

MYERS, RANSOM

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Ransom Myers (1952-2007)

One of Dalhousie's brightest lights, Dr. Ransom Myers, passed away in Halifax on March 27, at the age of 54. Ram, as he was known, captured the world's attention time and time again with breakthrough research on declining fish populations. He focused much of his attention on models of extinction, which is a growing concern in the marine environment.

As Dalhousie's inaugural Killam Chair in Ocean Studies he was widely respected around the globe as a leading world-class ocean researcher. Last year, Fortune Magazine named him the only Canadian on a list of the "Top Ten People to Watch" in the world over the next 75 years. His work was featured on the cover of Time magazine and the New York Times ("above the fold") and he testified at the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee Hearing on Overfishing and at the House of Commons Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans. He was also in Who's Who in Canada.

Dr. Myers received his B.Sc. in Physics from Rice University, and his M.Sc. in Mathematics and Ph.D. in Biology from Dalhousie University. He published more than 100 refereed scientific publications in diverse fields of aquatic ecology. His influential work on the causes for the collapse of fish stocks, particularly cod in Eastern Canada, has been well documented.

The Dalhousie community is enriched for having known and worked with him. Dr. Myers' achievements will long be recognized by his colleagues and his many friends, the world over. The entire Dalhousie family is deeply saddened by the passing of an outstanding colleague and friend and our hearts are with his family today and in the days ahead.

A memorial service for Dr. Myers will be held on Sunday, April 1 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel, 1919 Upper Water St., Halifax.

Donations in support of Dr. Myers' family can be made by following the instructions given here: Myers Lab. Donations in Dr. Myers' name can also be made to the Ecology Action Centre (902-429-2202) or the Nova Scotia Nature Trust (902-425-5263).