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Recent research on California oil-producing basins and upon nearby areas which are similar to them will be discussed at a two-day scientific conference opening Wednesday, March 21, at the University of California's Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

Speakers include Scripps scientists and geologists from the major oil companies.

"This conference in a sense marks the end of 11 years of effort and the spending of a million dollars on research on the nature of sedimentary processes in the Gulf of Mexico and the Gulf of California," says Tj. H. van Andel, Associate Research Geologist at Scripps. The work has been supported by the American Petroleum Institute. During the first years, research centered on the northwest Gulf of Mexico, more recently, on the Gulf of California. Francis P. Shepard, Professor of Submarine Geology, headed the program from 1951 to 1958, Dr. van Andel from then until the present.

Scheduled to speak at the conference are nine members of the Scripps staff. Their topics will include gravity and seismological studies of the Gulf of California, the tidal flats of the Colorado River Region, and beach formation in the Gulf.

The meeting will not be open to the public.