

## **Dr. Kurt E. Shuler invited to attend 17th International Solvay Conference on Physics in Brussels**

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Dr. Kurt E. Shuler, professor of chemistry at the University of California, San Diego, has been invited to attend the 17th International Solvay Conference on Physics November 20 to 24 in Brussels.

The conference is one in a series of conferences which bring together leading experts in particular scientific fields each year to discuss progress in that field. About 25 scientists from all parts of the world have been invited to this year's conference dealing with physics. The conferences, which began in 1913, are sponsored by the Solvay Foundation in Brussels and are considered a high honor for those invited.

Shuler will be taking part in a Solvay Conference for the second time. He was invited, and attended, the conference in 1962. The topic for the 1978 conference on physics is "Order and Fluctuations in Equilibrium and Non-Equilibrium Statistical Mechanics."

Shuler joined the UC San Diego faculty as professor and chairman of the Department of Chemistry in 1968 after serving for two quarters as visiting professor of chemistry and visiting research fellow in the Institute for Radiation Physics and Aerodynamics on the San Diego campus.

Shuler, born in Nuremberg, Germany, served as a senior research fellow at the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, D.C. before coming to San Diego. He joined the bureau in 1955 and five years later was appointed consultant to the director. He served a two-year term as special assistant to the director and vice president for research at the Institute for Defense Analyses in Washington and returned to the National Bureau of Standards in 1963 as senior research fellow and assistant director. He was the first federal employee to be appointed to a "super-grade" level in the U.S. Government solely for his scientific work.

Shuler is a member of the American Chemical Society and a fellow of the American Physical Society, the American Institute of Chemists and the Washington Academy of Sciences. He was named to receive the Gold Medal Award of the U.S. Department of Commerce in 1968 for "outstanding contributions to the field of chemical physics."

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