

_ole-johan dahl

_date and place of birth/death
October 12, 1931, Mandal, Norway
June 29, 2002, Asker, Norway

_family background
Father: captain on a ship
Mother: housewife
Two siblings
Wife: Tove Torget, married 1963
Two children

_education
1949-1957, MS in
Numerical Mathematics,
University of Oslo

_employment
1952-1963, Norwegian Defense Research
Establishment NDRE, Staff Member
1963-1968, Norwegian Computing Centre
NCC, Staff Member
1968-1999, University of Oslo,
Professor of Computer Science

_most important awards
2000, Commander of the Order of
Saint Olav by the King of Norway
2001, ACM Turing Award
2002, IEEE John von Neumann Medal

_passions
Actively playing chamber music
Bridge
Picking mushrooms
Puzzles
Billiards

_quote
*"...are there too many basic mechanisms
floating around doing nearly the same thing?"*

_edsger wybe dijkstra

_date and place of birth/death
May 11, 1930, Rotterdam, Netherlands
August 06, 2002, Nuenen, Netherlands

_family background
Father: chemist
Mother: mathematician
Three siblings
Wife: Maria Debets, married 1959
Three children

_education
1948-1956, MS in Mathematics and
Theoretical Physics, University of Leiden
1959, PhD in Computing Science,
Municipal University of Amsterdam

_employment
1952-1962, Professional Programmer,
Mathematical Centre of Amsterdam
1962-1973, Professor of Mathematics,
Eindhoven University of Technology
1973-1984, Research Fellow,
Burroughs Corporation

1984-1999, University of Texas at Austin,
Schlumberger Centennial Chair,
Computer Sciences

_most important awards
1971, Member of the Royal Netherlands
Academy of Arts and Sciences
1972, ACM Turing Award
1975, Foreign Honorary Member of the
American Academy of Arts and Sciences
1982, Computer Pioneer Award presented
by the IEEE Computer Society

_passions
Playing the piano (a Bösendorfer)
Traveling with the "T(o)uring machine"

_quote
"Do only what only you can do!"

_kristen nygaard

_date and place of birth/death
August 27, 1926, Oslo, Norway
August 10, 2002, Oslo, Norway

_family background
Father: teacher and stage director
Mothers family: farmers
Three siblings
Wife: Johanna Ur, married 1951
Three children

_education
1949-1956, MS in Mathematics,
University of Oslo

_employment
1948-1960, Norwegian Defense Research
Establishment NDRE, Staff Member, Head
Operation Research Groups since 1957
1960-1975, Norwegian Computing Centre
NCC, Staff Member, Director of Research
since 1962
1975-1976, University of Aarhus, Professor
1977-1996, University of Oslo, Professor

_most important awards
1990, Norbert Wiener Prize awarded by
the American Association of Computer
Professionals for Social Responsibility
2000, Commander of the Order of Saint
Olav by the King of Norway
2001, ACM Turing Award
2002, IEEE John von Neumann Medal

_passions
Photos ("min viktigste hobby")
Social and political commitments
Travel

_quote
"To program is to understand!"