

Max-Albert Knus

Personal Details

Born April 14, 1942 in Peseux, Switzerland
Swiss citizen; married; two children born 1972, 1977

Education

1948-1955 Primary school in Peseux
1955-1960 High school in Neuchâtel
1960-1964 ETH, Zürich, Studies in mathematics
Diploma, Project supervisor: Professor B. Eckmann
1964-1966 ETH, Zürich, PhD studies
Thesis: Sur une classe d'algèbres filtrées
Advisor: Professor B. Eckmann

Professional Experience

1964-1966 Assistant at the Research Institute for Mathematics,
ETH (Director Prof. B. Eckmann)
Academic year 1966/67 Battelle Fellow at the Research Institute for Mathematics, ETH
Academic year 1967/68 Research Associate, Brandeis University, Mass., USA
(Swiss National Science Foundation Fellowship)
Academic year 1968/69 Research Associate, University of Geneva, Switzerland
1969-1972 Assistant Professor, ETH, Zürich
1972-1979 Associate Professor, ETH, Zürich
1976-1979 President, Kikri, Kindergarten ETH, Zürich
1979-2007 Professor, ETH, Zürich
1984 Co-organizer of a workshop on Brauer Groups, Oberwolfach
1989-1991 Head of the Department of Mathematics, ETH, Zürich
1991 Co-organizer of a workshop on algebraic groups, Ascona
1992-1994 Member of the organizing committee of the International Congress
of Mathematicians 1994
1995-2001 Prorector for doctoral studies, Zürich
1997-2004 Member of the Research Council of the Swiss National Science
Foundation
1998 Organizer of a workshop on norm varieties and algebraic groups, Zürich
2000-2010 Chair, Foundation for the Encouragement of Mathematical
Sciences in Switzerland
2000-2002 Delegate for Studies, Department of Mathematics, ETH, Zürich
2002-2004 Head of Studies, Department of Mathematics and Physics, ETH, Zürich
2007 Co-organizer of a workshop on algebraic groups, Ascona
2007 Retirement
2009-2010 Lectureship for Calculus, Department Mechanical Engineering, ETH
2010 Golden Owl of the VSETH, teaching award for the lectureship 2009-2010
2011- 2014 Ombudsperson, ETH, Zürich

Editing Activities

- 1983-1987 Editor, Elemente der Mathematik, Birkhäuser
- 1985-1990 Editor, Communications in Algebra, Dekker
- 1993-2005 Editor, Beiträge zur Algebra und Geometrie, Heldermann Verlag,
- 1997-2009 Editor, Grundlehren der Mathematischen Wissenschaften, Springer

Main research interests: Theory of algebras and theory of quadratic forms, in relation with algebraic groups.