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2006 Annual SUGUNA Conference

3 to 6 August 2006

University of California – Berkeley Campus – Clark Kerr Conference Centre

» Catch up with old friends and meet new ones
» Network with USYD alumni
» Hear fascinating lectures and presentations
» Visit the nearby Napa Valley or Yosemite – bring the family

Full registration details are enclosed with this newsletter. For inquiries call Michael Challis at 734 971 6186 or email MDChallis@aol.com. Also, it is possible to download the Conference Registration and Membership Forms from www.usyd.edu.au/alumni/networks/suguna/
Registration and payment are due by 1 July 2006 to ensure your on-site accommodation.
SUGUNA’s 2006 Annual Conference will be held from August 3 to August 6, at the Clark Kerr Campus of the University of California in Berkeley. Accommodations will be in suites similar to those available at the U.C. San Diego conference or attendees have the option of staying at nearby hotels.

The keynote speaker at the annual awards banquet will be Australia’s Ambassador to the USA and University of Sydney graduate, Dennis Richardson (BA Hons ’69).

Please view the full 2006 SUGUNA Program on this page for all the stimulating and intriguing presentations.

We hope you will be able to join us.

The venue is within easy reach of San Francisco International and Oakland airports. Social activities will include a dinner reception on Thursday evening, golf, tennis or kayaking on Friday afternoon, followed by an informal barbecue with wine tasting. An optional tour of the newly built De Young Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco will be offered on Saturday afternoon. The annual awards banquet on Saturday evening will showcase some excellent Australian wines and include the presentation of the coveted SUGUNA James Wolfensohn Award. Australian wines will be showcased on all three evening events at the conference.

You can find more details as they come to hand at www.usyd.edu.au/alumni/networks/suguna/index.shtml
It’s the title of the new book by SUGUNA member Dr Margaret Lowman (PhD Sc ’83), internationally known for her expertise in treetop ecology. Dr Lowman is Director of Environmental Initiatives and Professor of Biology and Environmental Studies at New College of Florida, in Sarasota, Florida.

It's a jungle up there

Dr. Lowman is a graduate of Williams College, the University of Aberdeen and the University of Sydney. She has served as Director of Research and as Executive Director at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Sarasota. Co-writers of her book are her sons Edward and James Burgess, who currently attend Princeton University, where they are majoring in chemistry and engineering respectively.

A sequel to Life in the Treetops, Margaret Lowman’s first award-winning book, It's a Jungle Up There continues the adventures of a pioneering scientist juggling family and career. Lowman weaves her messages about tropical rain forest exploration, conservation, and science education into the challenges of raising two sons. Edward and James Burgess bring to the book their perspectives of growing up with a scientist mother. Their explorations integrate science investigation with clear messages about family values.

In Life in the Treetops, Lowman chronicled her struggles about caring for her children as toddlers while climbing trees as a field biologist. Now Edward and James are old enough to count bugs and make discoveries of their own. They comment about their unique upbringing in tropical jungles amidst piranhas, anacondas, tarantulas and katydids, and balancing their own worlds of school, skate-boarding, religion, and science. All three also explore familial issues like caring for aging parents, remarriage, and career paths as the boys become old enough to grasp issues ranging from global conservation to office politics. They discover new beetles in the Amazon, and share their enthusiasm for conservation and education projects ranging from Cameroon, Africa, to Biosphere 2. They advocate a message of “conservation not conversation”.

Candid, humorous, and adventurous, It's a Jungle Up There will be attractive to naturalists, travel enthusiasts, armchair adventurers or students seeking advice about science or balancing career and family.
On February 16, 2006, Ambassador Dennis Richardson AO (BA Hons '69) hosted a reception for Sydney University graduates at the Australian Embassy in Washington, DC. Ambassador Richardson is a graduate of the University of Sydney and a member of SUGUNA.

Approximately 40 graduates attended, including SUGUNA members: President Philip Minter AO (B Sc '51), and Dr William Butcher (BE Civil '46), and Penny Mapp (BA '91) who also represented Advance. The reception was chaired by Professor Don Nutbeam, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Infrastructure). The Vice Chancellor, Professor Gavin Brown AM FAA and Mrs Diané Brown (MInternatPHlth '05) were also in attendance. Ambassador Richardson spoke of the importance of Australian universities and the Vice Chancellor gave an overview of the achievements of the University of Sydney.

VALE Jeff Wilcox (Jeffrey K. 'Jeff' Wilcox)

SUGUNA member Jeffrey Wilcox, 35, died September 7, 2005, at his boyhood home after a valiant two-year battle with brain cancer.

Jeff was born Dec. 18, 1969, in Hollywood, Calif., and grew up in California, North Carolina and Blue Springs, Mo. He graduated from Central Methodist College in Fayette, Mo., in 1992 with a chemistry major and after graduation, obtained a master's degree in environmental engineering from the University of Sydney.

