

## A SPECIAL WORD FROM THE PUBLISHER

Professor Emeritus Ilan Paperna, a dear friend of many years, died on March 28, 2009.

He was instrumental to the creation of DAO. In fact, he was the very first scientist with whom I had the privilege of discussing my plans to create an international journal for publishing scientific papers devoted to diseases of aquatic life. After I had detailed my plans to Ilan, during a visit to universities and specialized research institutions in Israel in 1984, he immediately agreed that such a journal was needed and that he would be pleased to assist.

DAO was founded in 1985. In the following years Ilan Paperna contributed to the success of the journal by serving as Subject Editor and as author of scientific papers.

I will always be grateful to this outstanding parasitologist, warm-hearted man and 'walking encyclopedia', as Professor Ariel Diamant has written in his very appropriate 'In Memoriam'.

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