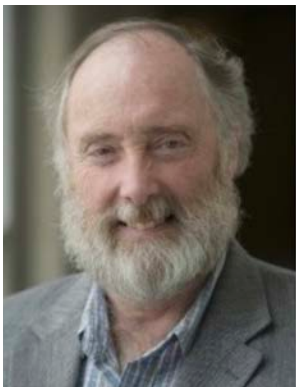
In memoriam: William D. Taylor (1950–2022)



We have lost a leader of Great Lakes science and a great friend in Bill Taylor, who died January 24 of cancer. Taylor was a biology professor at the University of Waterloo for more than 32 years and a recipient of the IAGLR Lifetime Achievement Award in 2018. Several of his papers are considered limnological classics, and his research has greatly increased our understanding of phosphorus cycling in lakes and the importance of microzooplankton in nutrient cycling and food webs of lakes.

"His research has been remarkably eclectic, extending from nutrient loading to fish and from small lakes to the largest lakes in the world, while always bringing a novel perspective to the issues confronting aquatic systems from eutrophication to contaminant cycling," noted Robert Hecky, editor of the *Journal of Great Lakes Research*, in his letter supporting Taylor's nomination for the award.

Taylor served as a member of the IAGLR Board of Directors and the Awards and Publications committees, as an associate editor to the *Journal of Great Lakes Research*, and as a session chair at annual conferences. He received IAGLR's Chandler-Misener Award for the best paper in the journal in 1992. He also served numerous government agencies and organizations in Canada and abroad. His research activities have also been recognized by others. He received the Frank Rigler Memorial Award from the Canadian Society of Limnologists and a Career Achievement Award from the Canadian Council of University Biology Chairs, and held a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair position.

While Taylor's research contributions are impressive, when news of his passing broke on social media, the overwhelming memory shared of him was of his kindness, of the time he took for people, and the encouragement he gave. "Bill was a light during my early Ph.D. days," tweeted Oana Birceanu, now an assistant professor at Western University. "He was so generous with his lab space, advice and support. We lost a good one."

Calling him a "generous mentor," Rebecca Rooney wrote, "When I came to U Waterloo as a nervous new prof, Bill was so welcoming and always made time to talk. He was emotionally and materially supportive to so many of us!"

That support has made a lasting impact on those who continue in the field. "He has contributed to what many of us are today, with good science, humour and encouragements," tweeted Jérôme Marty, University of Ottawa. "Limnologists from many countries will miss him."

Ralph Smith, biology professor emeritus at University of Waterloo, captured that sentiment in his nomination letter for Taylor's IAGLR award. "All who know Bill know his generosity of spirit, unfailing respect for others, and refreshing sense of humour."

A celebration of Taylor's life is planned for this spring. Condolences to the family and memorial donations can be arranged by contacting the funeral home.

KUDOS

Congratulations to the following IAGLR members!

BOPI BIDDANDA (Annis Water Resources Institute, Grand Valley State University) for receiving the University's Distinguished Contribution in a Discipline Award.

CATHERINE FEBRIA and members of the Healthy Headwaters Lab (University of Windsor, Great Lakes Institute for Environmental Research) as recipients of the 2021 Essex Region Conservation Award in Education in recognition of their work with stakeholders and decision makers "to restore freshwater ecosystems to full health and vitality."

DANIEL HEATH (GLIER-UWindsor) as recipient of an Excellence in Leadership award from the University of Windsor.

DOUG KANE (Heidelberg University) for receiving the Ohio Lake Management Society's Innovation in Lake Management award for "devotion to his students, always helping to foster the next generation of lake stewardship in Ohio."

ELLEN MARSDEN (University of Vermont Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources) for being named a 2021 Fellow by the American Fisheries Society.

RENÉ SHAHMOHAMADLOO (University of Guelph and Washington State University) for being selected as a Liber Ero Postdoctoral Fellow to research harmful algal blooms in the Great Lakes.

ED VERHAMME (LimnoTech) on the launch of a new company, Freeboard Technology, that will focus on cool new tech for the Great Lakes.

Welcome to the following members, who joined IAGLR between November 2021–January 2022.

Zach Amidon	Shay Keretz	Alicia Sendrowski	Colleen Yancey
Zia Ul Hassan	Tyler Kunze	Ian Stone	Fasong Yuana
William Henry	Jennifer Powell	Alana Tedeschi	
Gabby Izma	Thornton Ritz	John Walakira	