

Preface

The present volume collects the Proceedings of the Conference “Direction of Time” that took place at the Center for Interdisciplinary Research (ZiF) of Bielefeld University, January 14 to 19, 2002. The organizing and scientific committee included, in addition to the present editors, Michael Drieschner (Bochum) and Sylvie Paycha (Clermond-Ferrand/Potsdam). We are most grateful to them for a very inspiring and fruitful collaboration. We are also most grateful to Annidita Balslev (Aarhus) for inspiring, highly motivating observations at an early stage of the preparation of the Conference.

The success of the Meeting was due, first of all, to the speakers. Thanks to their efforts, it was possible to take into account recent developments in various directions as well as open problems and to make the Conference an exciting event. We hope that participants and readers will find the articles collected in these Proceedings both interesting and useful. We apologize for the delay in publishing, due to circumstances partly independent of our will and efforts. We hope that the permanent actuality of the topic of this book might attenuate the damages caused by the delay.

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