

R.W.G. (Bill) Carter Memorial Edition of *The Journal of Coastal Research*

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News of the death of Professor R.W.G. (Bill) Carter in July 1993 shocked and saddened the scientific community around the world. Bill was known to many working in the fields of coastal morphodynamics and coastal management for his **numerous** scientific contributions in the form of manuscripts,

reports, books and lectures, in addition to his vivacity, humor, warmth and friendship. Unequivocally, Bill's research has accelerated our comprehension of coastal morphodynamics dramatically over his relatively short career of 20 years. Thus, as a tribute to his past contributions, a symposium was held in his honor in San Francisco, U.S.A. during 1994. Some twenty-four papers were presented by scientists representing seven countries. Research findings on problems spanning the gamut of coastal morphodynamics were presented at the meeting. Bill was acknowledged as a collaborator on a large number of the projects, yet again attesting to his intellectual strengths and ability to effectively work in significantly different coastal environments. The quality and intrigue that emanated from the presentations were the stimuli for a commemorative volume in a peer-reviewed journal to which manuscripts would be submitted and vetted for review by experts beyond those involved with the symposium. *The Journal of Coastal Research* seemed a logical choice since Bill had played a pivotal role in its inception and served as book review editor for five years. Several papers were also submitted for possible inclusion that were not presented at the symposium, but dealt with thematic issues that overlapped with Bill's research interests. Charles Finkl graciously agreed to devote a thematic section of the *Journal of Coastal Research* to this commemorative volume. Twenty papers comprising this issue represent state-of-the-art reviews and attack cutting edge questions in several sub environments of the coastal zone.

As guest editor for this commemorative issue, I would like to thank some sixty external reviewers for their assistance in my editorial task to maintain the highest of standards. I would also like to thank the respective authors of the papers for their acceptance of certain editorial quirks, but most of all for their patience throughout this entire, lengthy project. Finally, I would like to thank the late Bill Carter for his guidance as my mentor, and caring as a friend.

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