

Fermi Award winner Martin Kamen to deliver Suess Lecture at UC San Diego, May 14

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Martin Kamen, winner of this year's Enrico Fermi Award--the government's oldest science and technology award--will deliver the Hans E. Suess Memorial Lecture at 4 p.m., Tuesday, May 14 in the Robinson Building Complex Auditorium at UCSD.

Kamen, a professor emeritus at UCSD, is the co-discoverer of Carbon-14, which revolutionized the field of biochemistry.

Carbon-14 is used today to understand all biochemical reactions that involve carbon. Chemists, biologists, archaeologists, geologists and others use Carbon-14 for applications as varied as dating archaeological finds to tracking carbon dioxide in the environment. Kamen discovered the long-lived radioisotope in 1940 in collaboration with the late Samuel Rubin. He developed Carbon-14 as a tracer in biological systems and used it in his own research to understand metabolism and photosynthesis.

The subject of Kamen's Suess lecture will be his search for this unique isotope. For further information, please call 534-4786.

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