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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.

Last year's symposium, which took place at Hejnice Monastery in the Czech Republic from June 19 to June 23, 2017, brought together scholars from many different countries. This volume contains a representative sample of the contributions made at the conference. The *Logica* symposium is an event with a long tradition, as it was first held in 1987. The symposium is open to researchers of both a mathematical and a philosophical bent.

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 annual symposium cycle by presenting this collection to you. Last year's *Logica* was, just as all the 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 given by the distinguished invited speakers: Hartry Field, Bob Hale, Shahid Rahman, and Sonja Smets. As is the case every year, the conference was enriched by a social programme that provided room for friendly debates concerning professional topics as well as for starting and developing personal friendships. The proceedings, which are traditionally published within one year of the conference, unfortunately can only offer a limited record of the topics discussed and cannot hope to even partially convey its atmosphere.

Nevertheless, we believe that the articles in this volume can more than stand on their own. We would especially like to call your attention to the article by Bob Hale, a speaker whom we were particularly happy to welcome at the event. Unfortunately, he passed away in December and so could not complete the article and we therefore had to finalize the editorial work on his article without him. We are grateful to our colleague Ansten Klev for his considerable help in this task, as Bob Hale's article is related to Ansten's own work. Aside from its lack of an abstract, the article is in a great shape and, as saddened as we are

by Bob Hale's death, we are honoured to be publishing one of the last articles written by this important figure of contemporary logic and analytical philosophy.

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 would also like to express our thanks to the staff of Hejnice Monastery for their hospitality and friendly assistance. Special thanks from the organizers – and also, we are certain, from the guests – must go to the Bernard Family Brewery of Humpolec, which has traditionally sponsored the social programme of the symposium by providing three barrels of its excellent beer. We owe thanks to the Czech Science Foundation, which provided significant support for the meeting and for the publication of this book with funding from the grant

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