

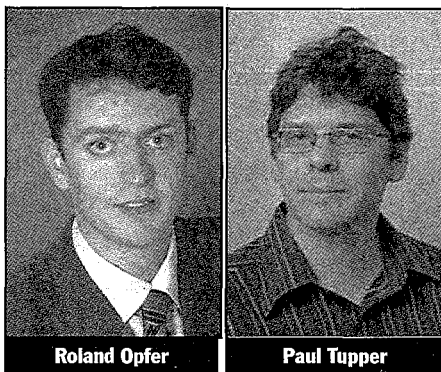
Science (<http://www.bath.ac.uk/math-sci/outreach/index.html>). I get the students to think of ways of getting simple maths or physics concepts over to the very large number of kids that come past us in the days of the Science Fair. We do it by magic tricks (paper darts being very effective), games of getting boats and people across rivers, building structures using marshmallows and straws, things like the Tower of

Hanoi. If you can engage people directly and then they go away thinking 'hey, that was maths, it wasn't as bad as I thought it would be'. So I say that the best way to learn maths is to do it and to get people involved. □

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Report on the 12th Leslie Fox Prize Meeting University of Dundee, 27 June 2005

The twelfth Leslie Fox prize meeting was held on Monday, 27th June, in the Auditorium of West Park Hall, at the University of Dundee, Scotland. The venue was ideal and there was an audience of forty or more.



Roland Opfer

Paul Tupper

In their first twenty years, Leslie Fox Prize meetings have developed a set, familiar pattern. To remind readers, this biennial prize was established in 1985 to honour Leslie Fox, a pioneer of modern numerical analysis, upon his retirement from the chair of numerical analysis at Oxford University. It is open to young numerical analysts worldwide. Candidates, should be under 31 years of age in the preceding January, to submit essays for the consideration of a committee of three Adjudicators. This committee, which in the current round comprised of Alastair Spence (University of Bath) Chair, Endre Süli (University of Oxford) and Andrew Stuart (University of Warwick), shortlists the candidates. The lucky candidates are invited to give a 40-minute presentation at the meeting and, ultimately, the Adjudicators choose first and second prize winners on the basis of the lectures, rewarding mathematical and algorithmic brilliance in tandem with presentational skills.

There were 25 entries and the standard of all the papers was very high. After the first round of voting 11 were deemed potential finalists. The second round of voting produced a final list of 7. Of the 25 entrants, 7 had direct links with the UK, either as PhD students or Postdocs.

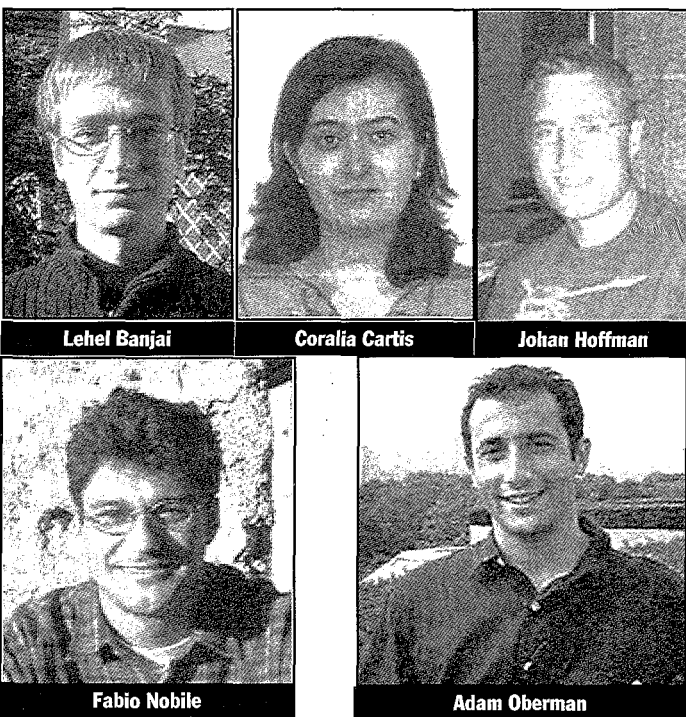
On the day of the final the talks were of a very good standard. After a short discussion it was unanimously agreed to award two first prizes and five second prizes as follows.

First Prizes

Roland Opfer (Goettingen)
Paul Tupper (McGill)

Second Prizes:

Lehel Banjai (MPI, Leipzig)
Coralia Cartis (Oxford)
Johan Hoffman (KTH, Stockholm)
Fabio Nobile (Politecnico, Milan)
Adam Oberman (Simon Fraser)



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