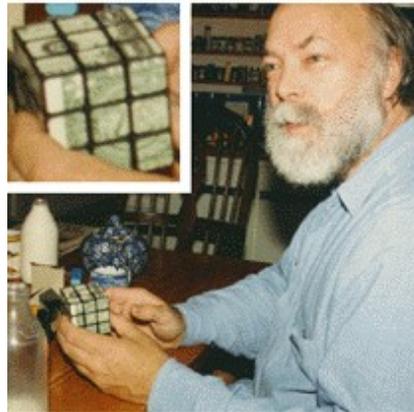**Colin Wright** (born in Australia, , President of the Liverpool Mathematical Society)

Colin Wright graduated in 1982 from Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, with a B.Sc.(Hons) in Pure Mathematics, and went on to receive his doctorate in 1990 from Cambridge University, England. While at Cambridge he also learned how to fire-breathe, unicycle, juggle and ballroom dance. Since then he has worked as a research mathematician, a computer programmer, and an electronics hardware designer. Colin also enjoys sailing small boats and playing bridge, although not (so far) at the same time. Colin is a co-founder of Solipsys Limited along with Andrew Lipson and he is the presenter of the popular science *Juggling Talk series*. He is a former President of the Liverpool Mathematical Society.
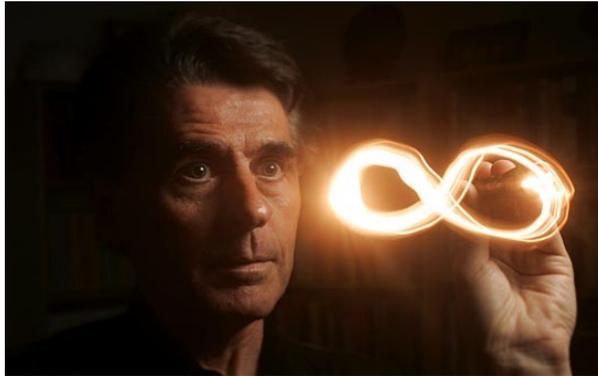
David Singmaster (born in USA, 1939, mathematician, retired)

David Singmaster is a retired [professor](#) of mathematics at London South Bank University, England, [UK](#). A self-described [metagrobologist](#), he is most famous for his solution to the Rubik's cube and his huge personal collection of mechanical puzzles and books of brainteasers. He is also interested in the history of recreational mathematics.

We highlight the books *Notes on Rubik's 'Magic Cube'*, *London: Science in Bloomsbury: Footnotes Audio Walk* and the *Handbook of Cubik Math*. We hardly suggest the site www.gotham-corp.com/sources.htm.

Keith Devlin (Hull, England, 16 March, 1947-, Stanford University)

Dr. Keith Devlin is a co-founder and Executive Director of the Stanford University's H-STAR institute, a co-founder of the Stanford Media X research network, and a Senior Researcher at CSLI. He is a World Economic Forum Fellow and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. His current research is focused on the use of different media to teach and communicate mathematics to diverse audiences. He also works on the design of information/reasoning systems for intelligence analysis. Other research interests include: models of reasoning, applications of mathematical techniques in the study of communication, and mathematical cognition. He has written 28 books and over 80 published research articles. Recipient of the Pythagoras Prize, the Peano Prize, the Galileo Prize, the Carl Sagan Award, and the Joint Policy Board for Mathematics Communications Award. In 2003, he was recognized by the California State Assembly for his "innovative work and longtime service in the field of mathematics and its relation to logic and linguistics." He is "the Math Guy" on National Public Radio.

We hardly suggest the site *www.stanford.edu/~kdevlin*.

Lennart Green (born in Sweden, December 25, 1941-, World Champion close-up/card Magician)

Lennart Green is known worldwide as the Eccentric Swedish Misdirector. He is a master of mental manipulation, misdirection and magic entertainment! He is a specialist in crooked gambling, rigged bets, puzzles and paradoxes: A World Champion in Card Magic. Lennart invented his technique by observing inmates and patients in prison whilst studying medicine and psychology. After 15 years of practice as a General Practitioner, he decided to pursue a new career focused on his love for magic and entertainment. He says he was inspired by the creative methods of some con artists!

Lennart travels the world giving motivational talks, lectures, public performances (e.g., TED in Monterey) and TV shows. His interests/hobbies include repairing old violins, collecting strange objects, enigma-puzzles, optical illusions and special books. He enjoys legends, proverbs, aphorisms, and mottos like:
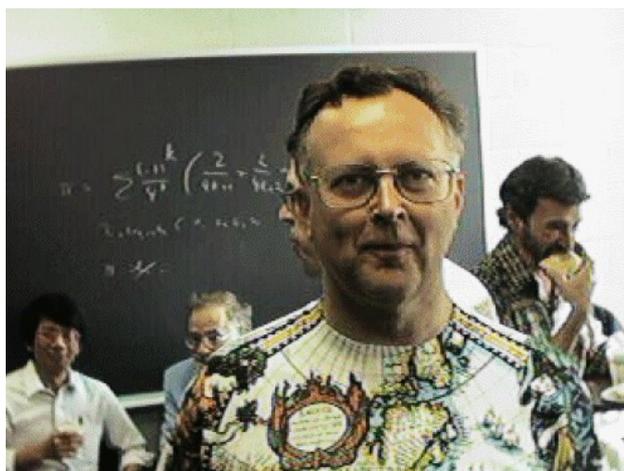
It doesn't matter how fast you run – If you run in the wrong direction.

Richard Nowakowski (born in Barnsley, England on March 29, 1952-, Dalhousie University)

Richard Nowakowski is a Professor a Dalhousie University in Canada. His research interests include graph theory and combinatorial game theory but even his graph theory work involves games and puzzles such as cops-and-robbers and cleaning-a-graph. He has helped organize the *Games-of-no-Chance* conferences at MSRI and BIRS and has edited the proceedings.

Robin Wilson (born in England, December, 1943-, Open University)

Robin James Wilson is an emeritus professor of pure mathematics at the Open University, an emeritus professor of geometry at Gresham College, London, a former fellow of Keble College, Oxford, and president-elect of the British Society for the History of Mathematics. He has written and edited a number of books on graph theory, includingIntroduction to Graph Theory (now in its fifth edition) and Four Colours Suffice, and on the history of mathematics, including Lewis Carroll in Numberland and Stamping through mathematics (presenting the history of mathematics through postage stamps). He is involved with the popularization and communication of mathematics and its history, and has compiled two books on sudoku. One of his Gresham College lectures is available in book form in Portuguese as 4000 Anos de Geometria. In 2005 he was awarded a Pólya prize by the Mathematical Association of America for 'outstanding expository writing'.