

Dr. George G. Shor appointed associate director of SIO

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Dr. George G. Shor, a research geophysicist and an expert in the field of seismology, has been appointed associate director of the University of California, San Diego's Scripps Institution of Oceanography, it was announced jointly today by UCSD Chancellor William A. McGill and Scripps Director William A. Nierenberg.

Dr. Shor, who joined the Scripps staff in 1953, will continue his duties as chairman of Scripps' Geological Research Division.

His new appointment, effective August 15, involves coordination and supervision of major contract grants from the Office of Naval Research and the National Science Foundation as well as service in an advisory capacity to the Director.

"The job of coordinating major contracts is vital," said Dr. Nierenberg, especially with the increased scope of research in oceanography and the addition of several major projects on the Scripps campus. Dr. Shor has made significant contributions to Scripps over the past years and is well qualified for this new post."

Scripps' other associate directors, who act as advisors to Dr. Nierenberg, are Dr. Andrew A. Benson, professor of biology and chairman of the Marine Biology Research Division, who is responsible for supervision of general biological activities of the Institution, and Dr. Fred N. Spiess, professor of oceanography and director of the Marine Physical Laboratory, who coordinates long-range planning programs for Scripps.

A native of New York, Dr. Shor attended California Institute of Technology, at Pasadena, where he obtained his B.S. and M.S. degrees in 1944 and 1948, respectively, and his Ph.D. in seismology, in 1954.

Prior to attaining his doctorate, and joining Scripps, Dr. Shor worked in commercial geophysical exploration.

His major scientific interests are in the fields of geophysical exploration of the sea floor and structural geology.

He has been scientific leader of ten multi-purpose oceanographic expeditions since 1956, including the 1966 investigations to select a site for the now defunct Project Mohole drilling program.

The author of many scientific articles, Dr. Shor is a Fellow of the Geological Society of America and a member of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists, the American Geophysical Union, and the Seismological Society of America.

He and his family live in La Jolla.