

A.N. Kolmogorov's Way to the International Mathematical Scene

In this talk I provide an overview of an early stage of the academic career of Andrey Nikolaevich Kolmogorov (before the WW2) with a focus on modalities of his positioning within Russian mathematical community and his professional contacts in Germany and France. Using Kolmogorov's example I draw some conclusions about the academic cooperation between the Soviet Russia and the major European countries during this period of time. Contrary to what one might expect Kolmogorov's mathematical publications in foreign journals mark the very beginning of his academic career and chronologically precede his first mathematical publication in a Russian mathematical journal. I show how the place of Russia in the international academic network of the time explains this phenomenon.