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CANADIAN PROFESSOR NAMED DEAN OF MATH, SCIENCE DIVISION

Martin Moskovits, Professor of Chemistry at the University of Toronto, has been named Dean of the Division of Mathematical, Life and Physical Sciences in the College of Letters and Science at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

He will succeed Dean David Chapman, who will return to the Department of Ecology, Evolution and Marine Biology to pursue his teaching and research interests.

Chancellor Henry T. Yang praised the appointment. "I am very pleased and proud that Dr. Moskovits will be the next dean of our stellar Division of Mathematical, Life and Physical Sciences," Yang said.

"With his dynamic energy and visionary leadership, our scientific community and our campus will continue to thrive on the cutting edge and achieve new heights of scholarship in teaching and research."

Dr. Moskovits is a professor of physical chemistry who received his Ph.D. in chemistry at the University of Toronto in 1971 and has been on the faculty there since that time.

He chaired the Department of Chemistry from 1993-1999 and served on the Governing Council, which oversees the academic, business and institutional concerns of the University of Toronto.

He has taught a wide variety of physical chemistry courses and has been actively involved in science outreach programs for public schools.

Executive Vice Chancellor Ilene Nagel commented that "UCSB is extremely proud of the recruitment of Dr. Moskovits for this important deanship because of his exceptional status as an intellectual leader and his commitment to forging exciting interdisciplinary alliances with his new UCSB colleagues."

Dr. Moskovits referred to the "prodigious quality and inventiveness of the science faculty at UCSB," and said he is looking forward to the challenge of serving "such an eminent group of scholars and teachers."

Dr. Moskovits has received many honors and awards, including selection as a Guggenheim Fellow and a Killam Fellow.

He is a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and has won prizes in spectroscopy and surface and colloid science.

He has served on numerous university, governmental and industrial boards and has been engaged actively with national and international science and technology policy.

Provost of the College of Letters and Science Everett Zimmerman stated that "We are delighted to find someone of Martin Moskovits' high academic standing and broad administrative experience to lead the Division of Mathematical, Life and Physical Sciences.

He will be just the administrator we need to continue the rapid advancement of the sciences that has been occurring at UC Santa Barbara."

About UC Santa Barbara

The University of California, Santa Barbara is a leading research institution that also provides a comprehensive liberal arts learning experience. Our academic community of faculty, students, and staff is characterized by a culture of interdisciplinary collaboration that is responsive to the needs of our multicultural and global society. All of this takes place within a living and learning environment like no other, as we draw inspiration from the beauty and resources of our extraordinary location at the edge of the Pacific Ocean.