



Beatriz Esesarte from Oaxaca Mexico

Beatriz is well known in international baby swimming circles.

She specialised in Aquatic Psychomotricity for all ages in her pedagogical studies. She developed the Aquasomatic Methodology and is founder of Acuarela, Educación Acuasomática, 1988.

In Mexico she pioneered the psychomotor foundations of the process of learning to swim. In 1997 she brought international baby swimming teachers to Oaxaca as president of the organising committee of the IV World Aquatic Babies Conference.

She has been a speaker in several congresses both nationally and internationally. Beatriz is an advocate for responsible application of pedagogy in the learning to swim process. She has co-authored the book "Swimming for Babies: An Affective Approach Proposal", which explains her approach.

As part of this work she saw the need to have a purpose-built pool for people of all sizes and abilities. She developed a specialized swim pool designed for different age groups and physical conditions, adapting the architecture of the pool to facilitate the youngest and the oldest in their aquatic learning.

In 2013 she was awarded Virginia Hunt Newman Award and found her place in the International Swimming Hall of Fame.

She is now also a member of the Board of Directors of the International Swim Schools Association.

Her latest project concerns the aquatic environment outdoors. As President of the Asociación Civil Comunitaria "Vive la Calzada", she is leading local organizations to recover and clean the contaminated river in her natal town. We welcome her to our conference.

