

Engineering professor Siavouche Nemat-Nasser named holder of UCSD's Isaacs Endowed Chair

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ENGINEERING PROFESSOR NAMED HOLDER OF UCSD'S ISAACS ENDOWED CHAIR

Siavouche Nemat-Nasser, director of the Center of Excellence for Advanced Materials at the University of California, San Diego, has been appointed to the John Dove Isaacs Chair in Natural Philosophy at UCSD by Chancellor Richard C. Atkinson.

The endowed chair is named in honor of John Dove Isaacs, a prominent professor at Scripps Institution of Oceanography for more than 30 years who died in 1980.

"This distinguished recognition is a direct reflection of the high regard in which you are held by the UCSD academic community," Atkinson said in a congratulatory letter to Nemat-Nasser.

His five-year appointment, effective July 1, will run through the year 2000. Nemat-Nasser will receive an annual income from the endowment funds for the support of teaching and research.

Nemat-Nasser received his master's degree in civil engineering and his Ph.D. in structural mechanics from the University of California, Berkeley. He served on the UCSD faculty from 1966 to 1970. Then, after teaching at the Technical University of Denmark and Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., he returned to the UCSD campus in 1985 as professor of solid and structural mechanics.

As director of the Center of Excellence for Advanced Materials, Nemat-Nasser supervises studies on advanced materials over a broad range of strain rates.

The Isaacs Chair was established in 1982 for interdisciplinary research and instruction in natural and physical sciences and engineering. It is funded by \$125,000 from the UC Endowment for Presidential Chairs and an equal amount from Mary Carol Isaacs, widow of John Dove Isaacs, and the Foundation for Ocean Research, a non-profit foundation.

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