

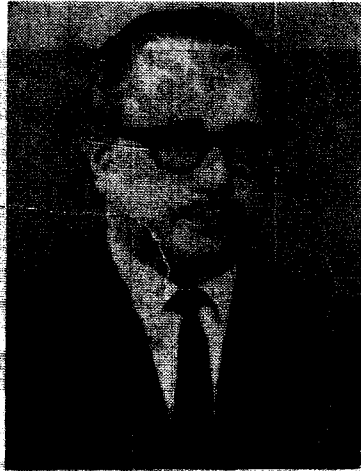
Dr. E. G. SILAS ASSUMED CHARGE AS DIRECTOR

Dr. E. G. Silas has assumed charge as Director of the Institute on 25th June 1975. Dr. Silas, who had been associated with various research and development programmes of the Institute since 1959 and renowned for his many scientific contributions in the different fields of fishery science, has been heading, till date, the Division of Marine Biology and Oceanography of the Institute.

In his address to the staff of the Institute, soon after his assuming the new charge, he has emphasised the need of the vigorous and enthusiastic co-operation of all the staff members in resolving the present problems and facing the challenges ahead in order to keep up the tempo of achievements which brought our Institute to

the limelight and appreciation in our country and abroad.

Our Institute, he said, has planned for the next five years for greater concentration on



problems relating to major fisheries, mariculture, fisheries oceanography, codification of all fisheries data and the

speedy dissemination of all results. He stressed on the urgent need for intense interdisciplinary approach of the various scientific programmes.

A major handicap to our research programmes, he stated, was the absence of a research vessel for the Institute. Therefore, efforts will be speeded up for an early procurement of a 107-foot research vessel and the construction of additional 43-foot boats. Procurement of land and buildings and construction of laboratory for the head quarters and some of the subordinate establishments will also receive immediate attention.

He also assured that the problems particular to our Institute like career problems will receive his priority attention.