

## **Dr. William Prager awarded Timoshenko Medal**

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Dr. William Prager, Professor of Applied Mechanics at the University of California, San Diego has been awarded the Timoshenko Medal for 1966 by The American Society of Mechanical Engineers. The medal was bestowed upon Dr. Prager by the Society for his "contributions to applied mechanics through research, education, administration and service."

The Timoshenko Medal was established in 1957 in honor of Dr. Stephen P. Timoshenko. It is to be awarded to individuals "in recognition of distinguished contributions to applied mechanics."

Formal presentation of the award will be made at the Applied Mechanics dinner to be held in November during the annual winter meeting of the Society in New York.

Dr. Prager, who joined the Department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering Sciences on the San Diego campus last year, is an outstanding pioneer in the field of applied mechanics, structures, and applied mathematics. He was recently elected to membership in the National Academy of Engineering in recognition of his work.

He served for more than 20 years as Professor of Applied Mechanics and as Chairman and founder of the Division of Applied Mathematics at Brown University and is generally acknowledged to be among the foremost authorities in this field.

In practice, he is a mathematical engineer. His fields of study include the theory of structures, elasticity, plasticity, and numerical analysis. He founded the Quarterly of Applied Mathematics and served as managing editor from 1943-1965. He is now an editor of the Journal on Applied Mathematics, published by the Society of Industrial and Applied Mathematics.

Dr. Prager was born in Karlsruhe, Germany, in 1903. He received a doctorate in civil engineering from the Institute of Technology in Darmstadt, Germany, in 1926 and is the holder of honorary degrees from institutions and universities in the United States, France, Italy and Belgium.

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