

Preface

The tradition of the *Logica* annual symposia goes back more than twenty years. From the beginning, the conferences have been organized by the Institute of Philosophy of the Czech (formerly Czechoslovak) Academy of Sciences. Since 1997 the symposia have been followed by a publication in *The Logica Yearbook* series. One central principle of the ‘publication policy’ of this series is that the volume has to appear before the beginning of next year’s conference.

You now hold in your hands the thirteenth volume of the series. *The Logica Yearbook 2009* brings together various texts from mathematical and philosophical logic, the history and philosophy of logic, and natural language analysis. The aim of the conference, and of this book series, is to cover a broad field of logical topics and to promote dialogue among experts in the various branches of logic. The published papers were selected from contributions presented and discussed at the conference *Logica 2009*, which took place from June 22 to 26 in the former Franciscan monastery of Hejnice, the Czech Republic. As has become usual for the *Yearbook* series, the articles have not been sorted by subject, but are ordered alphabetically by author and it is up to the reader to pick and choose.

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