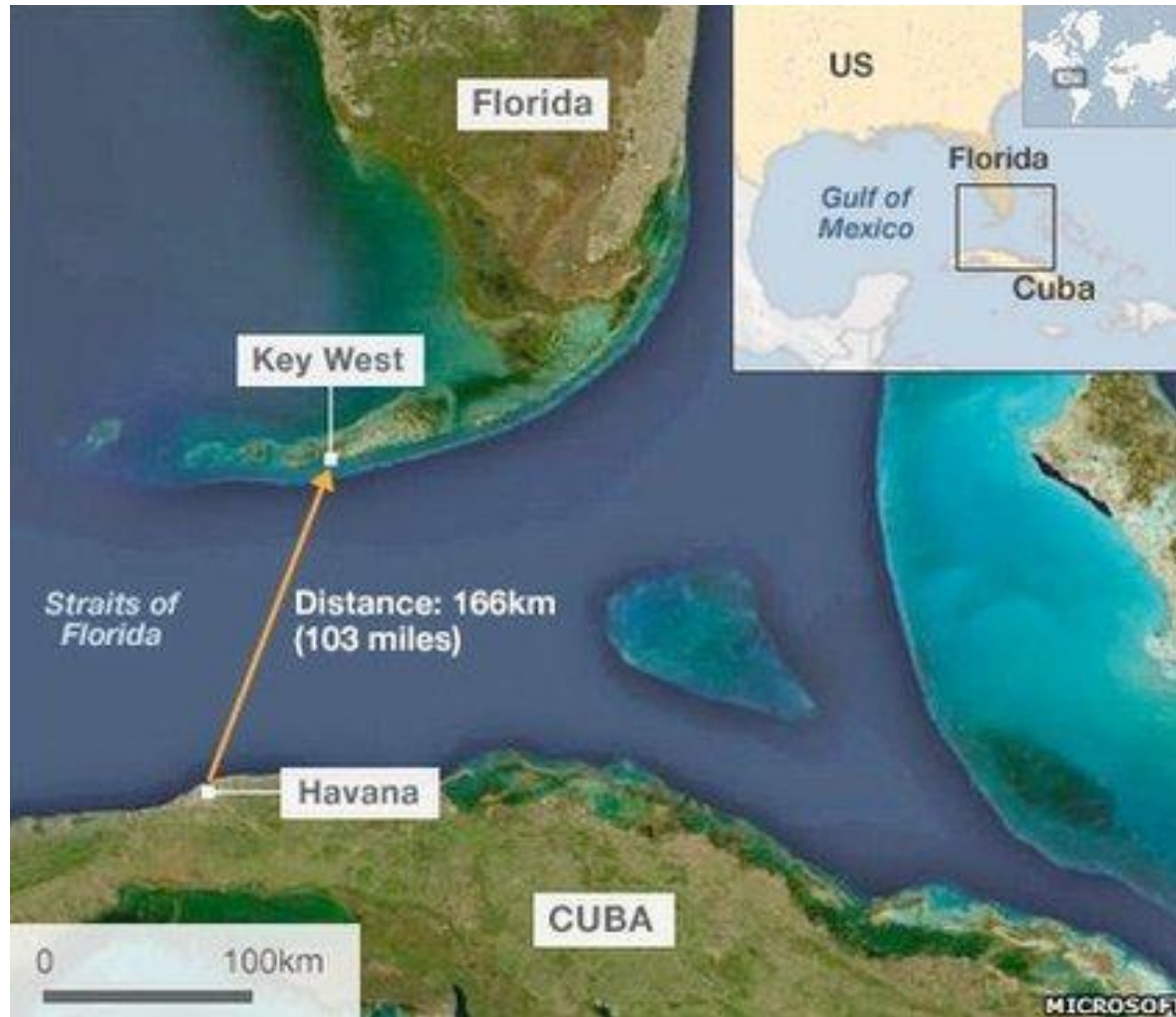


Boston, USA



Manhattan Island Marathon Swim, USA

# 12th Leg - CUBA - MIAMI - April-May, 2016



# The goals

To achieve awareness on the issues of disabled people, with a special focus on those that affect amputees .

To maximise the publicity of Salvatore's endeavours, to support practical initiatives in solving problems that afflict the world of the disabled.

Cooperation with public institutions, academia and enterprise dealing with disability issues in order to identify, stimulate and support changes to the ongoing initiatives related to people with disabilities .

To promote the development of new reference designs through technology of prosthetic aids to be submitted to enterprise, so they may achieve economies of scale and evaluate, develop and manufacture them in different versions, according to the buying power of the target markets (third-world nations, developed countries, public health programs, private sector etc.) This goal will be pursued in co-operation with world-class academic institutions such as the MIT and other global research centers.

To partner with banks and / or trade associations to generate financial instruments which can support disabled people at various stages (including financial) on their path to recovery.

To promote a campaign aimed at ensuring that the National Public Health Systems provide the latest in prosthetic design to all their clients.

Stimulate new sports initiatives involving the world of the disabled.

Develop new models for interaction between private companies and philanthropic initiatives for the disabled, ensuring a strict and ethical selection of events and methods of support.

To get as many more disabled athletes involved as possible to make sure this project supports itself in the future.



The President of the Republic of Italy has shown his appreciation for Salvatore Cimmino, his project and his values by awarding him The President's Medal.



The Mayor of Rome awarded Salvatore the title of Sportsman of the Year 2012





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