

Lecture at Scripps Oceanography Probes Animal Adaptation and the Origin of Species

Free Public Presentation on October 19 at Scripps Institution of Oceanography

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Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego's second annual Richard H. and Glenda G. Rosenblatt Lectureship in Evolutionary Biology will be given to Professor Dolph Schluter of the University of British Columbia.

Schluter's lecture, entitled "Adaptation and the Origin of Species," will take place at 2 p.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2006, in Sumner Auditorium on the Scripps Oceanography campus, 8602 La Jolla Shores Drive in La Jolla (Sumner Auditorium is one-half block north of El Paseo Grande). The lecture is free and open to the public.

Schluter, Canada Research chair and director of the University of British Columbia's Biodiversity Centre, studies the ecological forces responsible for the origin and persistence of species and the evolution of differences between them in resource use, body form and mating preferences. He conducts experimental studies of natural selection in wild populations, the role of natural and sexual selection on the evolution of reproductive isolation, the effect of interactions between species on the evolution of species differences and the genetic factors underlying divergence.

Schluter is a Fellow of the Royal Society of London and the Royal Society of Canada and past president of the Society for the Study of Evolution.

The Rosenblatt Lectureship is part of an endowed series of yearly lectures by distinguished evolutionary biologists. It was created by ichthyologist Richard Rosenblatt and his wife, Glenda. Rosenblatt, who has been associated with Scripps since 1958, is a Scripps professor and curator emeritus of the Marine Vertebrates Collection, part of the Scripps Oceanographic Collections, the largest and most complete university-based oceanographic collection in the world.

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