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Preface

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PREFACE

Since 1961 every five years Prague topological symposium has been held by the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences. In August 1976 the Fourth Symposium on General Topology and its Relations to Modern Analysis and Algebra took place in Prague. Arrangements for the symposium were made by the Organizing Committee consisting of J. Novák (chairman), Z. Frolík (program chairman), J. Hejzman, M. Hušek, M. Katětov, V. Koutník, V. Pták, A. Rázek (treasurer), M. Sekanina, Š. Schwarz, and V. Trnková. The Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences, the Slovak Academy of Sciences, the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics of the Charles University, and the Association of Czechoslovak Mathematicians and Physicists invited a number of prominent mathematicians from abroad. The International Mathematical Union granted financial support towards the travel expenses of some young mathematicians from abroad. I would like to thank the International Mathematical Union for all the support given to Prague topological symposia.

The program of the symposium consisted of 11 plenary invited talks, 18 invited talks given in two sections, 1 invited talk in a session for contributed papers and 134 fifteen-minute talks in three or four parallel sessions.

The symposium was attended by 217 mathematicians from 24 countries; 164 from abroad and 53 from Czechoslovakia.

These Proceedings of the symposium are published in two parts A and B. Part A, published by Springer-Verlag, contains 19 invited papers. Part B, published by the Association of Czechoslovak Mathematicians and Physicists, contains 105 abstracts and contributed papers.

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