

Classification Seminar, Cuba



Classification training was offered in Cuba 02-15-2016 and 02-16-2016 by Andrea Waters (CAN) and Maria de Fatima Fernandes (BRA). Both are experienced ICF classifiers who were able to incorporate an overview of Paracanoe, and a thorough introduction to medical and technical classification. The instructors used PowerPoint presentations to deliver the theoretical components. From a practical perspective, participants debriefed video (as led by Andrea Waters) and practiced positioning for medical

Positive feedback was provided to the instructors by the participants and the President of the Cuban Canoe Federation.



tests on each other. (as led by Maria de Fatima Fernandes). Twenty participants attended both days and demonstrated an interest in starting paracanoe programs, including classification in Cuba. The participants were representative of many provinces in Cuba and came with a range of experiences from development initiatives to national team roles. There were three medical trainees (one physiotherapist and two physicians).

In follow-up Andrea Waters, COPAC Paracanoe Chair will send mail certificates awarding participants with status to classify within their designated role at a local and national level. Due to internet difficulty within Cuba, participants will also receive the official ICF classification forms (which have already been translated to Spanish and are housed on the COPAC website) in the mail. Andrea Waters did provide participants who had a memory stick with all relevant course materials.

