

Two UCSD professors named to National Academy of Sciences

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Two members of the University of California, San Diego faculty have been elected to membership in the National Academy of Sciences, one of the highest honors which can be accorded to an American scientist or engineer.

They are Dr. Henry W. Menard, Professor of Geology at UCSD's Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and Dr. William Prager, Professor of Applied Mechanics in the Department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering Sciences. The announcement of their election was made Tuesday (April 23) by the Academy at its 105th annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

Drs. Menard and Prager were elected for their "distinguished and continuous achievements in original research." Their election brings to 21 the number of National Academy of Sciences members now on the UCSD campus.

Dr. Menard's chief field of study is the floor of the sea, particularly that of the Pacific Ocean and he has contributed greatly to the understanding of the ocean bottom. His research findings have been the topic of numerous scientific papers. In June, 1964, Dr. Menard was instrumental in discovering where an ocean rise had existed in the mid-Pacific, 100 million years before.

Dr. Menard received his Bachelor at the California Institute of Technology and his Ph.D. degree, in geology, from Harvard. He joined the Scripps Institution of Oceanography faculty in 1955.

Dr. Prager is an outstanding pioneer in the field of applied mechanics, structures, and applied mathematics. In practice, he is a mathematical engineer. His fields of study include the theory of structures, elasticity, plasticity, and numerical analysis. He founded the Quarterly of Applied Mathematics and served as managing editor from 1943 to 1965.

He joined the UCSD faculty in 1965 after serving for more than 2 years as professor of mechanics and as chairman and founder of the Division of Mathematics at Brown University. He received a doctorate in civil engineering from the Institute of Technology in Darmstadt, Germany.