

**In Memoriam: Patricio Bernal, the scientist and
IOC-UNESCO Executive Secretary who made an
outstanding contribution to the ocean science**

It is with greatest sadness that the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO announces the passing on 11 October 2022 in Santiago, Chile, of Dr. Patricio Bernal, its former Executive Secretary.



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Marine biologist (Master of Science, University of Chile, 1971) and oceanographer (PhD, Scripps Institution, San Diego, USA, 1980), Dr. Bernal has made an outstanding contribution to the ocean science. Inter alia, he served as Executive Director of the Fisheries Research Institute, Chile, 1990-1994; Under-Secretary for Fisheries and Chairman of the Fisheries Research Council, Chile, 1994-1996; and as Assistant Director General of UNESCO and the 7th and longest serving Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO, Paris, 1998-2009. ([Read more](#))