

San Diego Offers Many Attractions for 2002 CSE Conference

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As we plan the 2002 Council of Science Editors annual meeting, we are looking forward to helping CSE members explore our host city, San Diego, through several recreational and science-related activities.

Among the activities we are planning is a behind-the-scenes tour of the San Diego Zoo (www.sandiegozoo.org), famous not only for its extensive collection and beautiful grounds, but also for its international wildlife-conservation work. The zoo is the only American site with a breeding pair of giant pandas (baby Hua Mei was born in 1999), and its scientists are also active in the California condor breeding program. Experts from the zoo will take CSE members to see the animals' "off-duty" quarters and discuss the work of the zoo's Center for Reproduction of Endangered Species, which studies animals in the wild and preserves genetic material from endangered species.

Another nature-oriented activity will be a walk along the beautiful coastline of La Jolla, led by a naturalist from Birch Aquarium at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography (www.aquarium.ucsd.edu). Hikers will learn about marine and tide-pool ecology, geology, and local wildlife—and they might also see some wet-suited surfers riding California's famous waves.

Afterward, they can visit the aquarium, which has unusual displays of sea horses and jellyfish, in addition to collections of other more common fishes.

History buffs will have the opportunity to tour Old Town San Diego, a historic park preserving 19th-century adobe homes that is adjacent to a neighborhood of shops and excellent restaurants. In addition, we'll offer a sightseeing and shopping excursion to Tijuana, Mexico.

Usually, CSE offers recreational activities before and after the body of



San Diego Zoo

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the annual meeting. However, for next year we're hoping to break with tradition and offer one midconference activity: a moderately priced dinner cruise in the San Diego Harbor that will give CSE members a chance to relax, mingle, and enjoy the scenery.



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The conference itself will take place at the Hyatt Regency Islandia, which stands on a peninsula in San Diego's Mission Bay and offers views of the sunset over the Pacific Ocean. Birdwatchers, bring your binoculars! The marinas surrounding the hotel are home to herons, egrets, pelicans, gulls, terns, ducks, and cormorants.

Local-arrangements chair Barbara Halliburton warns CSE members to pack jackets or sweaters because it can be cool in San Diego, particularly along the coast. In May, expect daytime high temperatures around 68°F (20°C) and much lower temperatures in the evenings and on overcast days.

The program committee is continuing to work on arranging speakers and events for the conference, and we are looking forward to welcoming you to San Diego.

Mark your calendars!

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For more information, please see www.councilscienceeditors.org/events_01annualMtg.shtml