

Dr. Frank Westheimer, Morris Loeb Professor of Chemistry at Harvard University, to initiate UCSD special lecture series

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Dr. Frank H. Westheimer, the Morris Loeb Professor of Chemistry at Harvard University, is scheduled to initiate the UCSD Special Lecture Series in Chemistry at the University of California, San Diego with four lectures, January 14, 15, 21 and 22.

According to Dr. Teddy Traylor, chairman of the UCSD Department of Chemistry, the lecture series will become an annual event sponsored by the campus bringing some of the most noted chemists from throughout the world to UCSD to participate.

Westheimer, a member of the Harvard faculty for 20 years, will talk on "Mechanisms for the Hydrolyses of Phosphate Esters." All of the lectures will begin at 4:00 p.m. and will be held in the lecture hall of the Undergraduate Sciences Building on the Revelle College campus.

Westheimer received a B.A. degree from Dartmouth in 1932. He did advanced work at Harvard University receiving a Ph.D. in Chemistry in 1935. He served as a National Research Fellow at Columbia University and on the faculty at the University of Chicago prior to working at the Explosive Research Laboratory of the National Defense Research Committee during the war.

Westheimer returned to Harvard as a visiting professor during 1953-54 and was appointed professor in 1954. He served as chairman of the Department of Chemistry from 1959 to 1962. He has delivered a number of important annual lectures including the Morrell Lectures in Cambridge in 1962 where he was an Overseas Fellow of Churchill College, the Priestly Lecture Series at Pennsylvania State University in 1968, and the Fourth David Rivett Memorial Lecture at Canberra, Australia, in 1969.

Westheimer received the James Flack Norris Award in Physical Organic Chemistry in 1970 and the Willard Gibbs Medal Award in 1970. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and a member of the Academy's Council since 1972. He served on the President's Science Advisory Committee from 1967 to 1971.

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