

Founding father of clarivate analytics' web of science, Dr. Eugene Garfield dies at 91

A pioneer in the field of citation indexing and analysis, Garfield made a lasting impact on scientific, medical and scholarly research. Feb. 27, 2017/PRNewswire/ - Clarivate Analytics marks the passing of one of its founding fathers, Dr. Eugene Garfield, and gives thanks for his contributions to information science in the service of scientific and scholarly research. A pioneer in the practice of citation analysis through the development of an indexing system that revolutionized the way researchers work with the literature, Garfield passed away suddenly on February 26.

Citation indexing was initially designed for information retrieval, but it also provided data for evaluating the impact of a particular work of research, based on how frequently the work was footnoted, or cited, by other researchers. Garfield's development of citation analysis and infometrics led to the development of numerous citation databases, including the Clarivate Analytics' Web of Science™ and the Journal Citation Reports, which reports impact factors and other citation data for thousands of scholarly journals.

In 1964, the Institute for Scientific Information, the organization that Garfield originally founded and the forerunner of Clari-



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vate Analytics, released the first Science Citation Index. This resource recorded the bibliographical and citation contents of the world's most influential journals, allowing users to follow citation links to find the specialized research most germane to their own work.

Currently embodied and greatly expanded in the online Web of Science, Garfield's original invention continues to serve as a reliable and efficient guide to the sprawling world of research. The Web of Science's body of citation statistics, documenting the most influential research in any given field as directly judged by researchers themselves, provides the basis for assessing and benchmarking the research performance of individuals, institutions, nations, and regions.

"It is with deep sadness that we mark the passing of Dr. Eugene Garfield," said Jay Nadler, CEO, Clarivate Analytics. "Dr. Gar-

field's work has shaped the way that research is accessed and evaluated across the globe. We honor him for the contribution he has made to research, and to our organization as a visionary leader, colleague and friend. As Clarivate Analytics we will continue to innovate with the spirit that Dr. Garfield embodied in his groundbreaking work in information science."

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