



# NSIS 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Free Public Talk

## Canadian Marine Science from *Titanic* to BIO

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When Titanic sank in 1912, the country had very few scientific resources to study the sea for practical or scientific reasons. Marine sciences and technologies had developed separately in Canada, some of them originating in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Marine laboratories, devoted mainly to marine biology, were established in 1908 in St Andrews, NB and Nanaimo, BC, and it was in them that the first studies of ocean circulation in Canadian waters were undertaken by Canadians during the 1930s. For several scientific and political reasons, Canadian marine sciences developed most rapidly after the Second World War, including work in the Arctic, the beginning of graduate programs in oceanography on both coasts, increased work on marine geology and geophysics, the increasing influence of the Federal Department of Mines and Technical Surveys and eventually, in the early 1960s, the founding of the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, which brought together all the marine sciences in Canada for the first time. Photo: <http://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca>



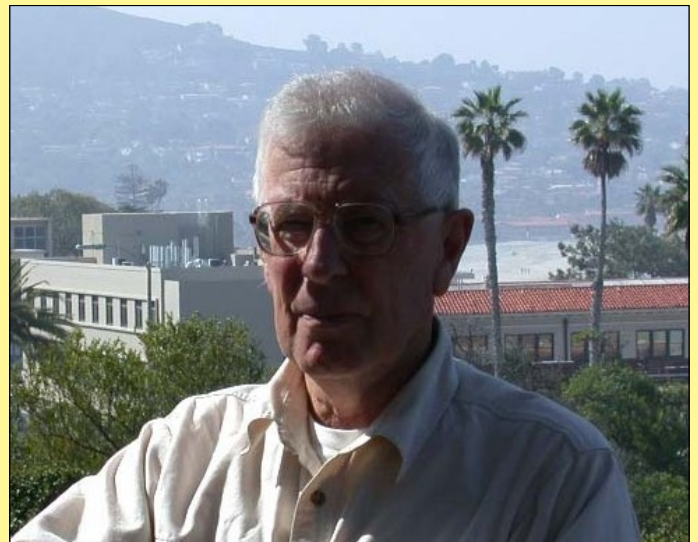
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**7:30pm**

Museum of Natural History Auditorium

1747 Summer St., Halifax

*All are welcome!*



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