

# Preface

The idea for the present volume goes back, as far as I remember, to a brainstorming among Ryszard Wójcicki, Jacek Malinowski, and myself at the *Trends in Logic VII* conference in Frankfurt/Main, September 2009. On the occasion of a meeting with a representative from Springer, Ryszard Wójcicki, quite enthusiastically, presented his thoughts on a new book series within the *Studia Logica Library*, an ambitious series meant to present Outstanding Contributions to Logic with volumes dedicated to eminent living logicians. It certainly comes as no surprise at all that during the brainstorming several important logicians immediately came to our minds and that Dag Prawitz was one of them.

After this meeting some time elapsed before the first steps were taken to start concrete book projects, and the division of labor had it that I should act as the coordinator of the volume for Dag Prawitz. Eventually, I approached Dag Prawitz in order to suggest the project, to invite him to think about a suitable topic and title, and to propose a possible volume editor. A most natural volume editor, it seemed to me, would have been Peter Schroeder-Heister, whose doctoral dissertation Dag Prawitz had co-supervised, who is very familiar with Prawitz's work, and who would have been a natural choice anyway because of his great expertise in proof theory and proof-theoretic semantics. However, since there is a long-standing plan for a joint monograph by Prawitz and Schroeder-Heister, the idea came up that I might edit the book, a plan I finally approved.

Soon after, a suitable title for the volume was found: *Dag Prawitz on Proofs and Meaning*. Moreover, a list of prospective contributors was compiled, and the response to the invitations for the volume was very positive and encouraging. In September 2012, a book workshop was held at Ruhr-University Bochum. During this highly productive event, Dag Prawitz not only presented a first version of his own contribution to the envisaged book, but also carefully commented on most of the other papers for his *Outstanding Contributions to Logic* volume. Various contributors to the volume, including Dag Prawitz himself, met at the *2nd Conference on Proof-Theoretic Semantics* at the University of Tübingen, March 2013, and at the workshop *Meaning: Models and Proofs* in Munich, October 2013. By the

end of 2013, the volume was almost complete, awaiting some final corrections and polishing.

Meanwhile, it took a long period of time for the first (other) volumes of the new book series to appear, a period in which Ryszard Wójcicki resigned as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Trends in Logic* book series, in which I agreed to take over responsibility for *Trends in Logic*, and in which Sven Ove Hansson agreed to become the Editor-in-Chief of *Outstanding Contributions to Logic*.

Now that the volume *Dag Prawitz on Proofs and Meaning* is finally ready for production, I have the privilege to thank, first of all, professor Dag Prawitz for his kind and thoughtful cooperation. It was a great pleasure to exchange thoughts with him in person and via e-mail, and like many other contributors to the volume, I benefited from Dag's careful and constructive comments. It was a pleasure, too, to see the volume developing, and I am grateful to all the other contributors for their kind cooperation as well as their patience. In addition, I would like to thank Andrea Kruse, Caroline Willkommen, Roberto Ciuni, and Judith Hecker for their general support (in particular also during the workshop in 2012) and Tobias Koch for his LaTeX-nical assistance.

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