

Three faculty members honored by Chancellor's Associates: Immo Scheffler, excellence in teaching; Jerome Namias, excellence in research; and Jack Fisher, outstanding community service

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Three University of California, San Diego faculty members have been honored for excellence in teaching, excellence in research and for outstanding community service by the UCSD Chancellor's Associates.

The awards were presented at the annual fall meeting of the Associates which is made up of friends of the university who contribute \$1,000 or more annually for the discretionary fund of the chancellor. There are currently some 270 members in the support group. The recognition awards were started in 1975 to honor UCSD faculty members for their work in these three areas. Each recipient received a hand-lettered citation and a \$1,000 honorarium.

The honorees this year are Dr. Immo Scheffler, professor of biology, for excellence in teaching; Dr. Jerome Namias, research meteorologist at UCSD's Scripps Institution of Oceanography, for excellence in research; and Dr. Jack Fisher, professor of surgery in the UCSD School of Medicine, for outstanding community service.

The awards were presented by Bill Barnett, director of the College Department of Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc., who served as a member of the Associates selection committee, and George Gildred, president of the Gildred Building Company, who is chairman of the Chancellor's Associates. UCSD Chancellor Richard C. Atkinson hosted the meeting which was held at University House.

Scheffler, a member of the UCSD faculty since 1971, was cited for his ability to combine scholarship in teaching with effectiveness. "He conveys conceptually difficult material without compromise, yet clearly and in such a way as to encourage student self-confidence." According to the award, Dr. Scheffler, "gives generously of his time, interacts personally with students and shows the patience of a Job. Students testify that his lectures are fascinating and enjoyable as well as concise, well-structured, and challenging."

Scheffler received a B.S. and an M.S. degree from the University of Manitoba and a Ph.D. in physical biochemistry from Stanford University in 1969. He served as a postdoctoral fellow at the Harvard University School of Medicine and at the Institut Pasteur in Paris, France, before joining the UCSD faculty. He has twice been named to receive the Excellence in Teaching Award from the Revelle College senior science majors and was awarded the Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award by Revelle in 1980.

Namias, who has been associated with Scripps since 1968, was cited as the U.S. pioneer in long-range weather prediction. According to the citation, "He was one of a small group that first recognized the fundamental connection between oceans and climate. His work is a classic example of a bridge between basic and applied research."

During World War II, Namias provided weather forecasts for the North African invasion. He advised the U.S. government at the time of the Arab oil embargo and his forecast of warmer than normal weather enabled the government to forgo issuance of gasoline ration coupons.

Namias attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Michigan before being employed in 1936 as a research associate at MIT. He obtained his M.S. degree from MIT in 1941. From 1941 to 1964, Namias served as Chief of the Extended Forecast Division of the U.S. Weather Bureau in Washington, D.C. He also served as associate director of the National Meteorological Center from 1964 to 1966.

Fisher, head of the university's plastic surgery division, joined the UCSD faculty in 1975. He was cited for his organization during the past 10 years of a team of volunteer health professionals who have traveled monthly to remote villages in Baja California to provide free plastic surgery to individuals with birth defects and other correctable deformities.

In addition, according to the citation, "In collaboration with the San Diego Police Department, Dr. Fisher has established a 'Tattoo Removal Clinic' which provides a means for former gang members to remove stigmata of their past activities as one of the first steps in pursuing more productive lives."

Before coming to UCSD, Fisher served as associate professor of plastic surgery and director of the University Burn Service at the University of Virginia. He received his M.D. degree from the University of Buffalo.

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