

DR. FRANK J. SCHWARTZ IS HONORED AS EDITOR EMERITUS

The *Journal of the North Carolina Academy of Science (JNCAS)* is distinguished as the oldest continuously published state science academy journal in the United States. First published under the name the *Journal of the Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society (JEMSS)* (1884–2002), the journal has featured the research of North Carolina scientists for the last 130 years. Few people have worked harder to maintain a quality journal than has the journal's long-time editor, Dr. Frank J. Schwartz, of the UNC Institute of Marine Sciences (IMS).

On 30 May 2014, the Academy's Board of Directors recognized Dr. Schwartz for his long and meritorious service by bestowing on him the honorary title of Editor Emeritus. Dr. Schwartz served as Editor of the *JEMSS* from 1995 to 2002 and he served as Executive Editor of the *JNCAS* from 2002 until his resignation in 2014. A ceremony recognizing his service to the Academy was held on 5 August 2014 at IMS in Morehead City, North Carolina.

During his 19-year tenure as editor, Dr. Schwartz edited scores of paper submissions, procured numerous reviewers, and wrote numerous book reviews. Long before stepping in as editor, he had contributed several research papers to the journal. After becoming editor, he continued to author and co-author papers for the journal, contributing more than 120 papers in all. Dr. Schwartz's commitment to the Academy did not begin and end with the journal. He rarely missed a meeting of the Board of Directors and he was a regular attendee at the Academy's annual meetings.

Born in Pennsylvania, Dr. Schwartz earned a masters degree in Fisheries Biology and a doctoral degree in Ichthyology from the University of Pittsburgh. He is one of the world's leading experts on sharks, having published extensively on sharks, as well as on a host of freshwater and other marine organisms. He has studied shark populations



of North Carolina's coastal waters since 1967, when he first joined the faculty of IMS. In 2003, the University of North Carolina Press published Dr. Schwartz's book—*Sharks, Skates, and Rays of the Carolinas*—which was written for a wide readership. His expertise on sharks has attracted the attention of journalists and reporters, and articles about his work have been featured in *Our State* magazine, in the *Carteret County News-Times*, and in *Wildlife in North Carolina* magazine.

Frank J. Schwartz has held numerous academic, research, and editorial positions over the last 64 years. His research papers and book reviews equate to more than 400 publications. His papers have appeared in a broad range of journals, encompassing state, regional, national, and international journals. He has received numerous honors,

including Elected Fellow of the Ohio Academy of Sciences and Elected Member of the International Academy of Fishery Scientists. Scientific research and conference presentations have taken him to 146 countries and he has circled the globe nine times. He regards his six separate papers on the spines of stingrays of the world as his most significant contributions to the scientific community. As Professor and Curator of Fishes at IMS, Dr. Schwartz continues to do research aboard his 48-foot shark boat, the *Capricorn*.

Despite many professional obligations, Dr. Schwartz's commitment to the Academy's journal always held firm. The North Carolina Academy of Science gratefully acknowledges Dr. Frank J. Schwartz for his many contributions to the Academy and for his long and meritorious service as editor of its journal. No one else in recent times has served the journal longer or more successfully.

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