

## CARLO HEIP AWARD IN MARINE BIODIVERSITY

The Carlo Heip Award in Marine Biodiversity was inaugurated in recognition of Carlo Heip's leadership in marine biodiversity research and founding of the 'World Conference of Marine Biodiversity'. We seek nominations of individuals who have demonstrated exemplary leadership in marine biodiversity science to receive this award.

### Nomination Information

- The 2019 and 2020 award nomination cycle will close on 1st December 2019.
- Self-nominations are excluded. The nominator must ensure the nominee has agreed to be nominated **and is aware of the requirement** to attend to WCMB.
- The award recipients will be invited to present a plenary talk at the World Conference on Marine Biodiversity in Auckland, New Zealand in December 2020.
- The recipient may choose the topic of the talk. The presentation of the award will take place in conjunction with the talk.
- The conference will cover the recipient's travel to and from the conference, accommodation, and complimentary conference registration.
- The recipients of the 2019 and 2020 Carlo Heip Awards will be notified in March 2020.
- Nominations should address the three evaluation criteria below:
  1. **Research impact.** This should be supported by a list of the candidate's top 10 publications and a link to their Google Scholar profile (or similar).
  2. **Peer recognition.** This may be supported by indicators such as awards, honours, funding, and speaking invitations.
  3. **Service.** This may be supported by evidence such as meetings organised, teaching, leadership, editorial responsibilities, mentorship, public outreach.
- Nominations should be submitted attached to [wcmb2020@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:wcmb2020@auckland.ac.nz) by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019. A sub-committee of the *International Association of Biological Oceanography (IABO)* will act as the jury for nominations. The ranking of nominees will only be based on the nomination documentation. Recognising that nominees are likely to be well known in the field, committee membership and the evaluation process will be designed to avoid conflicts of interest.

### Submission Documents

- Nomination letter, responding to the three evaluation criteria within two pages and confirming the nominee is willing to attend WCMB IV.
- Nominee curriculum vitae documenting evidence in support of the criteria. This may include links to supporting materials.
- A nomination may include up to three letters of support from selected referees that provide additional support for the nomination. These are optional.
- All nomination documents must be combined in one pdf file to minimise the risk of the jury overlooking any documents.

The first recipient of this award was Dr Carlos Duarte <http://www.wcmb2018.org/carlo-heip-award.html>

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## Carlo Heip

Carlo Heip (1945) studied Biology at Ghent University, where he founded the marine biology research group after he graduated. In 1987, he was appointed director of the Delta Institute in Yerseke, which was incorporated into the Netherlands Institute for Ecology (NIOO) as the Centre for Estuarine and Marine Ecology (CEME) in 1992 and has been a division of NIOZ since 2012. In 2006, Carlo Heip was appointed general director at NIOZ on Texel. He retired in 2011. After that, he stayed on as an advisor at NIOZ and he became the general editor of the *Journal of Sea Research*. His first research project involved population dynamics, ecology and the ecotoxicology of benthic life. Later, his focus shifted to the link between biodiversity and the functioning of ecosystems.



Carlo Heip has over 150 articles to his name and he has edited several books. He was a source of inspiration for many national and international initiatives in the field of marine research. He played an important part in promoting European research into land-ocean interaction, and into ecological processes in estuaries, in particular. He was responsible for numerous EU projects. The most important of these EU projects was MARBEF (Marine Biodiversity and Ecosystem Functioning), in which taxonomists and ecologists worked together on a European scale to strengthen our understanding of marine biodiversity and ecosystem function and support the protection of marine biodiversity. This project made a significant contribution to worldwide initiatives to better describe and understand the importance and variety of organisms in the sea.

Carlo Heip was an eminent scientist and a committed intellectual who as a researcher contributed to the better preservation of the marine environment. He was a director and organiser with vision and leadership. We will remember him as a warm and dedicated person.