

A brief profile of Professor Gholamreza B. Khosrovshahi

Born on June 1, 1939, in Tabriz, Iran, Professor Khosrovshahi did some of his schooling in Tabriz and Tehran. On the recommendation of his father, who believed in practical sciences, entered school of Agriculture of University of Tehran in 1958, majoring in Irrigation Engineering. After graduation he taught at the same school for a couple of years before departing for US to continue his studies and earned an M.Sc. and Ph.D. from Cornell University in mathematics majoring in Partial Differential Equations in 1969 and 1972 respectively. He returned to Iran and was hired as Assistant Professor of Mathematics at the University of Tehran in 1972, where he was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor in 1982 and then Professor of Mathematics in 1990.

Professor Khosrovshahi is one of the principal promoters of the area of Combinatorics in Iran. His idea of establishing a serious research institution in Iran and his constant insistence together with a couple of physics professors was the real force in the establishment of IPM which was inaugurated in 1989. Dr. Khosrovshahi has been a senior researcher at IPM since its inception.

Winner of the Distinguished Professor of Iran in 1992 and the prestigious Kharazmi Prize in 2000 is an indication of the quality of his scholarship and teaching.

In addition to his full time academic position at the University of Tehran, he has held or holding a number of other positions as follows:

- Visiting scholar, Cornell University, Ithaca, 1974 and 1977-78.
- Visiting scholar, University of Illinois at Chicago, 1978, 1984 and 1986, and 1991
- Member of Scientific Council(1986-1996), and a senior researcher(1986-1990) at the Center for Theoretical Physics and Mathematics, Atomic Energy Organization of Iran.
- Member of Scientific Council, Institute for Research in Fundamental Sciences (IPM), Tehran, 1989-present.
- Senior Associate, Abdus Salam International Center for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), 1990-1998.
- Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science, University of Illinois at Chicago, 1989-1990.
- Head, Combinatorics and Computing Research Group, IPM
- Associate Director of IPM and Head of School of Mathematics, 1997-2007.
- Head of Information Center, IPM, 1990-present.

Professor Khosrovshahi was retired from the University of Tehran in 2007. He has been on full research and administrator assignment at IPM since his retirement. One of the most valuable part of Dr. Khosrovshahi's contribution to Combinatorics is his numerous graduate students.

Professor Khosrovshahi has made significant contributions to the mathematics and to Iranian mathematical community. We are proud to celebrate his 75th birthday and look forward to celebrating his 100th birthday and the centennial of his endless contributions to mathematics.

