

## Salk Institute for Biological Studies, RG005.33

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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Salk Institute for Biological Studies

**Dates:** 1960 - Present

**Collection Number:** RG005.33

**Creator/Collector:** La Jolla Historical Society

**Extent:** .5 linear feet

**Repository:** La Jolla Historical Society, La Jolla, California 92037

**Abstract:** The Salk Institute for Biological Studies Collection is made up of photographs, ephemera and archival material collected by the La Jolla Historical Society since the 1930s to use for historical research and reference. This Collection contains information on the Institute started by Jonas Salk in 1960. Salk was born in New York City in 1914, the eldest of three sons of Russian-Jewish immigrants. He was the first member of his family to attend college. One of Salk's highest achievements was developing the first polio vaccine in 1957. In 1960, he partnered with architect Louis Kahn to create a visually artistic and inspiring structure overlooking the Pacific Ocean. The Salk Institute for Biological Studies opened in 1963 with major study areas in aging, cancer, immune system, metabolism, diabetes, neuroscience and plant biology. The topics pertain to the history and heritage of La Jolla, California; its people, places and events. A container list is included on the PDF and HTML versions.

**Language of Material:** English

**Access:** The Collection is open for research

**Publication Rights:** The La Jolla Historical Society holds the copyright to any unpublished materials

**Preferred Citation:** Courtesy of the La Jolla Historical Society

**Acquisition Information:** RG005.33

**Biography/Administrative History:** The La Jolla Historical Society inspires and empowers the community to make La Jolla's diverse past a relevant part of contemporary life.

The La Jolla Historical Society's Collections encompass over 80 years of actively collecting archival material, books, maps, scrapbooks, ephemera, fine art, newspapers, street and land use files, business and personal documents and historic and archaeological artifacts. The Society boasts over 20,000 photographs, over 1000 postcards, 400-plus architectural drawings and approximately 200 oral history recordings.

Collecting was initiated by Howard Randolph and volunteers on the historical committee of the Library Association of La Jolla. The Collection began by gathering photographs and documentation in the late 1930s, which later became the nucleus of the La Jolla Historical Society's Collections. The Society was created in 1963.

Through many moves in location the Society continued collecting and expanding. Accumulated Collections took on its current construct in 2010 after the renovation of the La Jolla Historical Society's campus of structures in central La Jolla, which consists of the 1904 Wisteria Cottage and 1940s Balmer Annex used for exhibits and programming, and a 1909 cottage used for business and research offices. The late Ellen Browning Scripps' 1916 automobile garage was also

renovated and now houses the Collection in a modern collections storage facility. Materials are housed in archival boxes, sleeves, envelopes and other archival-safe materials and are cared for according to standards and best practices of the museum profession. In 2016, the Society initiated new PastPerfect Museum Software to manage and catalog its Collections and in 2018 started using the Online Archive of California to upload searchable information from its Collections to enable improved public access. The Society will continue these processes and look forward to utilizing new opportunities to collect, preserve and share the history of La Jolla.

**Scope and Content of Collection:** The Salk Institute for Biological Studies Collection is made up of photographs, ephemera and archival material collected by the La Jolla Historical Society since the 1930s to use for historical research and reference. This Collection contains information on the Institute started by Jonas Salk in 1960. Salk was born in New York City in 1914, the eldest of three sons of Russian-Jewish immigrants. He was the first member of his family to attend college. One of Salk's highest achievements was developing the first polio vaccine in 1957. In 1960, he partnered with architect Louis Kahn to create a visually artistic and inspiring structure overlooking the Pacific Ocean. The Salk Institute for Biological Studies opened in 1963 with major study areas in aging, cancer, immune system, metabolism, diabetes, neuroscience and plant biology. The topics pertain to the history and heritage of La Jolla, California; its people, places and events. A container list is included on the PDF and HTML versions.

**Container List Below**

# Container List

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## RG005 – Subject Files (Large) Box 33 – Salk Institute for Biological Studies

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### **Salk Institute - Photographs**

Photographs. Set of three black and white photographs of the exterior of the Salk Institute looking east. 1965.

