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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS “SCIENCE TALK” ABOUT THE ORIGIN OF LIFE

Lectures and Discussions Engage Public Conversations about Science and Technology

San Diego, CA...The next installment of San Diego Public Library’s SCIENCE TALK, *The Origin of Life in the Universe*, presented by retired scientist Richard Albert, Ph.D., takes place on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wangenheim Rare Book Room of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. Science Talk focuses on issues of science and connectedness with everyday life, designed as a fun opportunity to engage in public conversations about science and technology reflecting their time-honored relevance to human development and cultures. This free event is open to the public.

Dr. Albert writes that “the only place we know where life exists is here on Earth. On Earth, life is found everywhere: under ocean and lakes, high on mountain tops, deep in mines, in clouds, boiling springs, the strand, in volcanoes, etc. Not only is life ubiquitous, but Life exhibits the same patterns wherever it is found and is the same no matter where it exists. Another remarkable feature of life is it appeared almost as soon as the surface of Earth cooled enough so that liquid water existed. In other words life is nearly as old as Earth. Since life is old, the age of life suggests life and life constituents did not originate on Earth, but rather formed in outer space. Another implication of the early appearance of life is that life must be fundamentally simple.”

Having been a senior scientist for both domestic and international companies, Dr. Albert discovered photo-stable pyrazoline dye, was the inventor of a neonates fiber-optic thermometer, and patented several contributions to his field. He has also taught chemistry and scientific method at San Diego City, Grossmont, and Contra Costa Colleges.

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