

## **Scripps to Honor Prince Albert II of Monaco for his Environmental Efforts**

*Prince Albert II of Monaco to receive the Roger Revelle Prize at Scripps in October*

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Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego will present the Roger Revelle Prize at Scripps to His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco for his efforts to advance and communicate protection of the environment on a global scale. Prince Albert will officially accept the award at Scripps in October.

The Roger Revelle Prize at Scripps, named for late, former Scripps Director and UC San Diego founder Roger Revelle, recognizes leaders in the public or private sectors whose outstanding contributions advance or promote research in ocean, climate and earth sciences. These international leaders, such as Revelle, ask the big questions, recognize the interrelationships of global systems and think on a planetary scale. Their pioneering work and courage in pursuing scientific questions of critical importance to our world evoke Revelle's leadership and vision.

Prince Albert's award is the second Roger Revelle Prize at Scripps. The inaugural prize was presented on March 6 to former Vice President Al Gore in conjunction with the Roger Revelle 100th Birthday Celebration. In a videotaped message presented at Gore's award ceremony, Prince Albert highlighted his upcoming visit to La Jolla to receive the Revelle Prize and to celebrate a developing partnership between Monaco and Scripps on ocean acidification.

Prince Albert will receive the Revelle Prize in October at a special reception and dinner hosted by Scripps in his honor. The events are likely to take place at the Scripps campus' new Robert Paine Scripps Forum for Science, Society, and the Environment (Scripps Seaside Forum). Proceeds from the Revelle Prize events support the Roger Revelle Leadership Fund at Scripps to help recruit and retain the most outstanding students, faculty and researchers to the institution - an objective that was always paramount to Revelle when he was Scripps director. Al Gore's visit in March generated more than \$150,000 from guests and Scripps supporters to establish this fund in Revelle's name.

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