

**A Short Review on the Monograph *National Institute for Marine Research And Development “Grigore Antipa” - Historical Highlights*, by Alexandru Ș. Bologa, Academy of Romanian Scientists Printing House, Bucharest, 2022, 414 pp**

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When my dear friend and colleague Dr. Alexandru Ș. Bologa proposed me to write a review on his recent book, I immediately accepted it as it is a privilege and honour for me to write my view about his ouvrage. Of course, I could not say “No” to him. Firstly, the book is about our lovely Black Sea, even after we have collected some sea mines in the Bosphorus due to a brutal and unfair war across the sea. Secondly, the book contains outstanding information, such as biological, historical, and some political points of view. Thirdly, there are not many books of this kind in the scientific community of the Black Sea and definitely a very good example for other coastal countries in terms of marine sciences.

We all know that the Black Sea is very sensible to all kinds of anthropogenic pressures and state of the art is very well documented in detail in Chapter One of the book. I have to add that publishing this book by the Academy of Romanian Scientists bilingually is an added value for our scientific community.

You certainly deserve congratulations. Needless to say, for the preparation of this kind of book so meticulously, all efforts are time-consuming, need sacrifice and deep knowledge of not only biology but also history of oceanography. Dr. Bologa already has an intellectual aura and devoted himself to various branches of marine biology and oceanography. He is an asset for Romania as well as for the Black Sea scientific community.

I have learned many things in Chapter Two about the history of the Institute, difficulties during the foundation and the development of Romanian marine research in memory of two eminent Romanian scientists, Professor Emil Racovitza and Dr. Grigore Antipa.

And I have to admit that I did not know anything about the Bystroe Channel issue. It was a real disappointment and surprise for me.

I also made a small contribution to this book with a short note about my visit with my colleagues of the Faculty of Fisheries, Istanbul University, to Constanța by our research vessel *Yunus-S* in 2007.

When I see old but excellent black-and-white pictures within several pages, it reminds me of my youth days. To find all these pictures, diplomas, certificates, philatelic envelopes etc. requires incredible effort, spending long days in the archives as well.

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