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The Association of American Universities (AAU), an organization representing America's leading universities will meet in San Diego for the first time, Oct. 18-20, at the Westgate Hotel.

Richard Atkinson, chancellor for the University of California, San Diego, and his wife Rita will host a reception and dinner for AAU members and their spouses at the Chancellor's residence on Sunday, Oct. 18, from 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m.

UCSD became a member of the AAU in 1982, and is the only university established after World War II to have been elected to AAU membership. The Association was founded in 1900 by the 14 American Universities that then offered a Ph.D. degree. The AAU membership currently consists of 54 American and two Canadian universities. Half of the members are public institutions and half are private and the membership roster includes universities such as Harvard, Yale, Princeton, the University of Michigan, the University of Virginia, the University of Washington and the University of Wisconsin System.

In addition to UCSD, other California universities in the AAU include UC Berkeley, UCLA, the University of Southern California, Stanford University and the California Institute of Technology.

The Association holds its fall meeting in conjunction with a member campus and the agenda covers a broad range of educational issues of interest to the membership. This fall's agenda will include meetings on graduate education, biomedical research, science and research, research libraries and international studies.

Through its twice yearly meetings, the AAU provides the opportunity for the chief executive officers of member institutions to engage in both formal and informal discussions with colleagues. AAU membership, which is considered every three years, is by invitation only and requires the approval of three-fourths of the membership.

AAU activities focus on graduate and professional education and research, elements each of the member universities have in common. In addition, the association advises government and industry on technical and policy issues.

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