

Today in Math History...

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Newton made president of the Royal Society of London, an office he held until his death.



“The Royal Society has throughout its history supported the scientific community in its quest to improve knowledge about humankind and the universe around us. It has done this for the ‘public good’ because the acquisition and application of this new knowledge can lead to a better quality of life and an increase in prosperity. As it approaches its 350th anniversary in 2010, the Society remains committed to working with others to promote the best possible conditions for science to flourish, not just in the UK but also around the world, so that the improvement of knowledge can benefit people across the globe.”

- Lord Martin Rees, current President