

## PROFESSOR LOUIS JOUBIN

(1861-1935)

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Professor Louis JOUBIN died in Paris on 24th April 1935, after a long scientific career devoted mainly to marine biological research.

Born at Epinal on 21st February 1861, he was educated at the Lycées of Epinal, Poitiers, Angers and Paris. He took the degrees of Doctor of Medicine in 1885 and Doctor of Science in 1888, and carried out research work in Maritime Zoology at the Banyuls Laboratory and at that at Roscoff. After a period as Professor at the University of Rennes, he was appointed in 1903 Professor at the National Museum of Natural History in Paris, and for more than thirty years he occupied the chair formerly held by LAMARK, DE BLAINVILLE, LACAZE-DUTHIERS and Edmond PERRIER. He took up Biological Oceanography, and collaborated with Prince ALBERT I OF MONACO until the latter's death in 1922. He accompanied the Prince of Monaco on his cruise to the Azores, and in 1904 gave a course of lectures on Oceanography at the *Conservatoire des Arts et Métiers* of Paris.

On the foundation, in 1911, of the Oceanographical Institute in Paris, the chair of Biological Oceanography in that Institute was assigned to Professor JOUBIN.

He was called upon to organise all the working details of the *Office des Pêches Maritimes*, established in 1919, and was Director of that service from 1921 to 1926.

In 1921 he was elected a member of the *Institut de France*, and, in 1930, Director of the Oceanographical Institute of Paris.

Professor JOUBIN's work dealt with the extensive material collected in the course of the great oceanographic expeditions of the *Travailleur*, the *Talisman*, the *Hirondelle*, the *Princesse Alice*, the *Belgica*, the *Caudan*, the *Siboga*, the *Français*, the *Pourquoi-Pas ?* and the *Dana*.

With the Prince of Monaco he was one of the founders of the International Commission for the Scientific Exploration of the Mediterranean. From 1920 on, he also took part, as representative of France, in the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea.

He was decorated by various foreign Governments, and his honours included the Grand Cross of Spanish Naval Merit, Commander of the orders of the Dannebrog, of St. Maurice and St. Lazarus, of the Star of Roumania and of Leopold of Belgium.

In 1921 he was promoted Commander in the Legion of Honour.

