

Three scholars from England and Australia to be honored at UCSD History of Science in China Conference

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HISTORIANS OF SCIENCE IN CHINA AWARDED PRIZE AT UCSD CONFERENCE

Three scholars from England and Australia will be honored for their contributions to the history of science in China during a conference at the University of California, San Diego Saturday, August 6.

Joseph Needham and Lu Guei-Djen of the Needham Research Institute at Cambridge University and Wang Ling of the Australian National University will receive the inaugural Wei-Kung Prize "in recognition of their monumental book Science and Civilization in China.

"Their wisdom and dedication have contributed much to our realization that science and technology are rooted in a multicultural tradition and are products of global human endeavor," the prize citation notes.

The award ceremony will take place during the welcoming banquet of the Fifth International Conference on the History of Science in China, which is being held on the UCSD campus August 5 to 10.

The prize was established by the Wei-Kung Institute, a San Diego-based nonprofit organization that promotes research in and understanding of Chinese culture. UCSD physics professor Joseph Cheng-Yih Chen is president of the institute.

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