



Professor Frank A. Haight 1919-2006

Dr. Frank Haight was one of the founding fathers of the modern field of transportation research. His formal education culminated in the field of probability theory and stochastic processes. He received his Ph.D. from the University of New Zealand in 1957, and his dissertation was *An Investigation of Queue Stability with Special Reference to the Traffic Intensity*. He then pursued his profession at Auckland University, UCLA, The Pennsylvania State University, and University of California Irvine, retiring as a professor at UCI in 1998. Frank will be long remembered both for the insight and originality of his published works of science and for his editorial skill in exposing the deserving works of others, especially the young scholars he mentored throughout his long and distinguished career.

Frank was the founding editor of three of the field's premier journals. In 1967 he founded *Transportation Research*, and that journal grew so popular among academics and practitioners that it was later split into several different journals. In 1969, Frank founded the companion journal *Accident Analysis and Prevention* for transportation safety research, and in 1979 the original *Transportation Research* was split into two parts: *Transportation Research Part A – Policy and Practice*, and *Transportation Research Part B – Methodological*. After a stewardship of over 35 years, Frank recently passed on the reins of these journals to a new generation, and now four talented editors located in three countries are carrying forth Frank's mission.

Frank's legacy is also manifested in a number of seminal books: In 1963, he wrote *Mathematical Theories of Traffic Flow* (Academic Press, New York.), which was translated into Russian in 1966. In 1967 there was the *Handbook of the Poisson Distribution* (John Wiley and Sons, New York); in 1976 came *Traffic and Transportation:*

A Permuted Title Index and Research Guide (Pennsylvania Technical Publications); and in 1981 came *Applied Probability* (Plenum Publishing Company, New York.). In 1988 Frank was a member of a prestigious commission that wrote *Reducing Traffic Injury -- A Global Challenge* (Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Melbourne, Australia). That work won the 1988 Volvo Traffic Safety Award, and in 1993 it was published in China. In addition, Frank was the author of approximately eighty book chapters and papers in professional journals. Included in the many awards Frank received was the 2002 Distinguished Career Award from the American Public Health Association.

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