Photograph. Black and white photograph of eight individuals sitting at tables on the exterior of the Salk Institute looking west.

Photograph. Black and white photo of a group of individuals standing behind glass inside of the Salk Institute. 1974.

Photograph. Photo of the modern-day exterior of the Salk Institute looking northeast. 2017.

Photograph. Photo of the entrance sign for the Salk Institute.

Photograph. Black and white photo of the exterior garden of the Salk Institute looking west toward the structure.

Photograph. Black and white wide-angle photo of the exterior garden of the Salk Institute looking northwest toward the structure.

Photograph. Black and white magazine photo of the exterior of the Salk Institute looking west.

Photographs. Two black and white photos of the exterior structure of the Salk Institute looking west. La Jolla Light. October 24, 1985.

Photograph. Black and white photo of three individuals with shovels and hardhats breaking ground on a project on the Salk Institute campus.

Photographs. Four black and white photographs of the external architecture of the Salk Institute. La Jolla Light. April 2, 1987.

Photograph. Black and white photo of the fountain at the Salk Institute looking east toward the rest of the structure. August 15, 1974.

Photograph. Portrait photo of Dr. Renato Dulbecco with a small biography on the back. 1976.

Photographs. Two portrait photos of Dr. Frederic De Hoffmann.

### **Salk Institute – East Addition**

Article. “\$10.5-Million Building to Be 1<sup>st</sup> Addition to Salk Institute” by Greg Johnson. Los Angeles Times. July 28, 1989.

Article. “Wanted: A Little Less Respect” by Paul Goldberger on an addition to the Salk Institute. NY Times. June 23, 1991.

Article. “Designers raise a flap over Salk Institute’s new wings” by Ann Jarmusch. San Diego Tribune. July 3, 1991.

Article. “Proposal to add to Salk raises furor: Architects argue over plan for new building near institute” by Roger M. Showley. San Diego Union. July 15, 1991.

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Article. "Salk Institute: a modernist masterpiece". San Diego Union-Tribune. June 14, 1992.

Article. "Never too late to stop Salk addition" by W. Stuart Emmons. La Jolla Light. May 13, 1993.

Article. "Coalition protests canyon plan" by Tanya Kurland. La Jolla Village News. April 30, 2003.

Article. "Salk Institute expansion plans raise ire of enviros". La Jolla Light. May 1, 2003.

Article. "Salk to enlarge campus" by Tanya Kurland. La Jolla Village News. June 17, 2004.

Article. "Second EIR released for Salk Expansion" by Kailee Bradstreet. La Jolla Village News. March 29, 2007.

Article. "UC planners send comments on Salk Institute project to city" by Kailee Bradstreet. La Jolla Village News. May 24, 2007.

Letter. Letter to Jonas Salk from W. Stuart Emmons regarding Emmons' objection to an expansion of the Salk Institute. April 7, 1993.

Photograph. Edited photograph of Monticello with satirically added white expansions titled "Another Wrong Site for an addition".

Brochure. Brochure advertising the East Building addition at the Salk Institute.

Booklet. Booklet for the East Building Dedication at the Salk Institute. November 10, 1995.

Bookmark. Commemorative bookmark for the completion of the Salk Institute East Building. 1995.

### **Salk Institute – Mission Research**

Article. "Nobel laureate Crick coming to Salk". May 13, 1976.

Article. "Salk named center for alcohol study". October 20, 1977.

Article. "Salk receives study grants". March 16, 1978.

Article. "Monument dedicated at Salk". April 6, 1978.

Article. "Salk Institute conference on cancer announced". June 20, 1985.

Article. "Salk Institute's Holley solves genetic puzzles" by Seth Slater. La Jolla Light. December 6, 1990.

Article. "Firm donates plant to Salk Institute here".

Article. "Salk receives \$7 million gift from Jacobs for neuroscience center". La Jolla Light. January 1, 2004.

Article. "Science vs. nature" by Dave Schwab. La Jolla Light. March 10, 2005.

