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The chief scientist of the history-making Mohole Project will describe last year's preliminary drilling in a free public lecture in La Jolla on Monday evening, February 19.

William R. Riedel, Assistant Research Geologist and Curator of Marine Geology at the University of California's Scripps Institution of Oceanography, will illustrate his talk with a color motion picture which depicts operations aboard the drilling barge, CUSS I.

The talk is one of the Faculty Lectures co-sponsored by the University's San Diego campus and the Theatre and Arts Foundation of San Diego County. It will be given at Sherwood Hall, Art Center in La Jolla. It starts at 8:00 p.m. The public is invited. Admission is free.

Born in South Australia, Riedel studied at the University of Adelaide, specializing in biology and geology. In 1950 and 1951, he visited Sweden, working on marine sediments collected by the Swedish Deep-Sea Expedition around the world.

He has spent most of the time since then at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, applying his study of microfossils in marine sediments to an interpretation of the history of the oceans.

He has traveled widely in the course of his investigations. He participated in oceanographic expeditions to the north, central and south Pacific and has gone twice to the Antarctic.

As Curator of Marine Geology, Riedel has custody over the hundreds of sedimentary cores taken by Scripps vessels in their voyages in the Pacific.