

Scripps oceanographers will attend Pacific Tuna Conference

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The walls of the University of California's Conference Center at Lake Arrowhead next week will resound with terms familiar mainly to oceanographers, meteorologists, and scientists knowledgeable about fishery problems, especially those in the Pacific.

Among those participating in the 17th annual Pacific Tuna Conference (PTC), Oct. 17-19 and the 13th annual Eastern Pacific Oceanic Conference (EPOC) Oct. 19-21 will be scientists from UCSD's Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

Dr. Alan R. Longhurst, biologist with the Scripps Tuna Oceanography Research (STOR) program, will chair the PTC. Joseph L. Reid, Jr., research oceanographer at Scripps, is executive secretary of EPOC, which will be chaired by O. E. Sette, of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, Palo Alto.

Others besides Longhurst from Scripps who will take part in the PTC meeting are Dr. Maurice Blackburn, head of STOR, and STOR biologists Drs. Carl J. Lorenzen and William H. Thomas; and Dr. Warren S. Wooster, oceanography department chairman at Scripps and coordinator for the four-nation Eastern Tropical Pacific Research program that begins in January for 18 months.

Dr. Wooster and James Snodgrass, head of Scripps special development division, will take part in the EPOC meeting.

Dr. Longhurst said the PTC gathering will bring together from the West Coast of North America scientists concerned with research on tuna fisheries and tuna resources, the biology of the commercial species of tuna, the study of the oceanography and biological environment of tuna, and the extent of the stocks of skipjack in the Eastern Tropical Pacific. More than 60 have registered for the PTC.

Reid indicated his group plans informal discussions - to "find out what each other is doing, identify needs, and consider how best to fulfill them." EPOC is an annual meeting of Pacific scientists engaged in oceanographic, fishery and meteorological research and those responsible for collecting and disseminating data in these fields needed for research and operational purposes. More than 80 will attend the conference.

PTC representatives will come from Scripps, the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries (BCF), the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, the California State Fish and Game Commission, the Van Camp Foundation, American Tuna Boat Owners Association, Michigan State University, and Peru.

EPOC will draw participants from Scripps, BCF, Interagency Committee on Oceanography, International Council on Exploration of the Sea, UNESCO's Food and Agricultural Organization, the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, the Scientific Committee for Oceanic Research, the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Oceanography, Peru, Ecuador, and Mexico.

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