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JANET HAIG

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The unfortunate death of Janet Haig, following complications of a broken hip, has left the carcinological community without one of its foremost authorities on anomuran systematics. However, Janet didn't begin her systematic career with anomuran decapods. After completing her bachelor's degree at Whittier College, in southern California, she did her master's work on fishes at Stanford University, in Palo Alto, where she also served as a Museum Assistant at Stanford's Natural History Museum. Nonetheless, her interest in systematics was apparent even then.

Janet's first exposure to Crustacea came in 1948, when she accepted a Research Assistant's position at the University of Southern California's Allan Hancock Foundation, working with the eminent carcinologist, Dr. John S. Garth. Her modest beginning, cataloging the "Velero" porcellanids, led over the years, to her unquestionable recognition as one of the world's leading authorities on this group. However, she did not confine her interest and expertise to only the Porcellanidae. She also studied and published extensively on several other anomuran groups, including the Hippoidea, Galatheaidea, and Paguridea.

Despite her decision not to continue her academic studies in pursuit of a Ph.D. degree, Janet's expertise was sufficiently acknowledged by her peers that she was asked to serve as an external reviewer for Ph.D. students from the Universities of Marathwada and Karachi, act as a reviewer for scientific journals, and provide identifications of collections for national and international organizations and Museums. Over one five-year period, she was the Principal Investigator for three National Science Foundation grants. Janet had a working knowledge of French, German, Italian, and Russian, even from time to time providing translations for colleagues. During one visit to the Paris Museum she made a point of speaking only in French, although she admitted that she was not always sure that



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she actually said what she intended. Janet also had an excellent knowledge of the geography of Central and South America in its native Spanish, which she willingly shared with those of us less proficient.

Janet's work was not limited to the laboratories of the Allan Hancock Foundation. She participated in cruises of the Southeast Pacific Biological and Oceanographic Program aboard the R/V "Anton Bruun", attended symposia and conferences in Guam and the Palau Islands; Auckland, New Zealand; Fiji and Cook Islands; Guam and Truk Lagoon; Hong Kong; and Sydney, Australia; and examined collections in museums around the world. During her travels, she enjoyed snorkling in the local habitats when opportunities permitted.

Janet maintained a close working relationship with John Garth, and when he retired, she was appointed Curator of Crustacea at the Foundation. Those of us who knew Janet personally were impressed with her willingness to help both students and colleagues, as my own sizable correspondence file with her and Foundation loan forms will attest.

Although Janet "officially" retired in 1990, she continued to work at the Foundation, getting the decapod collections ready for transfer to the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County (LACM), in addition to expanding her studies of pagurids and porcellanids. When the Foundation formally closed the Crustacean section, Janet continued to work at home, but was preparing to move into research space at the LACM, where she had held a Research Associate appointment for several years. During her career, Janet published 75 scientific papers. At the time of her death she was working on a monograph of the New Caledonia porcellanids for the MUSORSTOM series.

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We look forward to welcoming you to Amsterdam for the Fourth International Crustacean Congress, to be held 20-24 July, 1998. This congress is being organized by the "Stichting Crustacea", a foundation of Dutch carcinologists formed especially for the organization of this event.

Among the most important issues today that we as biologists face are the effects on the species we share this planet with from human overpopulation, global changes in climate, and the effects of pollution. The crustaceans suffer no less than any other group of animals in this regard. Therefore we have chosen as the grand theme of the congress Crustaceans and the Biodiversity Crisis.

We are setting up plenary sessions to reflect this theme and to bring in experts from outside crustacean studies to help enlighten us on techniques and methods being employed elsewhere and which may stimulate carcinologists in their own research.

We also will have some specially organized contributed paper sessions that will reflect aspects of this theme, but we invite carcinologists from around the world to come to Amsterdam and participate with oral papers, posters, and demonstrations that either directly or indirectly reflect on the congress theme.

The 4th International Crustacean Congress is a follow-up of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd International Crustacean Conferences held respectively in Ernakulam, India (1965), Sydney (1980) and Brisbane (1990) Australia. The 4th International Crustacean Congress will also host:

- The 3rd European Crustacean Congress
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