

Board of Regents names William A. Nierenberg dean and director of Scripps

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The board of regents of the University of California has named William A. Nierenberg dean and director of the University's Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

In a press conference, President Clark Kerr of the University of California, said the new title was in recognition of the importance of Scripps Institution, which is a part of the University of California, San Diego.

Dr. Nierenberg, former physics professor at the Berkeley campus of the University, assumed his duties as director of Scripps last July 1.

It was also announced today that Fred N. Spiess is appointed associate director of Scripps Institution, effective January 1.

Dr. Spiess, professor of oceanography, will continue as director of Scripps' Marine Physical Laboratory, a post he has held since 1958. In 1961-62 and again in 1964 Dr. Spiess served as acting director of Scripps. He joined Scripps in 1952, as an MPL staff member.

At Philadelphia in October, Dr. Spiess was awarded Franklin Institute's John Price Wetherill Medal for development of FLIP, Scripps' unique sea-going laboratory for conducting precise deep-water acoustic research.

Dr. Nierenberg joined the UC Berkeley faculty in 1950 and while there established the Atomic Beam Laboratory and the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory atomic beam research group.

He served as assistant secretary-general of NATO for scientific affairs from 1960 to 1962, in Paris. He is a member of the Foreign Affairs Panel of the President's Science Advisory Committee and earlier this month attended the White House Conference on International Cooperation.