

IN MEMORIAM



**Dr. EDUARDO QUIROGA JAMETT
(1971 - 2022)**

Professor Eduardo Quiroga, our esteemed colleague and academic at the Escuela de Ciencias del Mar of the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso (PUCV), passed away at the age of 51 in Valparaíso.

In 1998 he graduated in environmental management and as Marine Biologist from Universidad Arturo Prat. Later, in 2005 he obtained a Ph.D. in Oceanography from Universidad de Concepción. Eduardo joined the PUCV in 2010 as Associate Professor to work in the areas of biological oceanography and benthic ecology, with special emphasis in biomass size-spectra as ecological indicator. He was also interested in studying the environmental impacts of aquaculture using biotic index, geochemical tools and stable isotopes as ecological indicators. Shortly after his arrival at the PUCV, he established LOBOS, his own laboratory, where along with his working team, he developed his research and student training at the undergraduate and postgraduate level.

He had a transversal dedication to academia teaching courses at the undergraduate, master's and doctorate levels, being a guide professor and thesis director to many students, what undoubtedly left a positive mark in our university community. His effort and excellence made him worthy of PUCV "Award for Distinguished Teaching" in 2013 and 2014.

His multidisciplinary approach to research, made him a strong contributor to the knowledge of biological oceanography and benthic ecology, with special emphasis in biomass size-spectra as ecological indicator, sharing this knowledge in different collaborative research projects with different institutions, including COPAS, CIEP, UDEC, UCN y UNAP. He participated in various nationally and internationally oceanographic expeditions, which spanned from South of Chile to Antarctica, mainly in the Patagonia. He also played an important role as Associate Editor of the Latin American Journal of Aquatic Research (LAJAR), showing great commitment and dedication in this activity.

Eduardo was a productive and passionate scientist and researcher, leading and collaborating in national and international projects, writing more than 37 scientific publications and participating in numerous congresses and conferences. During his academic career, he held various positions in the Escuela de Ciencias del Mar and participated in various national scientific committees for the Subsecretaría de Pesca y Acuicultura, Comité Oceanográfico Nacional y Servicio Nacional de Pesca y Acuicultura. His concern for the Patagonian fjords, channels and environment represented a driving force guiding his valuable contribution to science and knowledge.

His great human qualities, friendly personality, scientific rigor, and dedication to others will always remain in the memory of those who knew him. And it is for this reason that we will always remember you with the expression that this photo shows in all your work.

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