



Arthur J. Bachrach, Ph.D.
Founding Director and past Chairman
Our World-Underwater Scholarship Society®

Dr. Arthur J. Bachrach was a Founding Director of the society and upon his retirement from the board of directors several years ago, he was honored with permanent Director Emeritus status.

Art was born on March 20, 1923, in New York City, New York. He served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946 and then studied at the University of Virginia where he received his Ph.D. in 1952. Art continued at the University of Virginia and attained the rank of Associate Professor in the Department of Neurology and Psychiatry. In 1962, he accepted the positions of Professor and Chairman of the Department of Psychology at Arizona State University. At Arizona State University, Art participated as a researcher on the U. S. Navy's deep diving undersea program, *SeaLab III*.

From 1969 to 1987, he worked as Director of the Environment Stress Program and Chairman of Psychophysiology in the Naval Medical Research Institute (NMRI) at the Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. Art loved to describe himself as "...an underwater psychophysiologicalist with emphasis on 'psycho'..." While a director at NMRI, he supervised and developed underwater and extreme environment research (cold, heat) projects at the institute as well as collaborative projects in Sweden, Canada, Japan, France, and the United Kingdom, including the 1982 research of the performance and physiology of the JIM suit system. He was also consultant to the Navy's marine mammal program and a member of the Navy's Shark Research Panel. At the time of his retirement from the U.S. Navy in 1987, Art was a member of the federal government's Senior Executive Service and was awarded the U. S. Navy's *Civilian Meritorious Achievement Medal*.

At the end of the 1950s, Dr. Bachrach was among the first members of the *Society for General Systems Research*. He was Senior Editor and Co-editor on several publications of the *Underwater Physiology Symposia* and a member of the Founding Editorial Board of the *Undersea Biomedical Research Journal*, a publication of the *Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society*. Art was a recipient of the Academy of Underwater Arts and Sciences' NOGI Award in 1973 and a NOGI fellowship in 2007. Among his many publications, Dr. Bachrach authored *D. H. Lawrence in New Mexico* and co-authored *Stress and Performance in Diving* with Dr. Glen H. Egstrom.

After retiring, Dr. Bachrach and his wife, Susan, moved to Taos, New Mexico where they established a home and a bookshop named "Moby Dickens." Art, an incorrigible punster, affectionately referred to the out-of-print section as "Moldy Dickens". Art died on December 19, 2011, and Susan died in October 2013.

In honor of Dr. Bachrach, the board of directors of the Our World-Underwater Scholarship Society® in consultation with Bonnier Dive Group representatives voted unanimously in April, 2017 to rename the Bonnier internship of the society, the "*Dr. Arthur J. Bachrach Bonnier Dive Group Publishing Internship*."