

## MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

### KARL JONAS TAGE SKOGSBERG (b. 1887)

Karl Jonas Tage Skogsberg, Emeritus Professor of Marine Biology and Oceanography at the Hopkins Marine Station of Stanford University, died at his home in Carmel on August 16th, after a long illness.

Dr. Skogsberg was born in Gothenberg, Sweden, on November 5, 1887. As a boy and young man, he spent his summer vacations hiking, swimming and sailing along the broken shoreline and among the countless skerries of the Swedish west coast. Here the teeming life of the sea caught his attention and awakened an intense interest in nature which later led to the formal study of biology. He received his master's degree from the University of Upsala in 1912, and his doctorate in 1920, with the highest record ever established in the field of biology at that institution of higher learning. His studies had been supplemented by periods of research at Villefranche-sur-Mer and at Monaco in 1915-16, and in Germany in 1919. In addition, he had served for three years as curator of the zoological collections at his university.

Immediately upon receiving his doctorate, Dr. Skogsberg was granted a fellowship for one year of foreign study and came to the Hopkins Marine Station to pursue his investigations. The democratic spirit of America appealed to him and he found in California the place he wished to make his home. As a result, he did not return to Sweden but undertook, instead, an investigation of the tuna for the California Fish and Game Commission. However, the appeal of academic centers was great, and in 1923 he transferred to the University of California, where he became a research associate. During the summer of 1925, Dr. Skogsberg returned to the Hopkins Marine Station on a temporary appointment as instructor, and the following year he became a permanent member of the faculty and served until ill health forced his retirement in 1948.

In 1930, Dr. Skogsberg was married to Miss Catharina Spijker, and for years the couple made their charming Carmel home a meeting place for graduate students and a devoted circle of friends.

Dr. Skogsberg's broad interests and outstanding competence led him to write at least three major works in widely different fields. The first of these was a classic report on the Ostracoda, the results of his investigations for the doctorate. The second was a monumental monograph on the armored Dinoflagellata, written in joint authorship with the late Prof. C. A. Kofoed of the University of California. The third was a large pioneering work on the hydrography of Monterey Bay, presenting some of the results of the Hydrobiological Survey of 1929-35 which was initiated and directed by him. Numerous smaller papers on coelenterates, annelids, arthropods, fishes, and hydrography made him a recognized authority in several diverse branches of biology and oceanography.

Outstanding in research, Dr. Skogsberg made equally important contributions in education. His versatility enabled him to step even beyond the limits of his own department, and during World War II, while most of the geology faculty was called out for war service, he

supervised the graduate work of several paleontology students on the campus. Both in formal classroom teaching and in friendly association with graduate students he was an inspirational guide, instilling, by the example of his own scientific work, an appreciation of serious purpose and scientific discipline in all of those who came in contact with him. Former students, scattered throughout the world, will share with his colleagues a deep sense of loss at his passing.

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