

Alfred S. Romer presents Faculty Lecture "From Water to Land: A Chapter in the Evolution of Vertebrates"

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An eminent American zoologist will deliver a free public lecture in La Jolla, Monday night, April 29.

He is Alfred S. Romer, Director of Harvard University's Museum of Comparative Zoology, who will speak at Sherwood Hall, Art Center at 8:00 p.m. His topic will be "From Water to Land: A Chapter in the Evolution of Vertebrates."

Dr. Romer's talk is one in a series of Faculty Lectures, co-sponsored by the University of California, San Diego, and the Theatre and Arts Foundation of San Diego County. The event is open to the public. Admission is free.

Dr. Romer's exhaustive studies of ancient animal life have made him one of the world's most honored zoologists. He has received the Thompson medal and Elliot medal of the National Academy of Sciences for meritorious work in zoology, geology, and paleontology.

He received his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1921, and taught at New York University, Bellevue Hospital Medical College, and the University of Chicago before accepting a position as curator of vertebrate paleontology at Harvard in 1934.

He was named director of the Museum of Comparative Zoology in 1946, and since 1947 has been the Alexander Agassiz Professor of Zoology at Harvard.

Honorary Doctor of Science degrees have been conferred upon him by Harvard, Amherst College, Dartmouth and the University of Buffalo.

He is currently president of the 16th International Congress of Zoology, and is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dr. Romer is also the past president of the Society for the Study of Evolution, the Society of Systematic Zoology, the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology, and the American Society of Zoologists.

He is a fellow of the Geological Society of America and the Paleontology Society.