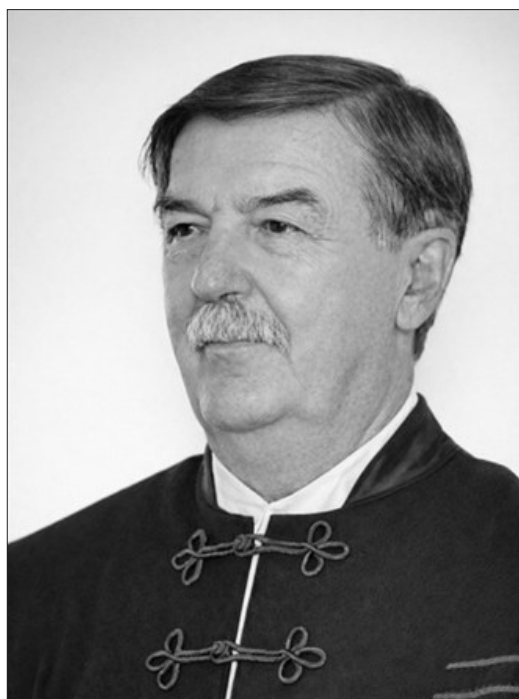


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With deep respect and sadness, the Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries bids a final farewell to Professor Emeritus Perica Cetinić, a distinguished fisheries expert and long-serving employee of the Institute.



PROFESSOR EMERITUS PERICA CETINIĆ
1939-2026

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Professor Emeritus Perica Cetinić was born on May 12, 1939 in Vela Luka on the island of Korčula. He completed his elementary education in 1954 in Vela Luka and finished high school in 1959 in Zadar. That same year, he began his studies at the Faculty of Technology in Zagreb, and then continued at the Faculty of Fisheries in Olsztyn, Poland. He received his doctorate from the Faculty of Marine Fisheries and Food Technology in Szczecin with the dissertation titled “Analysis of structures and resistance of pelagic trawls for catching sardines in the Adriatic Sea based on model testing and underwater observations”.

From 1965 to 1968, Professor Emeritus Cetinić worked at the ocean-fishing company “Jugoatlantik” in Pula as a fisheries technologist, focusing particularly on problems associated with tuna purse-seine fishing. Since 1968, he has been employed at the Center for Fish and the Economy of the Mediterranean in Zadar, where he has been involved in research into the use of pelagic trawls for catching sardines and other small pelagic fish in the Adriatic. From 1970 to 1976, he worked in the

Laboratory for Fishing Techniques at the Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries in Split, as a scientific assistant, and from 1977 to 1984 in the Community of Municipalities of Split as a fisheries advisor. Since 1980, he has been a scientific associate at the Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries in Split, and from 1985 to 1989, he held the position of director.

Later in his career, in 2005, he moved to the University of Split, holding the academic title of Full Professor and Head of the Department of Marine Studies. As one of the founders and the first Head of the then University Study Center for Marine Studies, now the Faculty of Marine Sciences at the University of Split, Professor Emeritus Cetinić left a lasting mark on the development of university study programs and the scientific orientation of the Department.

He published noteworthy books, particularly on the subject of fisheries, such as: Fishing gears and techniques (1985) and Fishing boat and port: Technology of exploitation (2010).

Through direct contact with fishermen and fieldwork at sea, Professor Emeritus Cetinić gained invaluable experience and earned a reputation as an outstanding expert in fishing gears and fishing techniques. During his brief tenure in fisheries inspection, fishermen regarded him as a strict yet fair man whose authority was based on knowledge, experience, and personal integrity. Exceptional perseverance and enthusiasm marked his professional life. Nothing was ever postponed until tomorrow, and this determination shaped the course of his career. Professor Emeritus Cetinić will also be remembered as one of the first to recognize the need for systematic higher education in the fields of fisheries and aquaculture. He approached his students with genuine care and understanding, supporting their rights and professional development with almost parental dedication.

Poland held a special place in his professional and personal life, a country he proudly regarded as his second homeland. There, he established lasting scientific and personal collaborations and, together with Professor Józef Świniarski, co-authored the university textbook *Technologia połowu organizmów morskich*, which received the award of the Ministry of National Education of the Republic of Poland in 1993.

Many of his colleagues and former students continue along the path he helped to shape, working today as teachers, researchers, and professionals who educate new generations. Through their work, the institutions he helped to build, and the knowledge he so generously shared, the legacy of Professor Emeritus Cetinić will endure. He will be remembered with respect and gratitude by his colleagues at the Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries, as well as by the many generations of his students.

We are grateful to him for his dedicated work, vision, and contribution to the development of our institution and Croatian fisheries science.

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