

**Resolution  
Subject:**

Resolution in Memory of Phil Busby

**Text of  
Resolution:**

*Whereas*, Phil Busby was born in Edgecumbe, New Zealand on December 29<sup>th</sup> 1947 and died 65 years later on the 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2013. He was one of seven children and was brought up on a dairy farm. He never lost his love of country and family life.

*Whereas*, Phil initially wanted to be a plumber, but changed his mind to train as an Inspector of Health in the New Zealand Department of Health. He enjoyed many adventures doing field work throughout New Zealand. He gave up the field work to run the Department of Health's training course for health inspectors in 1983. Those who went through the course under Phil will never forget his no-nonsense marking style!

*Whereas*, from 1989 he was seconded to the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry from the Department of Health to run the New Zealand shellfish program. He became responsible for all public health aspects of the New Zealand shellfish quality assurance program and in 1992 wrote the first New Zealand standard.

*Whereas*, from the late 1980s Phil was actively involved with the US National Shellfish Sanitation Program. He participated in many of the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference committees. He always looked forward to the conferences as a time to catch up with US colleagues, have a beer and debate the latest issues. He usually took the opportunity for a post conference tour to gather information that could be used in the New Zealand shellfish program.

*Whereas*, in 1993 the first New Zealand marine biotoxin event catapulted Phil into the national and international spotlight. He was responsible in 1996 for mandatory accreditation of the national phytoplankton program prior to phytoplankton being accepted as part of the NZ program. In 2001 he was responsible for the validation and approval of LC-MS method for marine biotoxins, in 2003 for the mandatory hydrolysis of DSP samples and in 2004 for the approval of the LC-MS screen test method for brevetoxins. Each of these initiatives represented international trend setting decisions and showed the resolve of Phil to provide novel outcome based solutions to improve public health.

In 2004 he was asked to chair the joint FAO/IOC/WHO Expert workshops on Biotoxins in Molluscan Bivalves and to act as Vice Chair of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Panel on Harmful Algal Blooms and Biotxin Monitoring and Management, roles that he held for several years. His election and re-election to these positions showed the respect in which he was held by his national and international peers.

*Whereas*, Phil was married to Verina-Mary for 36 years and proudly raised his son Bede. They in turn lovingly cared for him over the two year period of his progressively debilitating illness. Throughout his illness he showed courage, fortitude and a sense of optimism.

*Whereas*, Phil was a person who was passionate about his public health work and the shellfish sanitation program. He did rise to the challenge, simply was always there and made a difference through persuasion and presence.

*Be It Therefore Resolved*, that the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference extends its gratitude for Phil's leadership and the lasting contributions to the organization.

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*Be It Further Resolved*, that the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference acknowledge his contributions by a letter to that effect to his family.

**Action by 2013 Resolutions Committee** Recommended adoption of Resolution 13-002 as submitted.

**Action by 2013 General Assembly** Adopted Resolution 13-002.