



## Helena Hankova

As a professional volleyball player I started to work as a teacher at a high school for children with disabilities in 1970 in Bratislava. I started to train standing volleyball because of their passion and love of the sport. We attended many competitions in former Czechoslovakia. My team became 16 times Champions of Czechoslovakia among 16 teams who were playing standing volleyball at that time. My players were core players when Czechoslovakia's and Slovakia's national teams were formed.

It was my players, throughout my career as a coach, who had the greatest influence on my personal development and that of the sport. They were my inspiration and motivation to develop myself as a coach. I always wanted to give them my best knowledge. Among other international coaches I would like to acknowledge the contributions of Polish coach Zygmund Gora and German coach Athanasios Papageorgiou.

As a coach I was involved in the following events:

Team Czechoslovakia

1989 – European Championships - Zielona Gora, Poland (4th place)

1990 – World Championships - St Etienne, - France (3rd place)

1991 - European Championships – Nottingham, Great Britain (3rd place)

1992 – Paralympic Games – Barcelona, Spain (3rd place)

Team Slovakia

1993 – European Championships – Amilly, France (3rd place)

1994 – World Championships – Bottrop, Germany (5th place)

1995 – European Championships – Olsztyn, Poland (3rd place)

1996 – Paralympic Games – Atlanta, USA (2nd place)

1997 – World Cup – Montreal, Canada (3rd place)

1998 – World Championships – Olsztyn, Poland (3rd place)

1999 – World Cup – Laval, Canada (3rd place)

2000 – Paralympic Games – Sydney, Australia (3rd place)

2001 – World Cup – Púchov, Slovakia (1st place)





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2002 – World Championships – Wisla, Poland (3rd place)  
2003 – World Cup – Rhodes, Greece (1st place)  
2004 – World Championships – Mettmann, Germany (2nd place)  
2005 – World Cup – Regina, Canada (3rd place)  
2006 – World Championships – Roermond, The Netherlands (3rd place)  
2007 – World Cup – Phnom Penh, Cambodia (2nd place)  
2009 – World Cup Phnom Penh, Cambodia (2nd place)  
2011 – World Cup Phnom Penh, Cambodia (4th place)

1990 - 2002 - Chairwoman – Slovak Sports Association for the Disabled  
2002 – 2007 – Secretary General Slovak Sports Association for the Disabled  
1995 – 1999 – Chairwoman Slovak Paralympic Committee  
1996 – Chef de Mission Paralympic Games Atlanta

