

Dr. Harland Wood to present first lecture in the William D. McElroy Distinguished Lectureship Series

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Dr. Harland G. Wood, emeritus university professor in biochemistry at Case Western Reserve University, is scheduled to present the first of two lectures in the William D. McElroy Distinguished Lectureship Series, Monday, January 25, 1982, at the University of California, San Diego.

Wood is recognized by the biochemical community as a distinguished leader whose research has had a major impact on the biomedical sciences. He will talk on "The Synthesis of Acetyl CoA from Carbon Monoxide and Its Role in Autotrophism" at 4:30 p.m. in Garren Auditorium in the Basic Science Building at the School of Medicine. The lecture is free and the public is welcome.

The lecture is part of a series established in honor of Dr. William McElroy, professor of biology and former chancellor of UC San Diego and funded by contributions made to the UC San Diego Foundation in McElroy's name. The second lecture will be presented in May by Dr. Michael Bishop.

Wood received his B.A. degree from Macalester College in 1931 and his Ph.D. in bacteriological chemistry from Iowa State College in 1935. He was involved in the discovery of CO₂ fixation by heterotrophic organisms and pioneered the use of heavy isotopes in biological research. His work has led to an understanding of the metabolism of one-carbon units.

He has spent most of his career at Case Western Reserve University, joining the faculty there as professor and director of the biochemistry department in 1946. He is the recipient of many awards, has received a number of honorary degrees and is an honorary member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Biochemical Society of Japan.

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