

Eric Reissner elected to National Academy of Engineering

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Dr. Eric Reissner, professor of applied mechanics in the Department of Applied Mechanics and Engineering Sciences at the University of California, San Diego, has been elected to the prestigious National Academy of Engineering.

Reissner, a member of the UC San Diego faculty since 1969, was among 104 American engineers who were elected to the Academy. Among the new members are individuals who have made major contributions in such diverse areas of engineering as acoustics, aeronautics, soil mechanics, transportation and water resources.

The National Academy of Engineering is a private organization established in 1964 to share in the responsibility given the National Academy of Sciences to examine questions of science and technology at the request of the federal government. Election to the Academy is considered the highest professional distinction that can be conferred on an engineer and honors those who have made important contributions to engineering theory and practice or who have demonstrated unusual accomplishments in the pioneering of new and developing fields of technology.

Reissner was honored for his contributions in applied mechanics and mathematics, especially in the application of these to problems associated with determining the strength and stability of aircraft structures.

Before joining the San Diego faculty, Reissner was associated with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for 30 years. He received a diplomate in engineering and a doctor of engineering from the Technical University in Berlin and, in 1938, received a Ph.D in mathematics from MIT.

In 1973 he was awarded the Timoshenko Medal by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in recognition of distinguished contributions to applied mechanics.

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