

## **Extract from OP-SF NET**

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Barry Simon is the recipient of the 2015 Bolyai Prize for his books “Orthogonal Polynomials on the Unit Circle, I,II.” The prize, based on the recommendation of an international committee of 10 experts from all fields, is awarded by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences every 5 years for the most influential mathematics book written in the previous 15 years. Earlier recipients were: S. Shelah (2000), M. Gromov (2005) and Y. Manin (2010). Originally the prize was created honoring the 100th anniversary of the birth of János Bolyai as a substitute for the Nobel prize in mathematics, and the first two recipients were H. Poincare (1905) and D. Hilbert (1910). Then World War I came and the prize was not awarded for a long time, until it was renewed in 2000 with a somewhat different scope of recognition.

Congratulations to Barry!