

**PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS
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HALIFAX CHAPTER**

- 1st. Ordinary Meeting**, 7 October, 1985
Marine Pharmaceuticals: A Sunken Treasure? J.L.C. Wright, National Research Council.
- 2nd Ordinary Meeting**, 4 November, 1985
Food Production in the Aquatic Environment: The Biotechnology of Aquaculture. H. Rosenthal, Biological Station Helgoland, Germany.
- 3rd Ordinary Meeting**, 2 December, 1985
The Nature of Infectious Diseases of Fishes of Coastal Atlantic Canada. D.K. Cone, Saint Mary's University.
- 4th Ordinary Meeting**, 6 January, 1986
A Bigger Role for Small Cells: Changing Ideas on the Ecology of the Open Sea. M.R. Lewis, Dalhousie University.
- 5th Ordinary Meeting**, 3 February, 1986
The Effect of Marine Pollution on the Fisheries Resources of the Maritime Province. J. Uthe, Department of Fisheries and Oceans.
- 6th Ordinary Meeting**, 14 March, 1986
Mathematical Modelling of Sedimentary Basins: A Possible Tool for Hydrocarbon Exploration. C. Beaumont, Dalhousie University.
- 7th Ordinary Meeting**, 7 April, 1986
Mineral Potential of the Ocean and Seabed: The Case for Offshore Mining. C. Schafer, Geological Survey of Canada.
- 125th Annual General Meeting**, 28 April, 1986
An Essay on Fundy. G. Daborn, Acadia University.

VALLEY CHAPTER

- 1st Ordinary Meeting**, 20 November, 1985
Tour of Sheffield Nurseries, a new plant micropropagation facility, Upper Canard, Kings County.
- 2nd Ordinary Meeting**, 20 March, 1986
Recent work transfer to the Campden Food Preservation Research Association in England. R. Stark, Agriculture Canada, Kentville.
(Joint Meeting with Canadian Institute of Food Science and Technology).

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is gratifying to report that the Institute is financially sound and continues to provide a forum for the dissemination of scientific information through public lectures and publication and world-wide distribution of the Proceedings.

As the random selection of topics forming the basis of lecture series in previous years were, on the whole, poorly attended, this year's format was changed to seven lectures on the common theme "An Ocean for the Taking". This approach, combined with a greater attention to publicity, was successful in improving attendance at lectures. Consequently, the Council has decided to follow this format for 1986/87, and has selected "Resources in Nova Scotia" as the theme for the lectures. The topics and speakers involved in this year's program "An Ocean for the Taking" are summarized: Marine Pharmaceuticals: A Sunken Treasure, J.L.C. Wright; Food Production in the Aquatic Environment: The Biotechnology of Aquaculture, H. Rosenthal; The Nature of Infectious Diseases of Fishes of Coastal Atlantic Canada, D.K. Cone; A Bigger Role for Small Cells: Changing Ideas on the Ecology of the Open Sea, M.R. Lewis; Pollution and the Marine Fisheries Resource in Atlantic Canada, J.F. Uthe; Sedimentary Basin Modelling: A Tool for Hydrocarbon Exploration? C. Beaumont; Mineral Potential of the Ocean and Seabed: A Case for Offshore Mining, C. Schafer.

Banking and other financial procedures of the Institute were re-structured on the recommendation of Mr. R.K. Gwynne-Timothy, chartered accountant, in order to satisfy requirements of NSERC, from which the Institute obtains an annual operating grant. I have written to Mr. Gwynne-Timothy, on behalf of the Institute, expressing our gratitude for his services as financial consultant and for agreeing to act as auditor of the Institute's Financial Statement for the years 1984/85 and 1985/86. As these services have been provided at no cost to the Institute, I feel sure that Members present will wish to express their appreciation so that it can be recorded in the minutes of this meeting.

As Dr. Gary Hicks has tendered his resignation as Editor of the Proceedings, effective May 31, 1986, the Council recently ratified the appointment of Dr. Alan Taylor as Editor. In addition, Dr. John Walter indicated that other commitments prevent him from continuing to serve as Treasurer.

It is the opinion of the existing Council that the Institute could become more effective if more emphasis was placed on publicity, membership, and the choice of topics selected for public lectures. A member of Council should be given the responsibility for ensuring that the activities of the Institute are reported adequately in the press, radio and television. Furthermore a Membership Registrar should be appointed to keep a register of members, solicit new memberships, collect dues on behalf of the Treasurer, issue receipts and, in general, provide the Treasurer with the statistical information required for the NSERC grant application. Public lectures would also be improved by Council selecting a theme for the following year's annual lecture series and appointing a member, or small committee, to select a slate of speakers and organize and publicize the lectures, in collaboration with the member responsible for publicity. Apart from improved efficiency, this reallocation of duties will reduce the workload on the President and Treasurer, and thus permit them to devote more time to their other functions.

It has been an honour and privilege to serve the Institute as President, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Executive and Council for their interest, hard work and support during my tenure of office. However, I think the Institute owes a special vote of thanks to Gary Hicks and John Walter for their dedicated service as Editor of the Proceedings and as Treasurer.