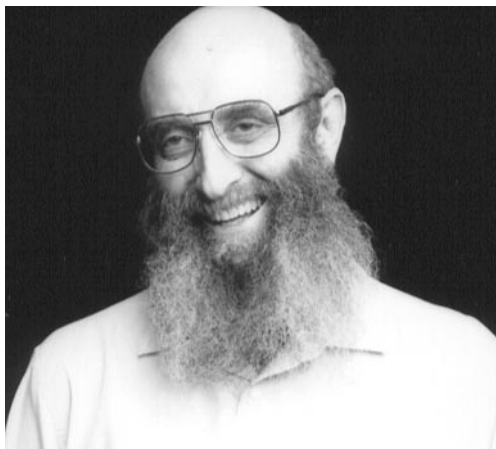


IN MEMORIAM

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It is with profound sadness that we report that Dr. Paul Srere, the editor of this issue of *Methods*, passed away on July 11, 1999. Paul was not only an outstanding and dedicated scientist whose influence pervaded the field of metabolic regulation and organization, but he was also a talented teacher and a generous friend. All who met him immediately discerned in Paul a warm and caring individual.

Paul began his scientific career in the laboratory of I. L. Chaikoff at UC Berkeley studying cholesterol metabolism. This was followed by advanced training in the laboratories of Fritz Lipmann, Efraim Racker, and Feodor Lynen. Armed with this impressive background, Paul became a faculty member at the University of Michigan Medical School where he conducted work on citrate metabolism, an area that was to occupy him throughout his life. From there, he moved to the Livermore Laboratories of the AEC, and finally, in 1966, to the Veterans Administration Medical Center and Southwestern Medical School, where he continued his productive research until his death.

Paul's influence on the study of metabolism, and particularly on how it functions *in vivo*, has been enormous. With great tenacity, through the organization of scientific meetings, collaborative projects, and personal discussions, he helped to push a skeptical scientific community to consider the idea that metabolic processes in the cell depend on structural organization and metabolite channeling. Despite continued controversy in this area, there has been a remarkable shift in how we think about the cellular interior. In no small

measure, this has been due to research from Paul's lab over many years and to his persuasive arguments in support of the "metabolon." In many cases, this involved Paul taking someone aside at a meeting and discussing for hours the evidence supporting his ideas until a new convert had been won.

Paul was a fountain of information. His desk was a scientific center for contacting friends, colleagues, editors. Speaking with him for a few minutes was sufficient to be brought up to date on all the recent developments on metabolic organization. In many respects, he was the scientific "father" of this area of inquiry, and his influence will continue to be felt for years to come.

One cannot speak about Paul without also mentioning Oz. She was his "partner" in all respects. They discussed science together, always traveled together, and enjoyed literature, art, and music together. Oz remains the center of a large immediate family, and will continue to be an important part of an extended family of friends and colleagues.

It is difficult to comprehend that Paul is gone, but his wit, humanity, and scientific legacy will live on as long as we continue to unravel the inner workings of the cell.

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