



### **The phycological community lost a great scientist: Dr. Jack L. McLachlan, FRSC**

Dr. Jack McLachlan was born April 1, 1930, in Huron, South Dakota, USA, and died December 13, 2010, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Before getting rooted in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he did most of his research at the Atlantic Regional Laboratory (ARL) of the National Research Council of Canada (NRCC), he worked at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (Massachusetts, 1957–59), the Haskins Laboratory (New York, 1959), and the NRCC in Ottawa (1959–60). He worked at the ARL (presently the Institute for Marine Biosciences) from 1961 to 1991, when he retired as a Principal Research Officer.

Jack had a long and significant affiliation with the International Seaweed Association (ISA). He became a member of the ISA Council (ISAC) during the 6th International Seaweed Symposium (ISS) held in Santiago de Compostela (Spain) in 1968; he was elected Vice-Chairman of the ISA during the 12th ISS in São Paulo (Brazil) in 1986, and Chairman during the 13th ISS in Vancouver in 1989. His last participation in an ISS was in Brest and Saint-Malo (France) in 1992, when he retired from the ISAC and an ISA Honorary Life Membership was bestowed on him.

Jack published over two hundred scientific papers. He was well known for his great ability to culture micro- and macroalgae, and for publishing seminal papers on the red alga *Gracilaria*. He also had a great interest in the commercial utilization of seaweeds, interacting with scientists from different regions of the world. He described three new genera, and several species of micro- and macroalgae. The following taxa were described in his honour: *Chlorojackia* R. Nielsen & J. Correa, *Sporocladopsis jackii* D.J. Garbary, C.J. Bird & K.Y. Kim, and *Gracilariopsis mclachlanii* A. Buriyo, A.M. Bellorin & M.C. Oliveira.

Details about his career will be published in *Phycologia* by Carolyn Bird and co-authors.

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