

## Chancellor to host reception for new endowed chair recipient

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### CHANCELLOR HOSTS RECEPTION FOR NEW ENDOWED CHAIR RECIPIENT

Christos H. Papadimitriou, recently appointed to the Irwin Mark and Joan Klein Jacobs Chair in Information and Computer Science at the University of California, San Diego, will be honored along with Dr. and Mrs. Jacobs by UCSD Chancellor Richard C. Atkinson with a reception at University House February 24.

Papadimitriou, a former professor of Computer Science and Operations Research at Stanford University, is internationally known for his research in computer science.

He is the author of four books, has contributed chapters to two others, and has written more than 75 professional papers. He has been an invited speaker at many national and international meetings, and serves on the editorial board of several professional journals.

The main focus of Papadimitriou's work is a field called complexity theory.

"Some problems which require a computer to solve appear to be so complex that they are virtually unsolvable," Papadimitriou said. "The theories that I work with try to find out if this is an inherent property of the problem, or if other methods can be found to solve the problem."

The Jacobs Chair is funded by a \$250,000 gift from Irwin Jacobs and his wife Joan. Jacobs left UCSD to found the Linkabit Corporation and is currently president of Qualcomm, Inc. The annual income from the endowment will be available to the chair holder to support teaching and research activities.

He was a professor of Information and Computer Science at UCSD from 1966 until 1972. Before coming to UCSD, Jacobs was a faculty member at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and was a Resident Research Fellow at the California Institute of Technology prior to then.

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