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## Cristina Riera *Deceased*

Cristina Passed Away in 2018

Cristina Riera was a specialist doctor of rehabilitation from Barcelona, Spain. She became involved in ParaVolley following her involvement with the Barcelona 1992 Paralympic Games.

Major Events in which Cristina was involved include:

- 1992 Paralympic Games – Barcelona, Spain – International Classifier
- 1998 World Championships – Poland – International Classifier
- 1999 Pan-Am Open/World Cup – Laval, Canada- Chief Classifier
- 2000 Paralympic Games – Sydney, Australia – Chief Classifier
- 2001 World Cup, Puchov, Slovakia – Chief Classifier
- 2002 World Championships – Poland – Chief Classifier
- 2003 World Cup – Rhodes, Greece – Chief Classifier
- 2004 World Championships – Germany – International Classifier
- 2006 World Championships – The Netherlands – Chief Classifier

Cristina was instrumental in transitioning the ParaVolley classification system from points based to classes of MD / D (sitting) and A, B, C (Standing) along with Dr. Aaron Danziger and Pierre Pinelli (1997) she became Medical Director and Head of Classification in 1998. Together with Jenni Cole and Saro Keresteciyan, Cristina developed the first ever classification manual and classifier education program in 2001. She was an international Classifier at the Atlanta, Sydney and Athens Paralympic Games, and finished her time as Medical Director after 2006 World Championship. Cristina was a classifier and board member of the highest integrity and displayed compassion and professionalism in her work and personal relationships. Cristina passed away in 2018 after a long battle with Cancer and leaves behind husband Dr. Ramon Mirales and son Alexander Mirales Riera.

