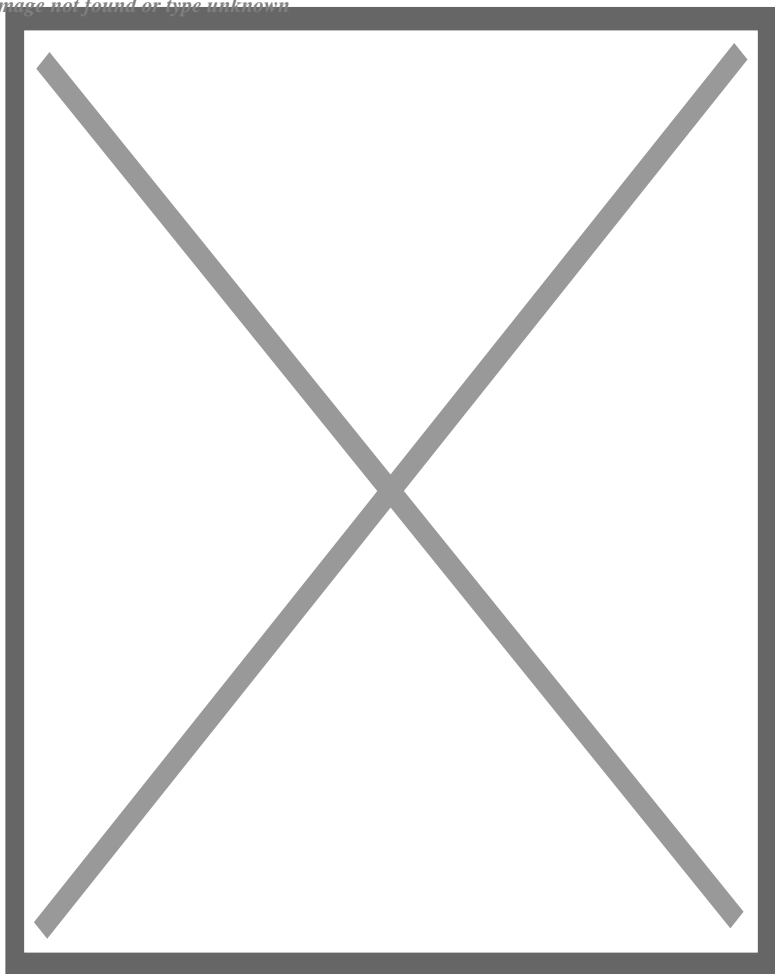


Cuba's Yumilka Ruiz in Volleyball Hall of Fame

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Havana, May 23 (Jit) - Another one of the Spectacular Morenas of the Caribbean, Yumilka Ruiz, is making her way to immortality.

The Cuban has been exalted to the International Volleyball Hall of Fame, located in Holyoke, United States.

Her recognition takes place alongside five other prominent figures, Phil Dalhausser (USA), Larissa Franca (Brazil), Katsutoshi Nekoda (Japan), Silvano Prandi (Italy) and Shanrit Wongprasert (Thailand).

The awards ceremony will be held at the Salon on Saturday, October 21, 2023.

Yumilka is expected to attend as long as the visa process with the U.S. government goes smoothly.

For Cuba, this is the seventh volleyball personality with this status, as Regla Torres entered in 2001 in the women's player category, Mireya Luis in 2004, Magalys Carvajal in 2011, Mirka Francia in 2019 and Taimaris Agüero in 2021. In the coaches division appears the legendary Eugenio George since 2005.

Yumilka reigned at Olympic level in Atlanta 1996 and Sydney 2000. She also won bronze in Athens 2004. She also held the world crown in 1998, among other titles at regional and continental level.

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