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American Medalist Of Science Explains Surreal Numbers

Prof Martin Kruskal will explain surreal numbers during his Distinguished Lecture in Science at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology on 6 February.

Surreal numbers are a relatively new number system that Prof Kruskal describes as "bigger, better, bolder, yet more basic". They simplify, improve and vastly extend the familiar real number system.

Prof Kruskal received his PhD degree from New York University in 1952 before moving to Princeton University. His affiliation with the world-renowned institution spanned an academic career of 38 years, and he returned as professor of mathematics in 1989. He is now professor emeritus at Princeton, as well as David Hilbert Professor of Mathematics at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, US.

Prof Kruskal has received numerous honors and awards during his career, including the National Academy of Sciences Award in Applied Mathematics and Numerical Analysis in 1989, the National Medal of Science in 1993, and the Von Neumann Prize of the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics in 1994. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, a fellow of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, and a foreign member of the Royal Society of London.

Event: Distinguished Lecture in Science by Prof Martin Kruskal, Rutgers University

Title: Surreal Numbers: Bigger, Better, Bolder, Yet More Basic!

Date: Friday, 6 February 1998

Time: 4-5 pm

Venue: Lecture Theatre E, HKUST, Clear Water Bay, Kowloon

Note to Editors:

You are invited to be represented. For further information, please contact Lisa Li of the Public Affairs Office on 2358-8556, or email pamedia@usthk.ust.hk.

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