

A LEGACY OF MENTORSHIP

REMEMBERING MIKE SCHULTZ

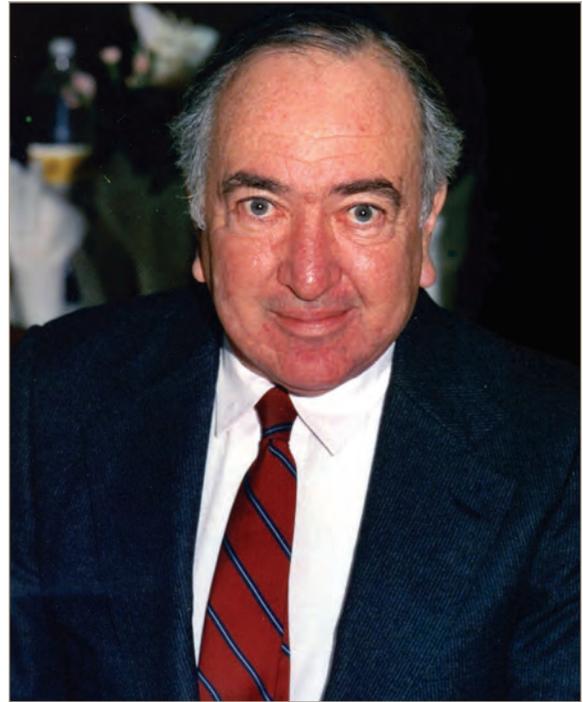
Myron “Mike” Schultz, DVM, MD, DCMT, FACP (EIS 1963) was a true public health legend. He was, above all, the quintessential disease detective. He spent his life tracking infectious diseases both across the world and through history. From helping identify the AIDS crisis to sleuthing the ailments of Charles Darwin and Robert Louis Stevenson, Mike loved a good medical mystery. It was a passion he actively shared with others.

Mike was always quick to assign credit for his successes to his own mentors, citing a list of distinguished professors and colleagues from all over the world. But Mike himself was both mentor and catalyst for the careers of countless people around him. He relished the company of students, whether in the classroom or in conversation. Mike provided an example of lifelong learning and dedication to the field of public health, while inspiring in others that same commitment.

In addition to founding CDC’s parasitic diseases unit, his long list of accomplishments includes directing 130 field epidemiologic investigations in collaboration with state and local health departments, training 30 Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Officers in applied field epidemiology, helping to establish FETPs in developing countries, and designing and implementing a program to protect the health of CDC international travelers.

Mike once said, “CDC has blessed me with a precious gift—the opportunity to be useful and productive over a sustained period of time. For this, I am profoundly grateful.” But in the end, it is the rest of us who are grateful for Mike, for the work he did, and for the ways in which he touched our lives.

The *New York Times* remembers Mike Schultz: <http://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/06/health/dr-myron-g-schultz-who-helped-identify-aids-crisis-dies-at-81.html>



“When he found out I was new to CDC, he pulled a stack of biographies from his desk. He told me, ‘To know CDC, start with its people.’”

JESSIE BLOUNT
(ORISE Fellow)

“Before starting my assignment to Peru in 1993, Mike briefed me on its rich history from the pre-Inca period to modern times and gave me an autographed copy of his article on Carrion’s Disease, found only in Peru.”

DAVID H. SNIADACK, MD, MPH
(Former FETP Resident Advisor)

“As a new EIS officer in 1989, Mike welcomed me. He kept track of my career and provided guidance and positive energy at every turn.”

JAMES ZINGESER, DVM, MPH
(EIS Alumnus)