



## A tribute to Professor E.B. Gareth Jones on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday

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Professor E.B. Gareth Jones, 15 November 2016

We editors of this special issue are all proud protégées of Professor Gareth Jones, who has spent his lifetime tolling to promote, publish and develop mycology, particularly in the Asian region. We are either his students supported by his generous funds (DNW Wanasinghe), his past students now in research (S Suetrong), or past students of his previous students who now work in the Centre of Excellence in Mae Fah Luang University (Chomnunti P, Boonmee S, Hongsanan S, Thongklang N). Professor Jones will turn 80 in January and we would like to dedicate this special issue of Mycosphere to Gareth, as without his amazing contributions none of our successes would have been possible.

Gareth obtained his PhD at the University of Leeds in 1963 under the supervision of Irene Wilson and David Jennings. His major interest has been in Marine Mycology but has also contributed to many other aspects of mycology particularly in the Asian region. Gareth's strength, however, that needs reiterating here, is his ability to train and stimulate so many young mycologists.

In 2002 when the book, *Fungi in Marine Environments*, was published Gareth had successfully supervised no less than 79 PhD students. Many of these students went on to being successful scientists and themselves professors. Below we list 89 students that have received PhDs

under the supervision of Gareth to the present date. The number testifies to the dedication and hard work that Gareth has made towards promoting science and particularly mycology.

**Table 1. Gareth's PhD students** (for full details see [www. http://marinefungi.org/](http://marinefungi.org/))

DJ Alderman (1968).	NS Gilbert (1992).
RA Eaton (1969).	LR Dean (1993).
PJ Byrne (1971).	DWT Au (1993).
JL Harrison (1972).	AJ Pitman (1993).
J Irvine (1974).	TA McKeown (1994).
S Gage (1975).	SB Pointing (1995).
L Leightley (1977).	CD Scott (1995).
PWG Gray (1978).	A Gab-Alla (1996).
SEJ Furtado (1978).	RB Sadaba (1996).
WF Farnham (1979).	SA Alias (1996).
YM Othman (1980).	SA Wong (1996).
APF Turner (1980).	YS Lee (1996).
D Kane (1980).	R Sundari (1997).
K Fowler (1981).	R Bowles (1997).
D M Holt (1981).	S Ujang (1997).
C Ellis-Evans (1981).	JE Taylor (1997).
AT Critchley (1981).	SKS Leung (1998).
M Cavalcante (1981).	EM Leano (1999).
RG Johnson (1982).	S Artjariyapong (1999).
G Rees (1982)	S Sivichai (2000).
YM Chamberlain (1982).	MA Abdel-Wahab (2000).
Suhrman (1983).	SY Hsieh (2000).
GF Daniel (1983).	S Jarithkuan (2001).
MJ Dempsey (1983).	KL Pang (2001).
D Rutherford (1984).	M Whalley (2002).
KF Parast (1984).	K Fan (2002).
HP Sutter (1984).	N Plaingam, (2003).
KD Hyde (1985).	FNT Kwong, (2003).
MA Jones (1986).	A Pilantanapak, (2003).
V Cuomo (1986).	J Sakayaroj (2005).
S Morrell (1986).	S Somrithipol (2005).
S Pyne (1987).	W Luo (2005).
R Mouzouras (1987).	A Pinnoi (2008).
F Lewis (1987).	R Choeyklin (2009).
DC Woods (1988).	U Pinruan (2010).
CA Farrant (1988).	S Suetrong (2011).
R Venkatasamy (1988).	DN Wanasinghe (current)
N Gunn (1988).	SC Jayasiri (current)
SM Jackson (1988).	RH Perera (current)
SJ Read (1990).	MC Dayarathne (current)
TA Baker (1991).	J Yang (current)
Y Musa (1991).	Hansika Perera (current)
SJ Stanley (1992).	Hasini Ekanayaka (current)
C (Schlosser) Panebianco (1992).	
SA Lewey (1992).	

Gareth's contribution to science and particularly mycology has been enormous. He has numerous students graduated and working in Asia, who are continuing to promote mycology in the region. Between 10-12 January 2017 there will be a conference in Thailand at Mae Fah Luang University to celebrate Gareth's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and to honour his contribution to mycology in the Asian region. This special issue comprising papers from Gareth's students and collaborators testify to his work in promoting mycology in Asia. We all would like to thank Gareth on this special occasion for his exemplary lifetime work. Below we provide some pictures of Gareth in action.



Professor E.B. Gareth Jones and Dr. Jorgen Koch in Denmark, 1991



Professor E.B. Gareth Jones in Thailand, 2000



Professor E.B. Gareth Jones in 1991



Professor E.B. Gareth Jones in Sorrento Italy, 1985



Professors E.B. Gareth Jones, Kevin D. Hyde and Nora Tam in 1994

By the time many of you read this Gareth will have turned 80. Yet at this time of his life he is not really retired and is involved in the research projects of more than 20 students. He is actively writing papers, supervising PhDs, correcting student papers, examining PhDs and advising on numerous student's projects. He has set up a webpage on marine mycology ([www.http://marinefungi.org/](http://marinefungi.org/)) which he is actively updating and is currently funding many students doing PhDs and a Post doctorate. He is also collecting material for many students to work through as has always been his traditional. Gareth continually encourages his students, carrying out his lifelong tradition.

In this editorial we have just touched on some of Gareth's many achievements and have particularly concentrated on his training of students. However, we should not forget his efforts on various international committees, his numerous publications and books, his work at the BMS, where he was president, the initiation of many marine mycology meetings, paralleling the AMC conferences and many other accomplishments that have gone generally gone unnoticed. Thank you Gareth for your amazing efforts.