

2013 Euler Medal awarded to Charles C. (Curt) Lindner

Forty-five years ago, Curt Lindner surprised the combinatorial community by finding a small embedding for partial Steiner triple systems, turning a complex mystery into a simple truth. Ever since, in over 200 refereed journal papers and through numerous invited and keynote lectures, he has made apparently complex problems much more approachable. His research began with embedding problems, but now encompasses a broad sweep across combinatorial design theory, especially cycle systems and graph designs. Curt has mentored more than 20 PhD students, and collaborated extensively with international colleagues. As his nominators say, “Curt is a catalyst” with his “captivating way of encouraging others to join him in mathematical exploration.”