

## **Dr. Leslie Orgel new Professor of Chemistry in Residence**

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Dr. Leslie E. Orgel, Resident Fellow at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, has accepted an additional appointment as Professor of Chemistry in Residence at the University of California, San Diego, it has been announced by University President Clark Kerr and San Diego Chancellor John S. Galbraith.

Dr. Orgel served as a Reader (the equivalent of Professor in the United States) in Chemistry at the University of Cambridge, England, before moving to the Salk Institute in 1963.

He was awarded a B.A. degree in Chemistry with First Class Honors at Magdalen College, Oxford, in 1945 and was elected to Fellowship by examination at Magdalen College in 1951. He was awarded a Ph.D. in Chemistry at Oxford in 1951 and awarded an A. A. Noyes Fellowship to California Institute of Technology in 1954.

He was appointed a Research Associate at the University of Chicago in 1955 and later served as Assistant Director of Research in the Department of Organic and Inorganic Chemistry at Cambridge. He was awarded the Harrison Prize in 1957 and was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1962.

Dr. Orgel is known for his work on the understanding of inorganic complexes and for the development of the Ligand-Field theory which deals with the symmetry of the group surrounding inorganic ions.

His interest in biological studies, a field in which he has not done extensive work in the past, brought him to the Salk Institute.