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As child I observed standing volleyball competitions for the disabled in Poland. I graduated physiotherapy and I worked as academic teacher (sport for the disabled). 1992 in Barcelona was the first time I was able to see Paralympic level competitions.

My Mum – Krystyna Hady-Bartkowiak had the greatest influence on my development in the sport. For many years she was Director of the Polish Sport for the Disabled “Start” (main organization in Poland before the Polish Paralympic Committee was established). I learned a lot from Her.

The following events were landmarks for me:

1996 Paralympic Games - Atlanta – Head/Manager of National Standing Volleyball Team  
1998 World Championships – Olsztyn, Poland – organizer

My main period as an administrator for standing was from 1995-2000. I retired from standing volleyball in 2004. I was also a member of the Classification Commission.

Outstanding specialist in sport for disabled people

Specialist in, and administrator for Volleyball and Sport for Disabled people  
WOVD Education and Development Commission Member from 1998 to 2004;

Decorated with WOVD Medal for Organization - WOVD World Standing Volleyball Championships in Poland 1998.

Organized education process for standing and sitting volleyball

Head of Delegation Polish National Team during Paralympic Games in Atlanta 1996.

Author of popular publications about sport for disabled

2002-2016 Director Polish Paralympic Committee Office