Magazine. Scientific Research Magazine titled "Jonas Salk: \$100 million for expansion at La Jolla". January 6, 1969.

Pamphlet. Pamphlet describing the Salk Institute's areas of research and their various programs. 1971.

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Pamphlet. Pamphlet detailing the efforts of the Salk Institute's research on cancer titled "Cancer at the Salk Institute". 1971.

Resume. Resume and background information on Dr. Francis Crick. May 31, 1971.

Article. "Rebirth of the Salk" by Mark Eliot Lugo. San Diego Magazine. August 1989.

Magazine. Inside Salk magazine with the headline "Celebrating 50 Years of Discovery – The Salk Way". April 2010.

Article. "Horizons into the Future" by Dr. Jonas Salk. Arts and Antiques. December 1990.

## **Salk Institute – Events**

Article. "Salk Institute gets \$3.5 million grant". 1975.

Resume of history. Resume of history for the Women's Association of the Salk Institute. July 1971.

Article. "Luxury yacht greeted by WASI members". January 18, 1973.

Article. "Multiple sclerosis study funded by CHAD". La Jolla Light-Journal. March 29, 1973.

Article. "Bronowski will speak at confab". April 19, 1973.

Article. "WASI announces arts program". September 27, 1973.

Article. "'WASI-ville, U.S.A.' set for Del Mar". March 14, 1974.

Article. "Gamma Counter presented to Salk Institute by WASI". October 18, 1973.

Article. "WASI distributes awards". May 25, 1978.

Press release. Press release on the death of Dr. Frederic de Hoffmann by the Salk Institute. October 4, 1989.

Article. "Dr. de Hoffmann cited for scientific achievement". La Jolla Light. May 18, 1989.

Article. "Salk Institute head steps down" by Brad Graves. La Jolla Light. November 23, 1988.

Article. "Renato Dulbecco returning to Salk". August 26, 1976.

Obituary. Obituary for Frederic de Hoffmann.

Article. Incomplete article from October 1991 on expansions to the Salk Institute.

Article. "A holiday homecoming and celebration at Salk" by Burl Stiff. San Diego Union-Tribune. December 21, 2004.

Letter. Letter to John Recht from Carol B. Cromwell regarding information about the Salk Institute. July 12, 1971.

Photograph. Newspaper photograph of the celebrations of the WASI's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. May 17, 1973.

Article. "Growing Pains: Salk Institute needs to expand, but it's stuck in an environmental pickle" by Dave Schwab. La Jolla Light. February 2, 2006.

Article. "WASI wears a theater face". January 24, 1974.

Flier. Flier for a membership in The Salk Institute Circle program.

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Booklet. "Celebrating Five Decades of Scientific Excellence in Basic Research (1960 – 2010)" Jonas Salk, Axel Nimmerjahn, Sreekanth Chalasani, Samuel Pfaff, Leanne Jones, Satchin Panda, Marc Montminy, Joseph Ecker, Joseph Noel, Bjorn Lillemeier, Tony Hunter, Beverly Emerson, Anfrew Dillin, Martin Hetzer, Ye Zheng, Greg Lemke, Terry Sejnowski. Introduction by William R. Brody, M.D., Ph.D., Irwin M. Jacobs Presidential Chair.

Mailer/Packet. 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Symphony at Salk, a concert under the stars. Reopening of the Institute to the public, concert with Josh Groban. Fundraiser. 2021.

Binder with brochures and overview information. Tour of Salk Institute for Biological Studies. 2017.

### **Salk Institute – Original Building**

Packet. Packet of legal documents from Courtney Ann Coyle to the City of San Diego regarding the Salk Institute Master Plan. May 7, 2007.

Report. Report by the City of San Diego Historical Resources Board regarding the Salk Institute expansion. September 28, 2006.

Booklet. Booklet detailing the staff, mission, and history of the Salk Institute.

Report. Salk Institute National Register of Historic Places report. 2006.

Plans. Floor and site plans for the Salk Institute.

Report. Salk Institute Historic Resources Technical Report. 2006.

Pamphlet. Pamphlet regarding the Salk Institute and its research efforts.

