



Mikhail Leonidovich Gromov

Mikhail Leonidovich Gromov was born on December 23, 1943 in Boksitogorsk, USSR and has been a French citizen since 1992.

Since 1982, Gromov has held a position as Permanent Professor at the Institut des Hautes Études Scientifiques, Bures-sur-Yvette, France. IHÉS is an institute for advanced research in mathematics, theoretical physics and other related scientific fields. It offers exceptionally talented scientists a place where they can devote themselves entirely to their research without any teaching or administrative duties. Gromov is one of five permanent professors who are appointed by the Director - on the recommendation of the Scientific Council - based on the breadth and scope of their work and on their potential. They are recruited at an early stage in their career and are appointed for life.

Mikhail L. Gromov is currently also Jay Gould Professor of Mathematics at the Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, New York University.

Mikhail L. Gromov is known for important contributions in many areas of mathematics. The Selection Committee for the Abel Prize recognized Gromov “for his revolutionary contributions to geometry”. Gromov has greatly influenced modern mathematics, and he continues to be extremely active and innovative today.

Gromov obtained his Masters degree (1965), his Doctorate (1969) and his Post-doctoral Thesis (1973) from Leningrad University. His doctoral advisor was Vladimir A. Rokhlin. From 1967 to 1974 Gromov was Assistant Professor at Leningrad University. In 1974 Gromov left the USSR and became Professor at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. In 1981 he moved to the Université de Paris VI and the following year assumed his present position at the Institut des Hautes Études Scientifiques. From 1991 until 1996, he also held the position of Professor of Mathematics at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Mikhail L. Gromov has received many distinguished international awards, including the Kyoto Prize in Basic Sciences (2002), the Balzan Prize (1999), the Leroy P. Steele Prize for Seminal Contribution to Research (1997), the Lobatchewski Medal (1997), the Wolf Prize (1993), the Prix des Assurances de

Paris (1989), the Élie Cartan Prize (1984), the Oswald Veblen Prize in Geometry (1981), and the Prize of the Mathematical Society of Moscow (1971). In 2004, Gromov was awarded the Frederic Esser Nemmers Prize in Mathematics. From the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, he received the János Bolyai Prize in 2005.

Gromov was an invited speaker at the International Congress of Mathematicians in Nice (1970), Helsinki (1978), Warsaw (1982), and Berkeley (1986). He is a foreign member of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a member of the French Academy of Sciences. He also holds an honorary doctorate from the University of Geneva (1992).