

IN MEMORIAM

HUGO KRIJNSE-LOCKER (1928-1990)

Hugo Krijnse-Locker, an active member of the Association and of its Editorial Board, died on 7th September 1990 after being ill for several months.

Born in the Netherlands in 1928, Hugo completed his studies at Erasmus University, Rotterdam, and thereafter dedicated his entire working life to the European Communities. He entered the High Authority of the European Coal and Steel Community (predecessor of the European Communities) in 1954. In 1967 he was nominated as head of the Eurostat unit responsible for developing input-output tables. At this time, he also played a prominent role in establishing the European System of Integrated Economic Accounts (ESA), the Community's version of the SNA, and assisted Community countries in its implementation. In 1976, he became head of a newly created division responsible for price statistics and the calculation of purchasing power parities. At the end of 1989 he decided to leave Eurostat to concentrate fully on this latter area, which had particularly captured his imagination, at a new organisation—Eurocost—in whose founding he was closely involved.

Most members of the Association knew Hugo best as a leading figure in the development of international price and real product comparisons. He made important contributions of a conceptual nature and his article with H. D. Faeber, published in the March 1984 issue of the *Review*, throws new light on the difficult question of how spatial comparisons of real product can be reconciled with movements over time. His theoretical knowledge was matched by an unparalleled experience of practical aspects of data collection, on which of course the validity of international comparisons ultimately depends. A good part of his working life was spent chairing working groups of price statisticians and national accountants. His tact, good humour and professional competence made him a chairman with few rivals.

Although Hugo was primarily responsible for product and price comparisons within the European Communities, he was a dedicated supporter of both the wider set of comparisons carried out by the OECD for its 24 Member countries and of the world-wide comparisons organised under the United Nations' International Comparison Programme (ICP). One of Hugo's major contributions was to expand the work on international comparisons in Africa and the Caribbean, and he was working on a United Nations manual on the ICP at the time of his death.

Good European as he was, Hugo was fluent in English, French and German as well as his native Dutch. He was a tireless traveller and a most congenial travelling companion. Hugo will be fondly remembered for his modesty, his enthusiasm for his work and his ability to keep a clear head in times of crisis. He will be sorely missed by statisticians throughout the world.

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