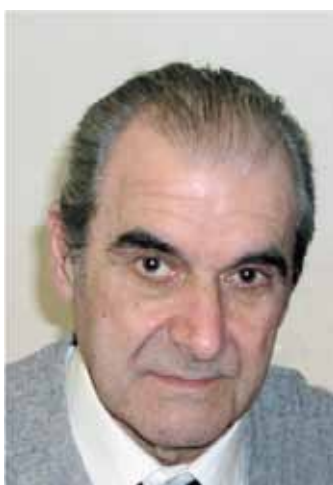This volume is dedicated to our college **MLADEN ALAJBEG** who made a number of microphotographs which constituted a very important part of many scientific papers and technical books, that have found their permanent place in many research libraries throughout the world.

MLADEN ALAJBEG
1933 - 2010

Mladen Alajbeg, senior laboratory assistant of the Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries, was born on 7 October 1933 in Trogir.

After he finished high school in Split, he has enrolled at the Faculty of Science in Zagreb, but circumstantial interruption of studies occurred and in 1955 he began to work at the Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries, Laboratory of Microbiology. For the work of laboratory technician-conservator, he specialized in the embryological-histological laboratory of the Veterinary Faculty in Zagreb, where he first met microphotographs and worked with a micro camera on a research microscope.

Although up to retirement he was very committed to performing all the laboratory tasks of the Laboratory of Microbiology, Mladen Alajbeg has indebted the most the Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries as well as scientists from other institutions, with his work on scientific microphotographs. That was an area which he studied with great enthusiasm throughout his working life and has applied his biological knowledge and many years of laboratory experience. As a result, he made a number of microphotographs which constituted a very important part of many scientific papers and technical books, that have found their permanent place in many research libraries throughout the world.

Besides the microphotography, M. Alajbeg during his work at the Institute developed a series of photographs over which is very well painted history of the Institute, which is shown in the Monograph of the Institute where he was co-author. He retired in 1993, but his cooperation with scientists of the Institute continued to the end of life. Mladen Alajbeg died on 20 December 2010.

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