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SCOR tribute to Prof. Bjorn Sundby

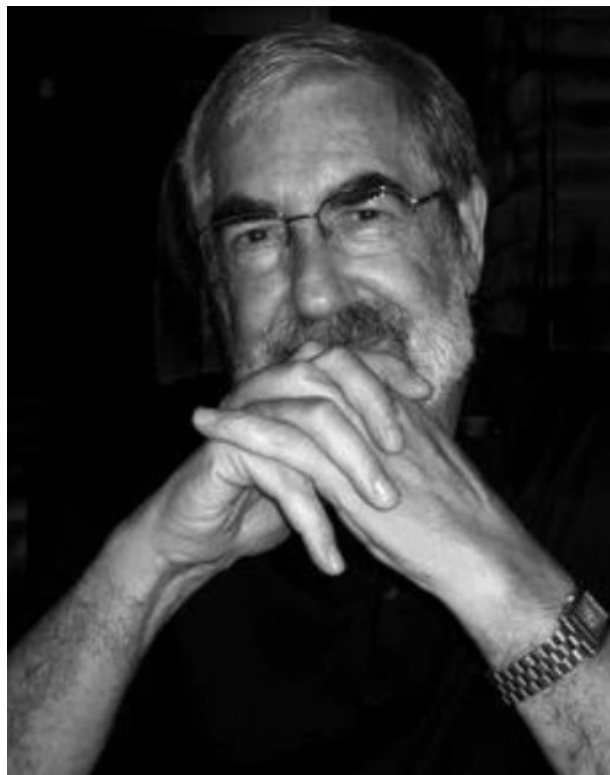


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SCOR remembers and pays tribute to Prof. Bjorn Sundby, retired Professor from the Université du Québec à Rimouski (UQAR) and adjunct professor from McGill University in Canada who passed away in January 2023. Bjorn served SCOR as Secretary between 1996 and 2000, as SCOR President between 2004-2008, and as SCOR Past-President between 2008 and 2012. He was a SCOR Nominated Member for Canada serving the Canadian SCOR Committee as Secretary between 1996-2000 and as Chair between 2003-2006.

Bjorn earned his PhD in physical organic chemistry from the University of Bergen (Norway) in 1966 and then moved to Dalhousie University in Halifax for a postdoctoral position. He was an oceanography research associate at UQAR from 1974 to 1980, and became Professor of Oceanography from 1980 to 1984. He was head of the Department of Chemical Oceanography and Marine Pollution at the Netherlands Institute for Sea Research from 1984 to 1987, and later on the Director of the Physical and Chemical Oceanography Branch at the Maurice Lamontagne Institute, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Canada. He was Professor of Oceanography at the Institut des Sciences de la Mer de Rimouski (ISMER) associated to the UQAR from 1992 to his retirement in 2010, and an adjunct professor at McGill

University in Montreal. His major scientific contributions are related to the importance of manganese to marine biogeochemistry, and how coastal sediments act as an important source of manganese for the deep ocean.

As pointed out by Cédric Magen, Bruno Lansard & Sean A. Crowe in their preface to Bjørn Sundby's [Special Issue of Aquatic Geochemistry](#), Bjørn worked on a broad array of topics, including the marine phosphate cycle, processing of organic matter in permeable and soft sediments, transient diagenesis, the use of redox tracers as paleo indicators, micro-scale redox cycling in the rhizosphere, and the development of Au/Hg amalgam microelectrodes for measuring redox species at fine spatial scales.

Through his extensive service to SCOR, Bjorn contributed to shape the focus of international oceanographic research and inform marine policy. THANKS BJORN!

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