

## **Dr. Hans Edward Suess elected fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences**

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Dr. Hans Eduard Suess, professor of chemistry at the University of California, San Diego, has been elected a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Suess, a member of the UCSD faculty since 1958, is one of 23 scholars and scientists from California to receive the honor and one of five chemists throughout the United States elected in this year's group.

The American Academy of Arts and Sciences, founded in 1780, is the second oldest learned society in the United States. Its present membership includes 2200 representatives from the mathematical, physical and biological sciences as well as law, administration, public affairs, theology, fine arts, and the humanities.

Suess joined Scripps Institution of Oceanography as a research geochemist in 1955. He was one of the first four professors appointed to the UCSD faculty. Suess has published numerous scientific articles on the origin of the elements, radiocarbon dating, nuclear shell structure, the chronology of the ice ages, the geochemistry of carbon dioxide, and the problems of cosmochemistry.

Born in Vienna in 1909, Suess earned his doctorate in chemistry at the University of Vienna in 1936. From 1937 to 1950 he was a research assistant and professor at the University of Hamburg, Germany. Suess became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1955.

Suess is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, a foreign member of the Max-Planck Institute for Chemistry at Mainz, West Germany, a foreign member of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, and a member of the Heidelberg Academy of Sciences.

Suess and his wife reside in La Jolla. They have two children, Beate and Stephen.

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