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## 50 Years of *Studia Logica*: Editorial Introduction

In 1953, exactly 50 years ago to this day, the first volume of *Studia Logica* appeared under the auspices of The Philosophical Committee of The Polish Academy of Sciences. Now, 5 decades later the present volume is dedicated to a celebration of this 50th Anniversary of *Studia Logica*. It features a series of papers by distinguished scholars reflecting both the aim and scope of this journal for symbolic logic.

### A Brief History of *Studia Logica*

*Studia Logica* was founded by the famous Polish logician and philosopher Kazimierz Ajdukiewicz during a time which was rather inhospitable to such initiatives. All the academic activities were controlled by the communistic party (The Polish Unified Workers Party) which intended to capture the life of Polish science under a Marxist biased heading. Despite these local political intentions, ever since the publication of the first issue *Studia Logica* aimed at close shaves with the international and more liberal world of science.

The first issues of the journal were published under the editorship of Henryk Greniewski, Tadeusz Kotarbiński, Andrzej Mostowski, Roman Suszko with Kazimierz Ajdukiewicz as the editor-in-chief. Continuously appearing since 1953, *Studia Logica* was from the beginning strongly influenced by the extraordinarily rich and fruitful tradition of logical investigations which had surfaced in Poland between the World Wars. Prominent logicians and philosophers like Jan Łukasiewicz, Alfred Tarski, Stanisław Leśniewski, Leon Chwistek, Tadeusz Kotarbiński, Kazimierz Ajdukiewicz, Mordechaj Wajsb-berg, Andrzej Mostowski and Adolf Lindenbaum were all central figures in establishing that tradition. After Ajdukiewicz's death in 1963 the editor-in-chief position was taken over by Jerzy Słupecki and then in 1970 by Klemens Szaniawski.\*

In 1975 the editorship of *Studia Logica* was undertaken by Ryszard Wójcicki, first assisted by Jan Zygmunt and then for a very long period

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\*Ryszard Wójcicki's paper in this volume includes more detailed historical information on *Studia Logica*.

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of time by Grzegorz Malinowski. R. Wójcicki has since been leading the editorial work of the journal with the exception of the years 1991-1992 when the journal was directed by Jan Zygmunt. The mid 1970's were the beginning of significant and elaborate changes. In 1976 an international editorial board was formed and the journal was published exclusively in English. In 1979 North-Holland became the publisher of *Studia Logica* along with Ossolineum (a Polish publishing house). The journal then gained a solid international position.

Even though the initiatives of these changes were Wójcicki's, his efforts were strongly backed by a number of other people, notably Andrzej Mostowski, Helena Rasiowa, Klemens Szaniawski. In co-publishing the journal North-Holland was replaced in 1984 by Reidel; Reidel later became part of Kluwer Academic Publishers. Since 1992 *Studia Logica* have been published exclusively by Kluwer Academic Publishers, i.e. without the cooperation of Ossolineum.

The 1990's added yet more velocity to the journal. The year 1995 announced an increase in the volume and frequency of published issues to 6 yearly issues, which again was increased in 2000 to 9 issues every year. The same year *Studia Logica* also expanded its publication profile by adding the book series *Trends in Logic: Studia Logica Library*. The current volume is the twenty-first in this series. The book series has the same editorial statement as the journal:

*Studia Logica* publishes original papers on various logical systems, which utilize methods of contemporary formal logic (those of algebra, model theory, proof theory, etc.). More specifically, *Studia Logica* invites articles on topics in general logic and on applications of logic to other branches of knowledge such as philosophy of language, cognitive science and artificial intelligence. The distinctive feature of *Studia Logica* is its series of monothematic issues edited by outstanding scholars and devoted to important topics of contemporary logic or covering significant conferences.

In 1998, notably due to the work of Graham Priest, the reviews section of *Studia Logica* became an integral part of the journal. From 2000-2002 the reviews section was directed by Edwin Mares.

Over the years *Studia Logica* has achieved an unquestionable position as one of the most important logic journals available. This success owes much to a plethora of logicians and philosophers who closely cooperate with the

journal. Immediately below is a selective list of scholars who over the years either have been or are currently acting on the editorial board:

K. Ajdukiewicz, S. Artemov, A. Arruda, A. Avron, T. Batóg, N. Belnap, J. van Benthem, W. Blok, L. Borkowski, W. Buszkowski, W. Carnielli, M.L. Dalla Chiara, N. da Costa, M. Cresswell, J. Czelakowski, K. Dôsen, A. Dragalin M.J. Dunn, W. Dziobiak, L. Esakia, M. Fitting, K. Fine, V. Finn, D. Føllesdal, A. Fuhrmann, D.M. Gabbay, R. Gilles, R. Goldblatt, H. Greniewski, A. Grzegorzczak, P. Hajek, J. Hintikka, R. Hilpinen, W. van der Hoek, L. Iturrioz, S. Jaśkowski, D. Kaplan, M. Kokoszyska-Lutmanowa, T. Kotarbiński, J. Kotas, G. Kreisel, J. Lambek, D. Makinson, L. Maksimowa, G. Malinowski, W. Marciszewski, E. Mares, R.K. Meyer, D. Monk, A. Mostowski, D. Mundici, A. Nakamura, M. Nasieniewski, I. Nemeti, H. Ono, E. Orłowska, Z. Pawlak, J. Perzanowski, D. Pigozzi, W. Pogorzelski, G. Priest, T. Prucnal, M. Przełęcki, C. Rauszer, W. Rautenberg, H. Rasiowa, R. Routley, I. Ruzsa, V. Rybakov, D. Scott, A. Skowron, K. Segerberg, W. Sieg, V. Shehtman, J. Ślupski, V. Smirnov, S. Surma, R. Sylvan, P. Suppes, R. Suszko, K. Szaniawski, M. Tokarz, A. Troelstra, S. Thomason, R. Turner, A. Urquhart, D. Vakarelov, H. Wansing, B. Węglorz, P. Weingartner, T. Williamson, P. Wojtylak, A. Wroński, M. Zakharyashev, J. Zygmunt.

*Studia Logica* would like to take this opportunity to express its sincere gratitude to all who have contributed, in the most lucid and encouraging way, to the status of the journal today.

The journal is edited by independent managing editors. At present, the board of managing editors consists of Wojciech Buszkowski, Melvin Fitting, Andre Fuhrmann, Robert Goldblatt, Jacek Malinowski, Daniele Mundici and Heinrich Wansing. Vincent F. Hendricks manages the reviews section.

The official name of the journal is *Studia Logica – An International Journal for Symbolic Logic*. The Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences owns the journal's name, while the exclusive publisher and owner of copyrights is Kluwer Academic Publishers. At present *Studia Logica* is directed by Ryszard Wójcicki – the chairman of the editorial board and Jacek Malinowski – the coordinating editor responsible for the day-to-day operations.

The editorial office is located in the Staszic Palace, Section of Logic, Language and Action, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, The Polish Academy of Sciences, Nowy Świat 72, Warsaw, Poland. The official *Studia Logica* website is located at <http://www.studialogica.org>.



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