

IN MEMORIAM: HOLGER HOLGERSEN, 1914–1996

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Holger Holgersen, one of Norway's leading ornithologists, died on 23 April 1996. Born at Stavanger on 30 May 1914, he became interested in wildlife (particularly birds and insects) as a youth. He graduated in zoology from the University of Oslo in 1942 and then lectured at St. Svithun College until 1948. On his return from the Antarctic as leader of the 1947–48 scientific expedition, he became curator and head of the Zoological Department at Stavanger Museum, and from 1958 to 1978 was director of the museum. In 1975, the University of Bergen bestowed on him a Doctor of Science degree, *honoris causa*, in recognition of his long and distinguished career.

Holger published a long series of about 200

articles on birds and insects. He invested much time and effort in organizing Norwegian and European ringing schemes and for 20 years was chief editor of the Norwegian ornithological journal *Sterna*. He ringed over 100,000 birds. He was made an honorary member of the Norwegian Ornithological Society in 1978, and became a Corresponding Fellow of the AOU in 1982. He attended nearly all of International Ornithological Congresses, was a member of the International Ornithological Committee, and established numerous connections with ornithologists outside of Norway. He is survived by his wife, Brit, who shared his interest in birds. A longer memorial, with portrait, appeared in *Vår Fuglefauna* 19:78–79, 1996.