Preface

This Festschrift volume contains 28 refereed papers—including personal memories, essays, and regular research papers—by close collaborators and friends of José Meseguer to honor him on the occasion of his 65th birthday. These papers were presented at a symposium at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign during September 23–25, 2015. The symposium also featured invited talks by Claude and Hélène Kirchner and by Patrick Lincoln. The foreword of this volume adds a brief overview of some of José’s many scientific achievements followed by a bibliography of papers written by José.

We are grateful for having the opportunity to express our gratitude and admiration to José Meseguer by editing this volume and organizing the Festschrift symposium. Two of us were early PhD students of José who were inspired by the elegance and practicality of José’s ideas, and one of has had the privilege of collaborating with José for many years. We have continued to be inspired by the wealth of ideas coming from José, and have to a certain extent lived on “crumbs from the great table of José,” to paraphrase Aeschylus. Our scientific inspiration and admiration have since grown into a deep appreciation for José and into treasured lifelong friendships.

Each of the 35 submissions that we received were reviewed by between two and four expert reviewers. We would like to thank the authors for their contributions and the reviewers for their timely and very helpful reviews, which together have contributed to make this Festschrift worthy of José. We thank Claude and Hélène Kirchner and Patrick Lincoln for accepting our invitations to give invited talks reflecting on José’s work from different perspectives. We thank Grigore Roşu for being responsible for the local arrangements, Donna Coleman for her invaluable help with administrative and a range of other matters, the Department of Computer Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for providing the workshop facilities, and Alberto Verdejo for preparing and organizing both José’s bibliography included in this volume and the list of José’s PhD students in the foreword. We are grateful to Alfred Hofmann for enthusiastically agreeing to publish this Festschrift in Springer’s LNCS series.

Finally, we would like to congratulate José on his 65th birthday. We look forward to many more years of friendship and inspiring scientific leadership!

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