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An endowed chair in the Center for Magnetic Recording Research held by Jack Wolf at the University of California, San Diego has been renamed to the Stephen O. Rice Chair in Magnetic Recording Research.

Wolf, who has held the endowed chair for the past nine years, proposed the name change following Rice's death about three years ago.

Rice conducted research at UCSD after he retired from Bell Laboratories. Much of his work focused on the analysis and description of noise in communications.

"His technical work was fundamental to the work I've been doing here at CMRR," said Wolf. "So I thought it was appropriate to honor this person."

Wolf, a professor of electrical engineering, was one of five University of California faculty recently elected to the National Academy of Engineering.

Election to the Academy is among the highest professional distinctions awarded to an engineer. The NAE elected a total of 73 engineers as members and eight as foreign associates.

The new members increase the number of UCSD faculty in the NAE to 13, with the total number of UC faculty in the academy at 101, about six percent of the total U.S. membership of 1,684.

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