

**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE CENTER  
FOR ENERGY AND COMBUSTION RESEARCH**

University of California, San Diego

July 1, 1991- June 30, 1992

## **1. Summary and Plans for the Coming Year**

This center, previously known as the UCSD Energy Center, was given its new name in 1986 to underscore the close link on campus between energy and combustion research. Approximately twenty faculty and professional staff members are affiliated informally with CECR.

Since its origins, the center has focused on basic problems in finding new sources of energy and the social, environmental, economic, and political consequences of energy consumption, including combustion. Studies range from investigations into the fundamental nature of energy and combustion to practical applications in energy conservation and production, as well as pollution control.

Current research includes fundamental studies in combustion related to aerospace-plane propulsion, to power production and soot production by hydrocarbon fuels, and to use of boron fuels and sprays in combustion chambers. Two specific new grants are for Fundamentals of Acoustic Instability in Liquid-Propellant Rockets and Theories of Turbulent Combustion in High Speed Flows.

In one recent highlight, with support from General Atomics, undergraduate summer scholarship winners completed research projects on Reduced Chemical Kinetic Mechanisms for Heptane-Air Diffusion Flames and Offshore Compressed Air Energy Storage Ocean Wave Energy Conversion. In June of 1992, the Center hosted the annual Propulsion meeting of the Air Force Office of Scientific Research. It has brought together researchers from England, Spain, Germany, France, Poland, Mexico, Australia, Japan, and China for brief periods of study and of exchange of ideas.

Plans for the 1992-93 academic year include further emphasis on fluid dynamics of reacting and rarefied-gas flows relevant to propulsion. Two URI proposals have been submitted to the Air Force Office of Scientific Research on these subjects. In addition, renewed efforts in the areas of energy and of atmospheric air pollution are planned.

## **2. Advisory Committee**

Mr. Neal Blue  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
General Atomics

Mr. Gary D. Cotton  
Senior Vice-President  
Engineering and Operations  
San Diego Gas & Electric

Dr. Edward A. Frieman  
Director  
Scripps Institution of Oceanography

Dr. Alan C. Kolb  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
Maxwell Laboratories, Inc.

Mr. Mike Merlo  
Manager of Research  
Southern California Edison Company

### **3. Faculty and Researchers**

Active faculty participants during the period 1990 - 92 included Director Forman A. Williams, Associate Director K. Seshadri, as well as Abraham L. Berlad, Robert J. Cattolica, Alvin S. Gordon, Juan C. Lasheras, Paul A. Libby, Stanford S. Penner, and Massoud T. Simnad.

Professional Researchers during the period 1991 - 92 included Jong Soo Kim, Shui-Chi Li, Gregory T. Linteris, and Kurt O. Lund.

### **4. Graduate and Postdoctoral Students**

The number of graduate and post-doctoral students directly contributing to the unit who participated through assistantships, fellowships, or traineeships was 10, and the number of students otherwise involved in the unit's work was 4.

## 5. Instructional Programs

Undergraduate and graduate instruction were offered, as in prior years, on energy- and combustion-related topics within the Department of AMES and the Program on Science, Technology and Public Affairs.

The ORU sponsors a general series of seminars and public lectures in its areas of activities. A listing of these seminars is given in the following table.

SEMINAR SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC
Xing Zhong Li	Feb. 4, 1991	The Precursor of the "Cold Fusion" Phenomenon in Metal Deuterium Systems
C. K. Law	Feb. 7, 1991	Stabilization, Extinction, and Flammability in Premixtures
A. K. Oppenheim	Feb. 14, 1991	On the Mechanism of Turbulent Combustion
Edmund Storms	March 4, 1991	Cold Fusion, Conflict Between Ego and Observation
Shunichi Tsugé	March 15, 1991	The Premixed Turbulent Flame as a Solitary Wave
Tai-Kang Liu	July 1, 1991	Effect of Boron Particle Surface Coating on Combustion of Solid Propellant for Ducted Rockets
Liya Regel	July 25, 1991	Space Materials Research and Commercial Crystal Growth in Space
Irvin Glassman	Oct. 28, 1991	Combustion of Metals Revisited Thermodynamically
Alvin S. Gordon	Oct. 30, 1991	Alternative Fuels
Shunichi Tsugé	Nov. 22, 1991	Solitary Wave Solution of Premixed Turbulent Flames and Turbulent Benard Convection
A. K. Oppenheim	Feb.2, 1992	Future of Combustion in Engines
R. W. Bilger	April 20, 1992	The CMC Method for Turbulent Non-premixed Combustion
S. S. Penner	June 5, 1992	Energy Supplies with Sustainable Environmental Impacts

## 6. Participation From Other Organizations

A number of specialists from other organizations working on energy and combustion research have been regular visitors to UCSD and have participated in campus programs through formal lectures and informal discussions. These include:

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VISITOR	AFFILIATION
Shunichi Tsugé	University of Tsukuba, Japan
A. K. Oppenheim	University of California, Berkeley
Robert Bilger	University of Sydney, Australia
Amable Liñán	Departamento de Motopropulsion y Thermofluidodinamica, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Spain
Michal Cialkowski	Institute for Heat Engineering and Combustion Engines of Mosina, Poland
Dan Deitrich	Nasa Lewis Research Center, Cleveland
Irvin Glassman	Princeton University
Hideto Ikeda	IHI Research Institute, Japan
Masato Mikami	University of Tokyo, Japan
Jun'ichi Sato	IHI Research Institute, Japan
Tohru Mitani	Kakuda Research Center, National Aerospace Laboratory, Japan
Takashi Niioka	Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan
Dietmar Trees	Technische Hochschule, Aachen, Germany
Carlos Vasquez Espi	Escuela de Ingenieros Aeronauticos, Ciudad Universitaria, Madrid, Spain
Sun Yi	Energy Conservation Technology Center, Harbin, China
Tai-Kang Liu	Chung Shan Institute of Science and Technology, Taiwan, China
Liya Regel	Academy of Sciences, Moscow
William Wilcox	Clarkson University
Cesar Treviño	Facultad de Ingenieria, UNAM, Mexico

## **7. Public Relations Activities**

Faculty and staff members associated with the UCSD Center for Energy and Combustion Research continue to be involved in energy policy and analysis activities and studies at local, state, national and international levels. The editorial offices for Energy, The International Journal (published by Pergamon Press in London, England, since 1975) remain housed at the UCSD Center for Energy and Combustion Research. S.S. Penner is the Chairman of the Panel of Experts for the California Council on Science and Technology advising the Integrated Waste Management Board of the State of California.

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### **9. Numbers of Full Time Employees**

The number of full time administrative employees is 2, one university-supported and the other supported on extramural funds.

### **10. Space**

The Center for Energy and Combustion Research occupied these rooms in Urey Hall: 6202, 6206, 6210, 6214, 6218, 6222, 6234, 6238, 6242, 6246, 6250, 6254, 6258, 6262, and 7230, and these labs in Urey Hall: 6106-6112, 6114, 6116-6120, 6124-6126, 6130 and 6132. In the Engineering Building, the Center occupied rooms 2208, 3205, and 6226.