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Gunnar Selmer Sætersdal died 10 July this year, 75 years old. Except for a 10 years period, 1960 - 1970, when he worked for FAO, he was with the Institute of Marine Research throughout his whole scientific career; during the 1950s as a research scientist in stock assessments and related work on gadoids, from 1970 to 1896 he was the managing director of the institute, and from 1986 until a few months ago he was active within the institutes program on fisheries research in developing countries.

In his early years at ICES - the 1950's - Sætersdal was a member of the Comparative fishing committee as well as the Gadoid Fish Committee. He was particularly concerned with the tremendous increase in fishing effort and catches in the Barents Sea area and together with colleagues in the Gadoid Fish Committee - among which was Ray Beverton - he took the initiative for the establishment of the Arctic Fisheries Working Group.

Sætersdal was a delegate to the Council in two periods, 1970 - 1972 and 1978 - 1980, and in between he was the chairman of the Consultative Committee and the Liason Committee (1973 - 1976). He was an active contributor in the process of rearranging the Liason Committee in 1977 under the new name ACFM, a rearrangement which strengthened ICES advisory function regarding fisheries management, considerably.