

Dr. Victor H. Rumsey elected to membership in the National Academy of Engineering

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Dr. Victor H. Rumsey, professor and chairman of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences at the University of California, San Diego, has been elected to membership in the National Academy of Engineering.

Election to the academy is considered one of the highest professional distinctions that can be conferred on an engineer and honors those who have made important contributions to engineering theory and practice or who have demonstrated unusual accomplishments in the pioneering of new and developing fields of technology.

Rumsey, a member of the UC San Diego faculty since 1966, was among 82 U.S. engineers and eight foreign associates elected to membership in the academy. His election brings the UC San Diego faculty membership to seven.

Rumsey was cited for his "research in practical applications of electromagnetic theory, especially in design of radio antennas insensitive to frequency and polarization."

Rumsey, born in Devizes, England, received a bachelor of arts degree, with distinction, from Cambridge University in 1941 and a doctor of engineering from Tohoku University in 1962. He taught at Ohio State University, the University of Illinois and UC Berkeley before joining the faculty at UC San Diego. He was named chairman of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences in 1977.

Among his honors and awards, Rumsey received the Morris Liebmann Prize from the Institute for Electrical and Electronic Engineers in 1962 and was named among Outstanding Educators of America for 1971. He served as a Guggenheim Fellow at the University of Sydney during the 1965-66 academic year.

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