

Professor Bourguignon was nominated for this position by the EMS to a search committee set up by the European Commission.

Since 2007, the ERC has funded European top researchers through grants (ERC starting grants, consolidator grants, advanced grants, proof of concept and synergy grants) given on the base of applications that are evaluated by expert panels. In Horizon 2020, the ERC appears as a crucial component in the EU long-term research strategy to support the most talented and creative scientists in blue-sky research.

As a mathematician, Jean-Pierre Bourguignon is well known for his contributions to modern differential geometry. He was the president of the French Mathematical Society SMF (1990-1992). Since 1994, and until his retirement in August 2013, he has served mathematicians and physicists all over the world as director of the prestigious research centre Institut des Hautes Études Scientifiques at Bures-sur-Yvette close to Paris.

Through his remarkable activity, Jean-Pierre Bourguignon has promoted collaboration between mathematicians and researchers from other sciences. He also has been enthusiastically involved in activities raising the public awareness of mathematics, like films and exhibitions.

The EMS congratulates him very warmly for this achievement and looks forward with great pleasure to good benefits for the ERC and for science in Europe under his leadership.