PREFACE

This volume contains a selection of papers presented at the *Novi Sad Algebraic Conference* (NSAC 03) which was held from August 25 to August 28, 2003, at the Department of Mathematics and Informatics, University of Novi Sad.

The conference was attended by more than 80 algebraists from 18 different countries. The main topic areas were universal algebra, lattices and ordered structures, semigroups and related algebraic structures, theoretical computer science, and clones and multiple-valued logics. There were 9 plenary lectures, given by M. Erné (University of Hannover), K. Kaarli (University of Tartu), K. Kearnes (University of Colorado), L. Márki (Hungarian Academy of Sciences) R. Pöschel (Technical University of Dresden), N. Ruškuc (University of St Andrews), J. Rutten (Free University Amsterdam, CWI Amsterdam), Á. Szendrei (University of Szeged) and M.B. Szendrei (University of Szeged). Besides, about 40 contributed talks in two parallel sections were presented. The problem section was organized in open air, at Fruška Gora resort, Stražilovo. Problems presented at the section are prepared as a special article in this volume.

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