

### Alan Sweedler

Alan Sweedler is currently the Assistant Vice President for International Programs at San Diego State University, where is also the Director of the Center for Energy Studies and Environmental Sciences Program and Professor of Physics.

Dr. Sweedler is a well-know expert on energy use and its environmental effects, with a special focus on the U.S.-Mexico Binational Region. He is a member of the San Diego Association of Government's (SANDAG) Energy Working Group and its Border Energy Issues Group, which he played a central role in establishing. He is also a founding member of the Renewable Energy Working Group, a collaborative effort between the University, public agencies and the private sector and founding member and past Board Chairman of the San Diego Regional Energy Office.

Dr. Sweedler has co-edited four books, written 10 book chapters and published over sixty journal articles in energy science and energy planning, especially at the local and regional level. His regional focus has been energy planning and policy and the impact of energy use in San Diego and the California -Mexican Binational Region. Some of his recent publications include *Energy Issues in the U.S.-Mexican Border Region*, *Air Pollution in the California-Baja California Border Region*, *Power Plant Development in the California-Baja California Binational Region*.

Dr. Sweedler graduated cum laude from City University of New York with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1963 and received his Ph.D. in physics from the University of California, San Diego, in 1969. He was a Ford Foundation Fellow at the University of Chile from 1970-72 and a research physicist at the Department of Energy's Brookhaven National Laboratory from 1972 to 1978. In 1978 he joined the faculty at San Diego State University.

Dr. Sweedler was chosen as one of two Congressional Science Fellows in 1985 and served for one year in the U.S. Senate, working in the office of Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) on energy, security and U.S.-Mexico issues. In 1995, he was elected President of the San Diego Chapter of Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society, and also was on the Board of Directors of the San Diego Chapter of the World Affairs Council from 1994 to 1998. In 1999, he received the International Scholar of the Year Award from the San Diego Chapter of Phi Beta Delta, the international honor society. He is a member of the Pacific Council on Foreign Relations, the west coast arm of the Council on Foreign Relations.