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Preface

The book that you are holding in your hands is a further entry in a series of volumes that aspires to make some of the ideas presented at the annual international symposium Logica permanently accessible to both the conference participants and the wider public. The symposium, which took place at Hejnice Monastery in the Czech Republic from June 17 to June 21, 2013, brought together logicians from many countries. This volume contains a representative sample of the contributions made at the conference.

The Logica symposium is an event with a tradition which reaches back to the late nineteen eighties. Since that time, it has evolved into a respected conference which has a firm place in the annual schedule of the international community of logicians. Though the symposium is open to researchers of both a mathematical and a philosophical bent, its audience traditionally consists mostly of logicians with philosophical interests. The informal atmosphere provides a space for a stimulating exchange of ideas among logicians of all generations, including students. As the editors of this volume we are proud that we can contribute to the successful completion of the yearly symposium cycle by presenting this collection to you.

Last year's Logica was—as were all previous Logica symposia—organized by the Department of Logic of the Institute of Philosophy of the Czech Academy of Sciences. More than thirty lectures were presented during the conference, including those read by a distinguished list of invited speakers: Johan van Benthem, Michael Dunn, Volker Halbach, and Michiel van Lambalgen. As happens every year, the conference was enriched by a social programme that provided room for friendly debates concerning professional topics as well as for the starting of personal friendships. The proceedings that are traditionally published within one year of the conference unfortunately offer only a very limited record of the topics discussed and cannot hope to even partially convey its atmosphere. In spite of that, we hope that you will find this book to be worthy of your attention.

Both the Logica symposium and The Logica Yearbook are the result of a joint effort by many people to whom we would like to express our gratitude. We are, of course, very grateful to the Institute of Philosophy for all the important support that made the event possible. We express our thanks to the staff of Hejnice Monastery for their hospitality and friendly assistance. Special thanks from the organizers and also, we believe, from the guests go to the Bernard Family Brewery of Humpolec, which has traditionally sponsored the social programme of the symposium by providing

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