He is survived by his wife, Stephanie Russell; two sons, Skylar Wilcox, 23 months, and Asher Wilcox, 2 months; his parents, Ken and Kathy Wilcox; his brother, Craig Wilcox and sister-in-law Precious Wilcox. Jeff was a man who never met anyone he didn’t like. A sportsman and enthusiastic traveller, he was outgoing and popular, with many friends around the world. He participated in the 2005 Relay for Life where, in his honor, the team raised more than $20,000 for cancer research.
Nominations sought for the 2006 Wolfensohn Award.

Nominations are invited for the 2006 SUGUNA James Wolfensohn Award. There are many distinguished graduates of Sydney University working in North America who have made major contributions to their field and to society at large. Nominate your favourite for this prestigious award.

Any member of SUGUNA may make a nomination for this award, which is based on the following criteria:

(a) The winner must be a graduate of the University of Sydney.
(b) He or she must be a member of SUGUNA.
(c) He or she must be a person who has made significant contributions for the betterment of society and his or her profession, business or academia.
(d) The nominee shall have participated in SUGUNA conferences.

Nominations must include a complete curriculum vitae with details of professional appointments, awards, honors, other accomplishments (research where appropriate), affiliations, compilations of publications, service to communities and organisations, and other achievements. The nomination must also include a supporting letter from the nominating member outlining the merits and qualifications of the person nominated. Nominees of the winning candidate are asked to ensure they and the award winner are present at the award presentation. The selection committee for each year is comprised of the five previous winners.

The nominations deadline for the 2006 award is June 22, 2006.

Please send your nomination to:
Thomas M. Dunn
113 West Back Street
Savannah, GA 31419
912 927 7401

Dr. Dunn will circulate all nominations to the selection committee.

Activities from previous SUGUNA Conferences

Kayaking at the '01 Conference at Delta, British Columbia.

Attendees at the '98 Conference at UC Berkeley.

SUGUNA members at the '05 Conference visiting the Krannert Art Museum, Champaign, Illinois.

Joe Hlubucek (B Sc '66, PhD Sc '70), speaking at the '05 Conference at Champaign, Illinois.
The University of Sydney
Standing Committee on Convocation

The Standing Committee on Convocation, established under the University of Sydney Act by the New South Wales Parliament in 1935, has been designated by the University Senate to assume the role of the peak Alumni association of the University. The Standing Committee is the only Alumni association which represents all alumni, who now number more than 220,000.

In light of the Senate’s decision, the new Alumni structure approved in September 2005 encompasses residential college chapters and associations, campus chapters and associations and regional and international chapters and associations. SUGUNA is one of four international chapters, along with those of the United Kingdom, Hong Kong and Singapore. With the increased emphasis now being given to engaging alumni in the life of the University through the Office of University Relations, plans are now being developed to reorient the work of the Standing Committee in support of this goal.

As part of this initiative, membership of the Standing Committee has been augmented to include new members appointed by the Vice Chancellor to represent selected Alumni groups. John McLenaghan (B Ec ’59) has been appointed a Member of the Standing Committee to represent SUGUNA for the period 2006-2010.

Steve Mandel's Conundrum

Steve Mandel (B Sc 55, M Sc 56), a University of Sydney graduate and retired professor of mathematics, presents us with autumn’s conundrum.

Last Issue’s Conundrum

Question: A monk who lives in Switzerland sets off one Saturday morning at 6am from the base of a mountain and, following a narrow winding path, walks to the top of the mountain, arriving there at 6pm the same day.

On the way up his speed is by no means uniform. Indeed he makes frequent stops to meditate, to enjoy his morning tea and his lunch, occasionally even tracking back to have a second look at a particularly beautiful flower he has seen.

Once at the top he has his evening meal - a frugal repast - then he unrolls his sleeping bag and sleeps the sleep of the only just. He wakes up early the following morning (Sunday) at 6am and starts the descent, following the same path, arriving back at his starting point at 6pm on Sunday evening. On the way down his trajectory is just as haphazard and erratic as it was the previous day on the ascent.

What are the chances that there was a specific spot on the mountain path that he encountered at exactly the same time of day on both the ascent and the descent?

Answer: the answer is that the chances are one hundred percent, or certainty, that there is at least one point on the monk’s path up and down the mountain where he will be at the same time on both days. To see this, imagine there is a second monk who ascends the mountain on Sunday when the first monk is making his descent. The second (imaginary) monk does exactly the same things going up on Sunday as the first monk did going up on Saturday. Obviously the two monks must cross somewhere, and that is the required point. We did say that it was a NARROW path. QED. The Editors received one correct answer - from Patrick Quinn PhD, HCLD of San Clemente, CA. Congratulations!

This Issue’s Conundrum see page 8.

