

SMS Public Lecture

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$V - E + F = 2$$

Euler 300th Anniversary Lecture

Professor Robin Wilson

The Open University, Milton Keynes

Date: Saturday, 10 March 2007

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Venue: Nan Hua High School, Auditorium
41 Clementi Ave 1



Abstract

Leonhard Euler (b. 15 April 1707), the ‘Mozart of mathematics’ was probably the most prolific mathematician of all time. He contributed to many areas, both theoretical and practical, yet remains largely unknown except to mathematicians. Who was he, what did he do, and why do mathematicians regard him so highly?

About the speaker



Professor Wilson gained his BA (First Class Honours in Mathematics) from Balliol College, Oxford, and his MA and PhD from the University of Pennsylvania. He has held posts as Dean and Director of Studies and Head of the Pure Mathematics Department at the Open University. He has held Visiting posts at Oxford University, Reading University and the University of Denver. He is currently a Gresham Professor of Geometry.

Professor Wilson’s research interests are Graph Theory and Combinatorics, as well as History of Mathematics. Other than several books on Graph Theory, he is also the author of best-selling books like *Stamping through Mathematics*, *Four Colours Suffice*, *How to Solve Sudoku*, and *Hidden Word Sudoku*. He has also written a book on music.

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