

Invitation to attend U.S. Student Pugwash Conference

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TO EDITORS:

I would like to invite you to attend the first U. S. Student Pugwash Conference to be held June 19-26 at the University of California, San Diego.

This unique gathering will bring together 75 outstanding students from colleges and universities around the country to meet with scientists and intellectual leaders for a week of workshops and public discussions focused on the topic: "Science and Ethical Responsibility."

Some of the scheduled lecturers and discussants include:

- Daniel Ellsberg, former Pentagon defense analyst
- Harold Feiveson, professor of physics and international affairs, Princeton University
- George Kistiakowsky, professor of chemistry, Harvard University and former science advisor to President Eisenhower
- Jeremy J. Stone, director, Federation of American Scientists
- Harold Agnew, president, General Atomic Corp., and former director of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory
- Herbert Scoville, Jr., vice president, Arms Control Association
- Jonas Salk, director, The Salk Institute
- Roger Revelle, professor of science and public policy, UC San Diego

Among the topics to be discussed at the conference will be arms control at the SALT II talks, scientists in politics, bio-intervention, world population problems, the scientist and human rights, and whistle-blowing scientists and employee rights.

The students, selected from among several hundred applicants, will meet in morning workshops with the scientists, and will participate in afternoon plenary sessions open to the public and the media.

Each student has agreed to prepare a paper on a topic of interest to him or her, and these papers will be collected at the conclusion of the conference for publication at a later date.

The conference is being funded by the National Science Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Sanford Lakoff, chairman of the UC San Diego political science department is faculty coordinator for the conference and Jeffrey Leifer, a recent UC San Diego graduate, is conference director.

Members of the media are invited to attend plenary sessions of the conference. Interviews with faculty and student participants can be arranged.

The media is invited to attend a reception for the conference participants on Tuesday, June 19, from 5:30 until 7 p.m. in the Windsor Dining Hall.

Press registration will begin Monday, June 18, at 4 p.m. in the lobby of Blake Hall on the Revelle College campus.

Inquiries regarding media coverage can be directed to Ron Bee, student press coordinator for the Pugwash Conference, at (714) 452-3548 or myself at the Public Information Office, (714) 452-3120.

I hope you will be able to attend all or part of the conference. If you can, please let me know if you plan to be here.

Sincerely,

Paul Lowenberg, National News Coordinator