The Salomaa Prize 2018 was given to Dr. Jean-Éric Pin

The first international Salomaa Prize was given recently to Dr. Jean-Éric Pin from Paris. The prize ceremonies took place in Tokyo, in the annual DLT (Developments in Language theory) conference.

Jean-Éric Pin is one of the leading researchers in automata theory. He has published a number of fundamental contributions, in particular in algebraic automata theory, during his forty-year career. Currently he is editing a two-volume 1500-page Handbook on Automata.

The Prize winner was selected by Salomaa Prize committee consisting of Juhani Karhumäki (chair), Dominique Perrin and Mikhail Volkov. The award consists of a diploma and 2000 euros prize money. The award was funded by the University of Turku.

More information on the DLT home page: http://math.utu.fi/dlt/.



Figure 1: The Salomaa Prize winner Jean-Éric Pin (middle) with award committee members Mikhail Volkov and Juhani Karhumäki.





Figure 2: Left: Dr. Jean-Éric Pin giving his speech. Right: The award diploma.