

In this talk I will discuss a variety of challenging problems from graph theory as well as the recent progress that has been made (or not made) on many of them.

**Ronald L. Graham** is a mathematician credited by the American Mathematical Society as "one of the principal architects of the rapid development worldwide of discrete mathematics in recent years." He has done important work in scheduling theory, computational geometry, Ramsey theory, and quasi-randomness. His 1977 paper considered a problem in Ramsey theory, and gave a "large number" as an upper bound for its solution. This number has since become well known as the largest number ever used in a mathematical proof (is listed as such in the Guinness Book of Records), and is now known as Graham's number.

Dr. Graham is currently the Chief Scientist at the California Institute for **Telecommunications and Information** Technology and the Irwin and Joan Jacobs Professor in Computer Science and Engineering at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD). He has been President of the American Mathematical Society (AMS) and the Mathematical Association of America (MAA), and he is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a member of the National Academy of Sciences (U.S.). He is also a world-class juggler and past president of the International Jugglers' Association.



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