



PRESS RELEASE FOR ANNE WARNER FELLOWSHIP

The Marine Biological Association to establish a legacy-funded Fellowship

The world-famous Marine Biological Association of the UK has been left a substantial legacy by Professor Anne Warner, FRS, an eminent scientist who died in 2012.

The MBA will take this opportunity to establish an endowed Warner Fellowship to open a new research area in cell and molecular biology of marine organisms.

Anne Warner was Professor of Anatomy and Embryology at University College London and a former Foulerton Professor of the Royal Society. She had a long and close association with the MBA Citadel Hill laboratory in Plymouth where she carried out research and established a series of internationally-renowned Plymouth-based research workshops in cell biology, which continue to be held today.

The Warner legacy will also be highly beneficial to the Southwest region in providing the “seed corn” that will attract further funding to establish a research team of promising young scientists. It will ensure that the MBA continues as one of Europe’s leading marine research organisations and will further strengthen the research capacity of the cluster of marine organisations in Plymouth.

In the USA in particular named endowed Fellowships are an exciting means of supporting independent, high quality research and innovation. MBA Director Professor Colin Brownlee said “Marine biology holds a key to understanding human impact on the climate. Anne Warner showed great foresight and imagination to support this vital area of fundamental science. Legacy endowments represent a route for funding long-term research in the UK; they stimulate new areas of research leading to new discoveries; they foster the careers of excellent researchers and they allow research institutions to remain independent and impartial”.

Details about how to apply for the Warner Fellowship at the MBA Laboratory in Plymouth are available on the MBA web site (www.mba.ac.uk).

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The Marine Biological Association (MBA) is a professional body for marine scientists with some 1200 members world-wide. Since 1884 the MBA has established itself as a leading marine biological research organization contributing to the work of several Nobel Laureates and over 170 Fellows of the Royal Society.

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