



## DR. SIMION NICOLAEV, AWARDED FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICES TO PROTECT THE BLACK SEA ENVIRONMENT

*The Director of NIMRD "Grigore Antipa" received the 2012 Black Sea Medal*

On October 30, 2012, within an event under the EnviroGRIDS Project Final Meeting and the Black Sea International Day, organized in Batumi, Georgia, the representatives of the Black Sea Commission awarded Dr. Simion Nicolaev, director of NIMRD "Grigore Antipa" the 2012 Black Sea Medal. The International Black Sea Day was celebrated by commemorating 20 years of the signature of the Convention on the Protection of the Black Sea against Pollution.

With this occasion, Dr. Simion Nicolaev was gratified for his outstanding services to protect the Black Sea environment.

He received the award with excitement, but he did not forget that his prodigious activity could not have been possible without the constant support of the national authorities, the NIMRD team and the Black Sea Commission Advisory Group.





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*Distinguished Chair,  
Dear colleagues and friends,*

*It is a great honor for me to receive the BLACK SEA MEDAL AWARD for my individual efforts dedicated to the Black Sea cause.*

*First of all, I would like to express my deep gratitude to the Romanian Ministry of the Environment and Forestry for my appointment to the Black Sea Commission, as well as to the Georgian authorities.*

*However, I would like to underline that my activity has been carried out within two teams of prestigious experts.*

*The first one is the research staff of the National Institute for Marine Research and Development "Grigore Antipa", where most of the national marine research programs in Romania are developed.*

*The second team, comprising renowned experts in the study of marine living resources, is the AG FOMLRM (Advisory Group for Fisheries and Other Marine Living Resources Management), which collaborates closely by the Black Sea Working Group of GFCM.*

*As such, I would like to dedicate this Medal to the two collaborator teams, as well as to the entire scientific and decision-making community present here today and not only, for their collective endeavors dedicated to the protection of the Black Sea ecosystem.*

*I started to work for the Black Sea recovery process more than 20 years ago, together with some dedicated and prestigious personalities invited here today. Please let me nominate a few of them: Dr. Ioan Jelev, former state secretary (Romania), Dr. Merab Sharabidze (state secretary, Georgia), Dr. Ecatherina Antonidze, Dr. Akaki Komahidze, Dr. Boris Alexandrov.*

*Congratulations for this extraordinary event!*

*Dr. Simion Nicolaev*



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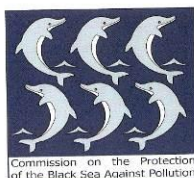
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Commission on the Protection  
of the Black Sea Against Pollution

# *The 2012 Black Sea Medal*

*awarded to*

*Simion Nikolaev, Romania*

*for outstanding services to protect the Black Sea environment*

*commemorating 20 years of the signature of the  
Convention on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution*

