

## OBITUARY

We announce with sadness the recent death of one of the founders of the Psychometric Society:

### Paul Horst.

Our condolences are extended to his family, friends and colleagues.

Paul Horst died on March 15, 1999. He was 95 years old.

Professor Horst had a long and distinguished career, and he was a leading figure in quantitative and industrial psychology.

Paul Horst can accurately be called the *Founding Father of Psychometrika*. The idea for the journal was his, and he was the driving force that caused the journal to become a reality; also he and Albert K. Kurtz were the first Editors of *Psychometrika*. According to information on the Journal's covers, Paul Horst continued to serve as one of the Journal's Editors through Volume 5, Number 3 (1940). Starting with Volume 5, Number 4 (1940) through Volume 7, Number 2 (1942), he served as the Managing Editor for *Psychometrika*. He again served as one of the Editors—on what was then called the Editorial Council—from Volume 15, Number 3 (1950) through Volume 32, Number 3 (1967). He was one of the six initial members of the Council of Editors (now called the Editorial Council), and he served a term from 1967 through 1970. In addition, he served on the Editorial Board from 1936 until 1972, when the Board was replaced by a group of Associate Editors.

Paul Horst was also instrumental in establishing the Psychometric Society. He participated in the Society's organizational meeting on September 4, 1936 as the Society's first Secretary, and—along with Jack W. Dunlap, J.P. Guilford, Harold O. Gulliksen, Albert K. Kurtz, Marion W. Richardson, John M. Stalnaker, and L.L. Thurstone—he was one of the eight founding members of the Psychometric Corporation.

Those persons interested in further exploration of Professor Horst's role in the creation of the journal and the Society are encouraged to review Dunlap (1942), Dunlap (1961), and Horst and Stalnaker (1986).

Paul Horst will be long remembered and greatly missed.

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