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Preface

The international symposium *Logica* organized by the Institute of Philosophy of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic has a relatively long history. It began in 1987 when the first conference of series was held in Liblice Chateau. In the beginning the conferences were of mostly local importance, but over the years they have acquired the status of a prestigious international conference with a multidisciplinary flavour.

The annual symposia cover a broad field of logical topics and aim to promote dialogue between various branches of logic. *Logica* hosted many presentations by top specialists in mathematical and philosophical logic as well as analytical philosophy and linguistics. The professional orientation of the conference can be illustrated by mentioning several names of scholars that the conference welcomed as the invited speakers: Nuel Belnap, Simon Blackburn, Robert Brandom, Melvin Fitting, Yuri Gurevich, Petr Hájek, Rom Harré, Jaakko Hintikka, Wilfrid Hodges, David Lewis, Per Martin-Löf, Barbara Partee, Graham Priest, Greg Restall, Gabriel Sandu, and Stewart Shapiro.

Among the central points of the ‘publication policy’ behind the proceedings of the conference is the rule that the volume has to appear before beginning of the next year’s conference. This ‘rush’, however, does not affect, we believe, the quality of the preparation of the volumes. Until last year they were published by the Institute’s publishing house *Filosofia*; the present volume is the first prepared for *College Publications*. It contains a majority of the papers presented at the symposium *Logica 2008*, which took place from June 16 to 20 in the former Franciscan monastery of Hejnice, the Czech Republic, where the participants spent five days not only in the lecturing hall but also in many informal discussions during the breaks, lunches and social events. As you can see *The Logica Yearbook 2008* brings together various texts from mathematical and philosophical logic, history and philosophy of logic, and natural language analysis. As has become usual for the *Yearbook* series, the articles have not been sorted by subject — they are ordered alphabetically by author and it is up to the reader to pick and choose.

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