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UCSC botanist Thimann honored

Botanist Kenneth Thimann, founding provost at UCSC's Crown College, has been awarded the prestigious Balzan prize for science.

The award, announced in Milan, Italy, this week, carries with it a \$110,000 cash prize.

Thimann, contacted today at his UCSC office, said he was honored by the prize, but added, "It came completely out of the blue — actually, I had never heard of the Balzan prize before. It's given every year, but I don't seem to have come across it."

The Balzan prize is awarded in scientific areas not covered by Nobel Prizes. As Thimann said, a Nobel prize is awarded under the major field of biology, but not botany, with its related field of

agriculture. "So apart from the personal pleasure from the award, I'm also pleased to see prizes coming into this field (of botany)."

Thimann, 78, who says he's "been in the plant biology business for 60 years," was given the award for his research concerning plant hormones. He was one of three scientists to be awarded a Balzan prize this year. The other two are Jean Battiste Duroselle, professor of contemporary history at Sorbonne University in Paris, and archaeologist Massimo Pallottino of the University of Rome. Duroselle was cited for his work in international relations, and Pallottino for his studies in archaeology and the Etruscan language.

"I'm rather happy to see that the

winners are from UCSC, the Sorbonne and the University of Rome," Thimann said. "It puts UCSC into some nice society."

The English-born and educated Thimann has been associated with UCSC since 1964 — before the campus opened. He retired in 1972, but still works at the college every day, continuing his research into the physiology of leaves, particularly "what makes them go yellow in the fall."

He is a member of a large number of organizations, including the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the British Royal Society and is one of only 25 foreign

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secretary Larry Speakes. "If they are

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members of the French Academy of Sciences.

Prior to coming to UCSC, he was a Cal Tech instructor in the early 1930s, and taught at Harvard for some 30 years.

He will be given the award at an award ceremony in Rome early next year