Member News

Eva and Ernest Newbrun (BDS ’54, DDSc ’97) will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this June in San Francisco with friends and family, including six grandchildren. The pictures show that Erni and Eva have hardly aged at all over the past 50 years! Dr. Newbrun served as President of SUGUNA 1994-1998 and is chairing the local arrangements for the annual conference of SUGUNA in Berkeley for 2006. He has arranged an exciting program of speakers to stimulate you intellectually, a varied sporting offering of golf, tennis or kayaking to challenge you physically, sightseeing at the UC Botanical Gardens, Lawrence Hall of Science and De Young Museum to please you aesthetically as well as a program of reception, barbecue and formal dinner to entertain you socially. He hopes you will all come to what promises to be an outstanding conference. Dr. Newbrun was the recipient of SUGUNA’s 2003 James Wolfensohn Award.

SUGUNA member Dr. Rex Fortescue (BDS ’48, MDS ’54) became President of the Academy of Dentistry International on 1 November, 2005. The ADI is committed to dental education in under-privileged areas worldwide.

Wedding Day 1956

John McLenaghan

Member News
New Members

SUGUNA welcomes the following new members and returned friends:

Barbara J. Andaya, Honolulu, HI
Margaret Beveridge (B Sc ’55) Washington DC
Harvey Blanch (B Sc ’68) San Francisco, CA
Beverly Bolt (M Sc ’53, Ph D ’59) Berkeley, CA
Marcia J. Brotchie Dallas, TX
Mavis Champion (B Sc ’44) Vero Beach, FL
Nam-Hyo Cho (PhD Eng ’90) Windsor, ONT
Jill Ker Conway (BA ’58) Boston, MA
Roland Conybeare (B Sc ’87) New York, NY
Gillian Cropp (M Sc ’80) San Francisco, CA
John De Monchaux (B Arch Hons ’60) Brookline, MA
Stanley M. Dennis (B V Sc ’50, Ph D ’62) Topeka, KS
Susan Devenish-Meares (B Sc (Hons) ’81) New Hope, PA
Lee Dworjany (B Sc ’55, BE ’57) Aiken, SC
H. Jane Dyson (B Sc ’73, PhD Sc ’77) La Jolla, CA
Christine Fakhoury (M Int St ’99) New York, NY
Harold Fallding (B Sc ’50, BA ’51, Dip Ed ’52, MA ’55) Guelph, ONT
George Fenton (BE ’69, PhD Eng ’74) Dallas, TX
George Foster (B Ec ’70, M Ec ’72) Stanford, CA
Ernest C. Foulkes (B Sc ’46, M Sc ’47, Ph D Oxford ’47) Cincinnati, OH
Jane Fulton (Ph D Sociology ’99) New York, NY
John Geldard (B Sc ’58, M Sc ’59, PhD Sc ’64) Clemson, SC
Paul Gould (B Sc ’82) Ridgewood, NJ
Robert Gunn (MSW ’94) Lethbridge, AB
G. Douglas Hungerford (MBBS ’64, DI Diagnosis Radiology ’72) Mobile, AL
Wolfgang Joldik (B Sc ’48, M Sc ’49) Durham NC
John Jones (Ph D (ANU) ’74) Saint Lambert, QC
Wesley L. Jones (BE ’60) Honolulu, HI
Enid R. Kafer (B Sc ’59, MBBS ’62, MD ’70) Mebane, NC
Paul Klemens (B Sc ’47, M Sc ’48) Storrs Mansfield, CT
Derek Kruizenga (BA ’78) Old Greenwich, CT
John L. Piccotti (MA ’05) Tempe, AZ
Craig Liddell (B Sc ’79, Grad Dip PiPath ’81, PhD Agr ’86) McLean, VA
Julius Liptak (M Vet Clin Stud ’01) Guelpth, ONT
Margaret D. Loman (Ph D ’83) Sarasota, FL
Helen Maguire (B Sc (Hons) ’45) Fairway, KS
Danielle Malek (BA ’93, PhD Arts ’02, LLB ’04) Washington, DC
Edward McWhinney (LLB ’49) Vancouver, BC
Emily McWhinney (B Ec ’49) Vancouver, BC
Geoff O’Grady (BA ’59) Victoria, BC
Peter Pfeiffer (LLM ’04) Richmond, VA
John L. Piccotti (MA ’05) Tempe, AZ
E. Gwen Quail (B Sc Agr ’63) Menlo Park, CA
Bronwyn Rae (MBBS ’80) Evanston, IL
Thomas Roper (BA ’67) New York, NY
Alan Ruby (BA ’72, Dip Ed ’73) Ridgewood, NJ
Ione M. Rummery (BA ’82, LLB ’84) Carlsbad, CA
Justice Kim Santow (OAM BA ’61, LLB ’64, LLM ’71) Sydney, NSW
Martyn Selman (LLB ’84, MA ’96) San Francisco, CA
Katharine Smith (B Sc ’67) Minnetonka, MN
Lucinda Thompson (B Med Sc ’98) Menlo Park, CA
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Steve Mandel's Conundrum
Answers should be sent by June 22 to the editors at GAKirgo@aol.com or portiamail@aol.com

Question: Consider an analog clock, that is, one with a big hand and a little hand. What is the angle between the big hand and the little hand (expressed in degrees, not in radians) when the time is 3:15 PM?

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