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FRONT/BACK COVER: HRH the Princess Royal observing juvenile cod during the opening of Machrihanish Marine Farms.
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This has been a year marred by the tragic death of Niall Bromage. Niall was a major scientist of international stature as well as a wonderful servant to the Institute. Beyond all that he was a respected colleague and great friend to all of us within the Institute. Tributes to Niall within this issue of Aquaculture News testify to the esteem in which he was held and it is particularly worth emphasising the huge contribution Niall made to the success of his many research students. It was with great pleasure that we were able to invite Anne Bromage and her children, Sarah and Iain, to open the new Niall Bromage Freshwater Research Facility at Buckieburn. We are determined to maintain Niall's research field in reproductive biology and to this end I am pleased to report the appointment of Dr Herve Migaud to a lectureship in this field.

We were sorry to see the departure of Dr Donald Baird to a Chair at the University of New Brunswick, Canada and Stuart Millar, Chief Technician, to a post in industry. Stuart and Donald made enormous contributions to the success of the Institute and we wish them well in their new posts. I am also very pleased to announce the appointment of David Penman, David Little and Andy Shinn to lectureships within the Institute. These appointments reward sustained success in research and teaching and will provide an important element of succession in Institute academic staffing.

We were also delighted to host a royal occasion with the visit of HRH The Princess Royal to open the Machrihanish Marine Farm cod hatchery. This was a very successful day with congratulations and thanks due to Derek Robertson and staff. We hope that the hatchery will help keep the Institute at the forefront of the rapidly developing field of marine fish hatchery technology.

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