

## **Media advisory, Leroy Hood, M.D., will deliver talk at UCSD**

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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**EVENT:** Leroy Hood, M.D., a leading spokesman for the Human Genome Project and the creator of the first automatic machine to sequence DNA, will deliver talk at UCSD.

**DATE/TIME:** 4 p.m., Tuesday, April 16

**LOCATION:** Liebow Auditorium, 2100 Basic Science Building University of California, San Diego

**BACKGROUND:** Hood, the William Gates III Professor and Chair of the Department of Molecular Biology at the University of Washington School of Medicine will deliver the annual Marlene A. DeLuca Memorial Lecture. His talk will focus on research involving the organization, structure, diversity and evolution of T cell receptors, a key part of the body's immune system that serve as the active biological site for circulating lymphocytes called T cells.

Marlene DeLuca, a pioneer in the field of bioluminescence and wife of former UCSD Chancellor William McElroy, died in 1987. A member of the UCSD chemistry faculty from 1972 to her death, DeLuca--along with her husband--made international headlines when their team of investigators introduced the gene which lights up fireflies into a tobacco plant.

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