OBITUARY Marco Enrico Clifton Giglioli 1927–1984



M. E. C. Giglioli.

Dr. Marco Giglioli, a distinguished member of the American Mosquito Control Association, died March 3, 1984, in Miami, Florida. He was interred in Grand Cayman, following an official State funeral. It is an irreparable loss to his family, friends and to his colleagues in mosquito control. Marco was born in McKenzie, Guyana on April 21, 1927. His father was the noted malariologist, Dr. George Giglioli. In 1958 he married Jean, who in addition to being mother to their two children, George and Maria, also served as his technician, assistant and for all practical purposes his "deputy." Marco received his B.Sc. with honors from McGill University in 1950, then went on to the London School of Hygiene, and Tropical Medicine to obtain his Ph.D. in 1953. He was elected a Fellow of the Institute of Biologists in 1977 and was awarded a D.Sc. from the University of London in 1974.

After leaving the London School in 1953 he returned to Canada and subsequently worked as the Entomologist in the WHO Malaria/Yaws Control Unit in Liberia. From 1958–63 he was the Medical Entomologist at the Keneba Field Station, MRC Laboratories, in Gambia. He returned to the London School in 1964 with the MRC staff, and in 1965 was appointed Chief Entomologist and subsequently Director of the Mosquito Research and Control Unit (MRCU), Cayman Islands, British West Indies, a post he held until his death. In 1974, in addition to his other duties, he was appointed Director of the Cayman Islands Government Natural Resources Study.

It was in 1965 that I had my first opportunity to meet Marco and thus formed a lasting friendship which I and many others shall grievously miss. Marco was a pragmatic perfectionist. He ran the MRCU like a military operation, and would not accept anything less than excellence. He built MRCU into one of the most efficient and effective mosquito control units in the world. Though he was thought to be a tough "boss," the students who came to Cayman to work for him were given superb training and Marco turned out a number of excellent vector control specialists.

In addition to his interest in mosquitoes, mangrove swamp ecology, and land and marine conservation, Marco was an excellent illustrator and photographer. His morphological drawings are exceptionally good. Marco was also a great conversationalist,—one of the joys of visting Marco and Jean, was sitting in their living room, listening to Marco's stories of his or his father's experiences, told in the dry humor that was characteristic of Marco.

Beginning in 1966, Marco served as a PAHO consultant, particularly in regard to Aedes aegypti control, and wrote a number of excellent and thought provoking articles on the subject.

Among the honors bestowed on Marco were the Order of the British Empire, the H. Mills Gold Medal, the Fantham Memorial Prize in Biology, the Moyse Scholarship and the Demba-Alcan Scholarship. He was a member of the Explorers Club. In 1980 his contributions to mosquito control were recognized by presentation to him of the AMCA Meritorious Service Award.

He served as Regional Director, AMCA from 1976-78, but was always active in AMCA affairs.

The loss of this great man will be felt by many — Ave atque vale.

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