



“In my experience,
the work of a
mathematician is
5 percent creative
insight and 95 percent
self-verification.”

—Vladimir Voevodsky



California August 2017



What was life like for
Vladimir Voevodsky?

Donna D'Finì

Administrator of the Harvard Math department in the 1990s

Diana Morse

Administrative Officer of the Society of Fellows at Harvard University

Mary Jane Hayes

Administrative Officer at the School of Mathematics at the Institute for Advanced Study

Other sides of Volodia



Venezuela, Estado Amazonas, December 1



Life of a Visionary

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Beijing, China

Andrei Suslin
Alexander Merkurjev
Marc Levine
Spencer Bloch
Christophe Soule
Pierre Deligne
Eric Friedlander

Markus Rost
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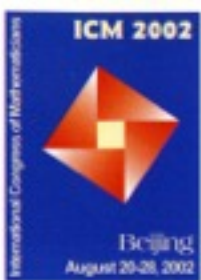
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Life of a Visionary

Being a visionary may sound glamorous, but it is arduous, isolating and extremely lonely

The Fields Medal

Beijing, China, August 2002



International Congress of Mathematicians

Opening Ceremony

15:00-18:30 Tuesday 20th August, 2002







Human Side



Vladimir Voevodsky's Legacy

