

Personalia**On the 70th anniversary of Professor Tony Haymet**

This February Professor Tony Haymet, an outstanding physical chemist and oceanographer, turned his 70. Born in Australia, Tony Haymet received his B.Sc. degree from the University of Sydney in 1978 and moved to United States for Ph.D. studies in Chemistry at the University of Chicago. Under the guidance of Professor David W. Oxtoby, Tony developed a theoretical description of thermodynamics and structure of solid-liquid interfaces and defended his Ph.D. thesis entitled “A molecular theory of the solid-liquid interface and other properties of the liquid state” at the University of Chicago in August 1981. Next two years he was a postdoctoral research fellow at Lyman Laboratory of Physics, Harvard University. In 1983–2006, Tomy Haymet held prestigious academic positions: at the University of California, Berkeley (1983), at the University of Utah (1988), Chair of Theoretical Chemistry at the University of Sydney (1991), Distinguished University Professor of Chemistry at the University of Houston (1998), Chief of Marine Research of the CSIRO Marine Research Laboratory and Honorary Research Professor of Chemistry at the University of Tasmania (2002), Chief of CSIRO Marine and Atmospheric Research (2006).

In 2006, Tony Haymet became the Director of Scripps Institute of Oceanography at the University of California at San Diego (UCSD), a world-leading institution in environmental and marine science, as well as he served until 2012 as the UCSD Vice Chancellor for Marine Sciences and Dean of the Graduate School of Marine Sciences. During the years 2009 until 2014, he was a member, vice-chair (2013–2014), and chair (2012–2013) of the World Economic Forum’s Global Agenda Council on Oceans. In 2021–2025, Tony Haymet was the Chair of the Board of the Antarctic Science Foundation, which was focused on the world class research to strengthen our understanding of the Antarctic region and its profound global impact. His long-time research in Marine Sciences helped him to start buiseness projects like MRV Systems, which manufactures ocean robotic systems and has sites in Chicago, San Diego and Seattle. A new challenge for Tony Haymet’s leadership happend in 2025: the federal government of Australia has announced Professor Tony Haymet as the nation’s new Chief Scientist. The role of Australia’s Chief Scientist is in providing “authoritative and independent evidence-based advice on whole-of-government science and technology priorities”.

During his academic career Professor Tony Haymet had a long-time collaboration with the Institute for Condensed Matter Physics (ICMP) of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. In recognition

of his scientific achievements and strong involvement in various forms of scientific collaboration, in the beginning of 2026, the Yuhnovskii Institute for Condensed Matter Physics of NAS of Ukraine conferred on Tony Haymet a degree of Doctor Honoris Causa. The administration of ICMP and Editorial board of “Condensed Matter Physics” would like to wish Tony Haymet a very Happy Birthday and many new achievements in science, business and in service to community.