Magazine. Engineering News-Record magazine on the Salk Institute. January 27, 1966.

Magazine. San Diego Magazine titled "Salk's Ambitious Castle" by Mary Harrington Hall. February 1962 (two copies).

Article. "Architecture of the Salk Institute".

Article. "Louis Khan's High Aesthetic Calling" by Ellen Posner. October 1991.

Article. "Salk: Institute carving niche in scientific world". San Diego Union. March 19, 1989.

Article. "Renato Dulbecco returning to Salk". August 26, 1976.

Article. "The Spirit of Light: Louis Khan's architecture considered works of art" by Randy Dotinga. La Jolla Light. August 1, 1991.

Newsletter. California Preservation Foundation Newsletter for Spring 2007.

Article. "A poetic union: The Salk Institute garners a national AIA honor for enduring architectural significance amid challenges to the monument's capacity for change" by Ann Jarmusch. San Diego Union-Tribune. June 14, 1992.

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Article. "Salk Institute releases revised plan for expansion" by Dave Schwab. La Jolla Light. April 27, 2006.

Article. "Search for a man called Lou nets an 'Architect'" by David Elliot. San Diego Union. February 15, 2004.

Permit. "Coastal Development Permit/ Site Development Permit". September 13, 2006.

## **Salk Institute - No Folder**

Magazine. Inside Salk magazine titled "Genes and Cancer". October 2009.

Magazine. Inside Salk magazine titled "Gene Therapy". February 2010.

Magazine. Inside Salk magazine titled "Celebrating 50 Years of Discovery - The Salk Way". April 2010.

Magazine. Inside Salk magazine titled "Stem Cell Revolution". December 2011.

DVD. "The Emergence of Pioneering Scientific Institutions in La Jolla: Lecture 2: The Salk Institute". February 17, 2009.

## **Salk Institute - People**

Magazine. Inside Salk magazine titled "Jonas Salk". August 2014.

Article. "Salk names two trustees". October 16, 1975.

Article. "Nobel Prize awarded to Salk doctor" on Roger Guillemin. October 20, 1977.

Article. "Dr. Salk will be honored" by Israel Bonds. November 20, 1980.

Press release. Scripps Memorial Press Release titled "Surgical Pioneer Michael de Bakey to Deliver Johnson Lecture at Scripps Memorial Hospital". February 7, 1986.

Article. "Salk chief is honored by Vienna". La Jolla Light. September 25, 1986.

Series of documents. Three documents related to the resignation of Frederic de Hoffmann from the Salk Institute due to AIDS. Includes two articles and a press release. 1988.

Biography. Brief biography on Frederic de Hoffmann.

Article. "The old guard is changing at Salk Institute" by Rex Dalton and David Graham. San Diego Union. March 19, 1989.

Article. "Dr. Frederic de Hoffmann Retires - Nobel Laureate Dr. Renato Dulbecco is New President". The Salk Institute Newsletter. Summer 1989.

Article. "Salk search for president ends at USC" by Karen S. Smith. La Jolla Light. October 22, 1992.

Article. "Salk search starts over: Institute's president quits" by Kate Deely. La Jolla Light. October 20, 1994.

Article. "A Nobel pair to be honored at BIOCOM". March 14, 1996.

Article. "Nobelity" on Francis Crick and Roger Guillemin receiving BIOCOM awards. La Jolla Light. March 28, 1996.

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Article. "Salk honors pioneers" by Adriane Tillman. La Jolla Village News. December 1, 2005.

Photograph. La Jolla Light photograph of Frederic de Hoffman attached to the clip that it appeared in. November 22, 1973.

Photograph. Photocopied image of Louis I. Khan. 1974.

Photograph. Headshot photo of Michael E. DeBakey. 1986.

Photograph. Photo of the inner courtyard of the Salk Institute looking west.

Pamphlet. Pamphlet titled "Frontiers in Biology" by the Salk Institute. January 29, 1993.

List. CC list by Jonas Salk including significant people like former President Bill Clinton. April 7, 1993.

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