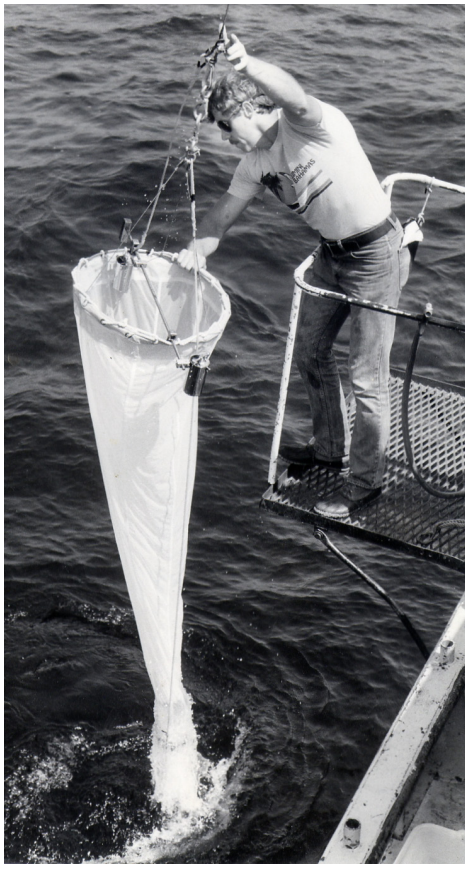
IN MEMORIAM



In December, the Great Lakes community lost a quiet but committed champion of the Great Lakes, **NORINE DOBIESZ**. She cared deeply about their water quality, fisheries, riparian peoples, and their future. Norine was an active member of IAGLR, including her role as technical editor of the *Journal of Great Lakes Research*. She was a dedicated and talented environmental and fishery researcher who sought to make a difference. Since 2013, she worked at Michigan State University's Quantitative Fisheries Center, with duties both to research and to provide high-end computing and programming support on multi-disciplinary projects. For more on Norine, please visit bit.ly/2VC6ua9.

The Great Lakes community lost a well-respected scientist and dear colleague, **DAVID RATHKE**, in February. Throughout his career, David worked for The Ohio State University's Center for Lake Erie Area Research; Canada Centre for Inland Waters in Burlington, Ontario; and the International Joint Commission. He particularly loved working at OSU's Stone Laboratory, researching and teaching. In his 17 years working on the Great Lakes, David authored over 20 scientific publications on Lake Erie, numerous IJC reports, and many peer-reviewed scientific publications. He also helped organize a number of special sessions at IAGLR's annual conferences and many IJC workshops, and gave many scientific presentations at professional conferences. David



took this knowledge to EPA's Region 8 in Denver, where he worked until his retirement in 2016. More about David can be found at bit.ly/2Uovq8u.

It is with great sadness that I share that Dr. AL BEETON passed away on April 24. Dr. Beeton was the director of NOAA's Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory from 1986 to 1996. Over the course of his career, he was a leading researcher of Great Lakes limnology and aquatic zoology. A three-time graduate of the University of Michigan (B.S. '52, M.S. '54, Ph.D. '58), he became a professor and administrator at the university's School of Natural Resources and College of Engineering from 1976 to 1986. In the late '60s, Dr. Beeton served on IAGLR's steering committee and first board of directors. He also served as co-chair of the International Joint Commission's Great Lakes Science Advisory Board from 1986 to 1991, and as NOAA's chief scientist in the mid '90s.

I know many of us have fond memories of Dr. Beeton. He was a great mentor who invested in and developed people; he promoted diversity and valued people as individuals long before that rose to our national consciousness. He remained interested in GLERL and its people long after his retirement,



continuing to attend our holiday parties and retirement ceremonies. We will miss him and the example he set for us.

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