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Preface

The synergy between logic and computational complexity has gained importance and vigor in recent years, cutting across areas such as proof theory, finite model theory, computation theory, applicative programming, database theory, and philosophical logic. This volume is the outcome of a Workshop on Logic and Computational Complexity (LCC), organized to bring together researchers in this growing interdisciplinary field, so as to foster and enhance collaborations and to facilitate the discovery of conceptual bridges and unifying principles.

The workshop was held at the Indiana University Conference Center in Indianapolis, from the 13th to the 16th of October, 1994. Forty-one talks were presented at the meeting. The papers in this volume are revised versions of the workshop papers, or closely related to them. Jean-Yves Girard, Stephen Lindell and Anil Seth were unable to attend, but included their intended contribution in this volume. On the other hand, a number of speakers could not contribute to this volume, for various reasons: Maria Bonet, Philip Bradford, Kevin Compton, Stephen Cook, Alexandar Ignjatovic, Neil Immerman, Phokion Kolaitis, Harry Mairson, Yiannis Moschovakis, Jim Otto, Toni Pitassi, Andre Scedrov, Wilfried Sieg, Alexei Stolboushkin, Alasdair Urquhart, Dirk Van Gucht, Moshe Vardi, and Victor Vianu. Other participants who graciously agreed to chair sessions were Serge Abiteboul, Paris Kanellakis, Julia Knight, Larry Moss, Jim Royer, and Jouko Vaananen.

The papers in this volume are grouped by themes, but the frequent difficulty of classifying papers demonstrates in itself the close relations between various approaches. While contributions were not refereed, an editorial effort has been made to provide authors with informal feedback from readers, which in many cases proved indeed to be very constructive. With apologies to the many whose help has not been properly recorded, I would like to thank for their feedback Stephen Bellantoni, Stephen Bloch, Sam Buss, Peter Clote, Anuj Dawar, Georg Gottlob, Hagen Huwig, Paris Kanellakis, Max Kelly, Phokion Kolaitis, Julia Knight, Janos Makowsky, Anil Nerode, Helmut Schwichtenberg, Philip Scott, Robert Seely, Alasdair Urquhart, Moshe Vardi, and Victor Vianu.

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