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PREFACE

This volume constitutes the proceedings of the Conference on Fundamentals of Computation Theory (Algebraic, Arithmetic and Logical Methods in Computation Theory) held in Szeged, Hungary, August 24-28, 1981. The conference is the third in the series of the FCT-Conferences initiated by our Polish colleagues in Poznan, 1977.

The papers in this volume are the texts of invited addresses and shorter communications falling in one of the following three sections: A. Algebraic and Constructive Theory of Machines, Computations and Languages; B. Abstract Algebra, Combinatorics and Logic in Computation Theory, C. Computability, Decidability and Arithmetic Complexity. The shorter communications were selected by the Organizing and Program Committee out of more than 100 submitted papers.

This Third Conference was organized by the Institute of Mathematics of the József Attila University (Szeged) in co-operation with the Computer and Automation Institute of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (Budapest). The Organizing and Program Committee consisted of J. Berstel, L. Budach, R.G. Buharajev, the late C.C. Elgot, Ju.L. Ershov, F. Gécseg (chairman), J. Hartmanis, G. Hotz, M. Karpinski, L. Lovász, O.B. Lupanov, I. Munro, M. Nivat, Z. Pawlak, A. Pultr, A. Salomaa and H. Thiele. J. Demetrovics held the post of organizing secretary.

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Finally, I would like to commemorate most respectfully Professor Calvin C. Elgot who worked enthusiastically for the success of the FCT-Conferences. His decease is a heavy loss for computer scientists all over the world. I would like to devote this volume to his memory.

Szeged, May 1981

Ferenc Gécseg

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