

# NEWS AND NOTES

## NEW DIRECTOR FOR THE CENTRAL MARINE FISHERIES RESEARCH INSTITUTE



Dr. Syed Zahoor Qasim, till recently Assistant Director of the National Institute of Oceanography, has been made the Director of Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Cochin, as and from 7th December 1970.

Born in December 1926 at Allahabad, Dr. Qasim took his B. Sc., degree in Chemistry, Botany and Zoology from the Aligarh Muslim University in 1949. In 1951, he took his M. Sc. degree with a First Class and first in order of merit. He took his Doctorate from the University of Wales U. K. in 1956, with his thesis on ecology of shore fishes. Based on his 47 publications on Ecology, Experimental Biology and Environmental studies and his contributions to the advancement of knowledge in Biological Science Dr. Qasim won his D.Sc. in 1968.

Dr. Qasim started his career in 1951 as lecturer in the Alligarh Muslim University. From 1953 to 1957 he was in

U. K. taking postgraduate and post Doctoral courses. From 1957 he was a Reader in Zoology at the Aligarh Muslim University, till 1962 when he joined the Central Institute of Fisheries Education Bombay, as a Professor. In 1964 Dr. Qasim joined the International Indian Ocean Expedition (the present National Institute of Oceanography) as Assistant Director (Scientist)

Dr. Qasim's work while in the University of Wales, U.K., for Post Graduate and Post Doctoral courses, was with Prof. D. J. Crisp F. R. S. and Prof. E. W. Knight-Jones. Dr. Qasim has many foreign visits to his credit. In 1966 he visited Moscow, U. S. S. R., to attend the second International Oceanographic Congress. As a member of the working group appointed by the SCOR/IBP to standardise methods of primary production under special conditions, he visited Southampton in 1968 and attended the first meeting of this working Group. He has also attended the International Symposium on Marine Food Chains in Denmark. On special invitation, he visited the Marine Laboratory at Aberdeen and Millport, Scotland and did some work on methodology of Energy Flow in Sandy Beaches. In 1970 Dr. Qasim visited U. S. A. / Canada to attend the meetings of the SCOR/IBP working group, to deliver lectures on biological science, and to visit some research laboratories.

A recognised guide of various Universities for M.Sc. and Ph. D. research work, Dr. Qasim has about 60 published research papers on various aspects of fishery biology, marine biology and oceanography to his credit. His papers

have appeared both in Indian and foreign journals. He was awarded a commonwealth visiting Professorship for 1971-72. Dr. Qasim is a Life Member of the Marine Biological Association of India and the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography while he is a fellow of the Zoological Society, U. K.