In Memoriam

André Guilcher

It is with great sadness that I report the death of Professor André Guilcher who was a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Coastal Research.

André Guilcher was born in Brest, Western Brittany, France, in 1913. He completed a PhD at the Sorbonne in 1948. He taught in several French universities: University of Nancy (1947–1957), Sorbonne (1957–1970), University of Brest from which he retired in 1981.

André Guilcher was mainly interested in coastal geomorphology and he carried out research in almost all the continents, especially in the field of coral reefs. He was also a marine geographer. During 20 years (1961–1981) he served as scientific director of the research vessel operated by the C.N.R.S. (French National Center for Scientific Research).


André Guilcher was an active member of the IGU Coastal Commission where he served as officer in the executive board during many years, attending most of its meetings since the creation of the commission at the Lisbon International Congress in 1948. He was involved in many national and international boards and scientific committees. He also received many awards in France and abroad.

André Guilcher has left an immense legacy not only in his numerous publications but also in the behaviour of a lot of people he has helped and influenced in his long academic career. We deeply miss him as a great scientist, a loyal colleague, and a faithful friend.

Roland Paskoff