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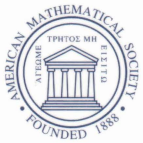

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Preface

Like many other fields of mathematics, mathematical logic has experienced an explosive development since it was first recognized as a field. Nowadays logic has become such a vast subject that it is becoming more and more difficult even for experts in the field to understand each other. It has become a necessary tradition for the annual meetings of the logic community to have parallel sessions of set theory, model theory, computability theory, philosophical logic, etc., in order to accommodate the large number of talks. Logicians now travel to workshops and conferences that often target their subfields of expertise. In this seemingly inevitable culture change, many people would appreciate the opportunity to listen to talks that are more technical than surveys but at the same time more insightful than technical talks. These were the type of talks delivered in the North Texas Logic Conference. Most of the speakers made a conscious effort to relate their own research to others' subfields.

This present volume is based on the talks given in the conference. As editors, we find the papers accessible and enjoyable to read on the one hand, and a good sample of the variety of research in logic on the other.

The North Texas Logic Conference was held on October 8-10, 2004, at the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas. It was a part of a special two-year program in logic at UNT, during which time Richard Ketchersid and Mike Oliver were visiting UNT and helping with the organization of the conference.

We would like to thank the NSF for a grant DMS-0444019 to provide travel support to our invited speakers, graduate student participants and new PhDs. The College of Arts and Sciences at UNT provided generous funding for the conference. In addition, the Department of Mathematics at UNT also invited Ted Slaman to give a Millican Lecture during the conference. In addition to the local organizing effort by Richard Ketchersid and Mike Oliver, Ross Bryant, Sara Munday and Belinda Firth also helped with the conference website, registration, refreshments, computer access, local information and reimbursements. We would like to take the opportunity to thank them all for a successful conference.

Finally we would like to thank the participants, especially all the speakers, for a very interesting and fruitful conference. Last but not least, we thank the authors of the papers in this volume for their excellent contributions, and the American Mathematical Society for publishing this volume as the proceedings of the conference.

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The articles in this book are based on talks given at the North Texas Logic Conference in October of 2004. The main goal of the editors was to collect articles representing diverse fields within logic that would both contain significant new results and be accessible to readers with a general background in logic. Included in the book is a problem list, jointly compiled by the speakers, that reflects some of the most important questions in various areas of logic. This book should be useful to graduate students and researchers alike across the spectrum of mathematical logic.

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