

Internationally renowned Freeman Dyson to speak at UCSD July 22, 1999

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MEDIA ADVISORY

EVENT: "The Science and Politics of Global Climate Change," a free public lecture by Freeman Dyson, part of the San Diego Science and Technology Council (SDSTC) Inquiry and Innovation Speaker Series.

DATE/TIME: Thursday, July 22, 5 p.m.

LOCATION: IR/PS Robinson Auditorium, UCSD campus.

BACKGROUND: Internationally renowned scientist Freeman Dyson has received numerous awards for his contributions to the fields of physics, the arts and humanities. He has authored several books, including *Weapons and Hope* (1984), for which he was awarded the National Book Critics Circle Award for Non-Fiction, and most recently, *Imagined Worlds* (1997), and *The Sun, the Genome, and the Internet: Tools of Scientific Revolutions* (1999).

Born in England, Dyson directed the operational research section of the RAF Bomber Command during World War II. After receiving a B.A. from Cambridge, he won the Commonwealth Fund Fellowship to study physics in the U. S. He spent two years at Cornell University and Princeton University, where he studied under J. Robert Oppenheimer, then Director of the Institute for Advanced Study. He has been a professor of physics at Princeton's Institute for Advanced Study since 1953. Between 1956 and 1959, he helped design the TRIGA reactor and ORION spaceship at General Atomics in San Diego. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society and a member of the U.S. National Academy of Science.

Dyson's talk is part of the 1999 Inquiry and Innovation Speaker Series sponsored by SDSTC, a network of San Diego's leading science and technology organizations convened by the University of California, San Diego. The council's mission is to enhance the San Diego region's visibility, innovation capability and global competitiveness in science and technology.

If you are interested in attending this lecture, please RSVP to Cecilia Lee at (858) 534-8400 or celee@ucsd.edu

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