

## In memoriam

### Maria Rieradevall (23.02.1960 - 15.10.2015)

Our dear colleague Maria Rieradevall passed away on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. A scientific obituary will be published in the second issue of the journal *Limnetica* (2015) and made available through the web page of her research group: <http://www.ub.edu/fem/>. Messages of condolences can be posted at: <http://mariarieradevall.name/>

In the obituary, Bonada et al. write: “Maria was a very versatile researcher who helped to advance the knowledge of Iberian limnology. She studied a wide variety of ecosystems, from rivers to lakes to coastal lagoons, focusing on macroinvertebrates (specially Chironomidae) as model organisms. Her contributions on these topics have been acknowledged by many national and international researchers“

Torbjørn Ekrem



Maria Rieradevall in London, 2008. Photo Narcís Prat.

### Nikolai Alexandrovich Shobanov (21.06.1958 - 05.11.2015)

Our dear colleague Nikolai Shobanov passed away on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Nikolai graduated from Ivanovsk State University in Ivanovo, Russia, in 1980. From April 1981 to November 2015 he worked at the Institute of Biology of Inland Waters of the Russian Academy of Sciences in Borok (near the Rybinsk reservoir). He was a disciple of the famous Russian chironomidologist, Dr. A. I. Shilova, and defended in 2000 his doctoral thesis on the “Genus *Chironomus* Meigen (Diptera, Chironomidae): systematics, biology, evolution”.

Eugeniy Makarchenko



Nikolai A. Shobanov in St. Petersburg, 2004. Photo Eugeniy Makarchenko.

### Hiroshi Hashimoto (? – 26.02.2015)

Our dear colleague Dr. Hiroshi Hashimoto from (Professor emeritus of Shizuoka University) passed away on 26<sup>th</sup> February this year. He was the second chironomidologist in Japan and succeeded Dr. M. Tokunaga.

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