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GRAND OLD LADY “AN ICON IN THE SCIENTIFIC WORLD”.

“Something has fallen out of East London” was the way Dr Tony Ribbink, the programme director of the Coelacanth Ecosystem Programme, described the death yesterday of Dr Marjorie Courtenay-Latimer.

Ribbink, who organized last year’s Coastal and Ocean Exploration Conference said she was “an icon for women entering science, and many aspired to be like her.”

He said her accomplishments would continue to encourage young researchers, especially women.

“She was an inspiration to all on the programme and continuing without her to share our excitement of new discoveries is going to be sad indeed.”

Ribbink said he liked to share the excitement of new discoveries with her, phoning from sea or visiting her in person as “her keen interest, encouragement and guidance were so rewarding”.

Past and present staff of the East London Museum were devastated at the news yesterday and were all saddened at her death, saying she was an icon and an inspiration, right up to the end of her life.
