

Intaglietta honorary professor in China

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The Chinese government has recently appointed a bioengineering professor at the University of California, San Diego's Department of Applied Mechanics and Engineering Sciences (AMES) an honorary professor of the prestigious Microcirculation Research Center of the Chinese Academy of Medical Science, Peking, AMES Chairman Dr. David Miller has announced.

Dr. Marcos Intaglietta is the director of the UCSD Laboratory of Microhemodynamics in the AMES bioengineering group. His area of interest involves the research of microcirculation, which includes the function of microscopic blood vessels.

While in Peking, Intaglietta was interviewed by the Vice Minister and Minister of Public Health. An agreement was made to become involved in an open-ended research exchange between UCSD and the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences in the area of microcirculation.

The director of the Microcirculation Research Center, Dr. Xiu Rui-Juan, has visited the UCSD campus several times since 1982. She was instrumental in laying the groundwork for the agreement, which, Intaglietta said, is the first of its kind in this field, and will open the path for an exchange of scholars and research findings by enabling the two groups to engage in joint projects.

A project already underway is the study of the effects of Chinese vaso-active pharmaceutical substances on humans at the microvascular level. Intaglietta said the Chinese have accumulated vast amounts of data, and they will be bringing their findings to the UCSD Microhemodynamics Laboratory to apply techniques developed by Intaglietta and his team.

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