



Main Talks

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Abstract: In 1982 I read that AG had been interested in n-categories, so I sent him my papers in this area, and asked if I could visit him after attending a conference in Marseille-Luminy. This did not happen, but our correspondence touched a chord, grew, and stimulated his 600 page and increasingly influential manuscript 'Pursuing Stacks' (1983) and possibly his 'Esquisse d'un Programme' (1984). The 69 joint friendly letters covered a range of matters and throw a light on the personality of a remarkable mathematician, with views on what mathematics is about. The talk will try to give an overview and also read some of his letters.

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