

Dr. Stanford S. Penner named chairman of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences- National Research Council Advisory Committee on the International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis

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Dr. Stanford S. Penner, professor of engineering physics and director of the Energy Center at the University of California, San Diego, has been named chairman of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council Advisory Committee on the International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA).

The appointment, which begins immediately, will run for two years.

The HASA is an East-West cooperative scientific endeavor headquartered at Laxenburg, Austria. It receives equal contributions from the U.S. and U.S.S.R. and is also supported by 17 other participating countries. The National Academy of Sciences, as the United States member in the HASA, plays a leading role in the institute's activities and research.

The Advisory Committee, which Penner will head, reviews and evaluates HASA studies and contributes to the development of research at HASA, fostering linkages between HASA and the U.S. scientific community, assessing the benefits of U.S. participation in HASA, and advising the NAS member of the HASA council. IIASA activities deal with systems, economic and policy studies that are of major international concern, such as world energy and food supplies.

Penner has been associated with HASA since 1976 when he was named a member of the Advisory Committee and Chairman of the Liaison Subcommittee on Management and Technology. A year later, he was also appointed to the Liaison Subcommittee on Energy Systems.

Penner came to UC San Diego in 1964 as professor and first chairman of the Department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering Sciences after serving for 14 years on the faculty of the California Institute of Technology. In 1968 he was named director of the Institute for Pure and Applied Physical Sciences at UC San Diego, a post he held for three and one-half years. Since 1972 he has been responsible for the development of energy-related programs and courses on the San Diego campus.

Penner is a member of the National Academy of Engineering and of the International Academy of Astronautics, as well as a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He has been honored for his work in combustion research and radiative heat transfer.

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