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This special issue of the Hungarian Philosophical Review is dedicated to the memory of our friend, colleague and teacher Imre Ruzsa (1921–2008). Ruzsa was the father of modern philosophical logic in Hungary, the founder and the first chair of the Department of Logic at Eötvös University. His professional interests centered around modal logic, intensional logic, modeling natural language in systems of intensional logic, and the foundations of logic and mathematics. He always thought of his generalization of A. N. Prior's concept of semantic value gaps to quantified, intensional and type-theoretic systems as his most important contribution to logic. He was the author of three books in English (*Modal Logic with Descriptions*, The Hague, 1982, *Intensional Logic Revisited*, Budapest, 1991, *Introduction to Metalogic*, Budapest, 1993), several monographs and textbooks in Hungarian, and many articles in leading logic journals.

The variety of the papers included in this volume represents the range of topics that Ruzsa's research covered: philosophical logic, formal semantics, the philosophy of mathematics, and foundational studies. The papers were all given at the Imre Ruzsa Memorial Conference "Logic, Language, Mathematics", held at the Philosophy Institute of Eötvös University in Budapest on September 17–19, 2009, as part of the annual conference series "Language, Understanding, Interpretation."¹ It is worth mentioning the invited speakers who gave memorable presentations that are published elsewhere: Rob Goldblatt (Victoria University, Wellington), Ági Kurucz (King's College London), Mihály Makkai (McGill University, Toronto), László Pólos (University of Durham, UK), and Anna Szabolcsi (New York University).

Among the authors the reader will find three generations of logicians: fellow researchers whose work Ruzsa's ideas influenced strongly; former students of Ruzsa, who had once been introduced into the mysteries of the logical connectives in seminar rooms of Eötvös University, and many of whom are today lead-

¹ For more information about the conference, see:
<http://phil.elte.hu/ruzsaconf>.

ing researchers in their field, teaching across the globe; and a younger generation of logicians, Ruzsa's "grandchildren", whose work testifies to the enduring influence of Ruzsa's legacy.

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