

Dr. Stanford S. Penner awarded honorary doctorate by the Technische Hochschule Aachen, Germany

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Dr. Stanford S. Penner, professor of engineering physics and director of the UCSD Energy Center at the University of California, San Diego, has been awarded an honorary doctorate by the Technische Hochschule Aachen, Germany, in recognition of his research contributions to combustion science, gasdynamics, and gas emissivities.

An award ceremony will be held in May on the occasion of the centenary celebration of the birth of the late Th. von Karman, with whom Penner collaborated during the 1950s in developing the foundations of aerothermochemistry (combustion science).

Penner came to UC San Diego in 1964 as professor and the first chairman of the Department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering Sciences (now Applied Mechanics & Engineering Sciences) after serving for 14 years on the faculty of the California Institute of Technology. He was named director of the Institute for Pure and Applied Physical Sciences at UC San Diego in 1968, a post he held for three and one-half years. He served as Vice Chancellor-Academic Affairs during the 1968-69 academic year before returning to teaching and research. He became the first director of the UCSD Energy Center in 1972.

Penner is a member of the National Academy of Engineering and the International Academy of Astronautics and a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

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