

Dedication to Jiří Langer

With gratitude and respect, we dedicate this volume to the memory of our unforgettable colleague, doc. RNDr. Jiří Langer, CSc. Those who knew him will surely retain and pass on at least some of what they admired about his personality. He not only instilled in us how to do science and teach science, honestly, but also influenced our thinking as a connoisseur of art, philosophy and history, a translator, a helpful friend and an excellent companion. I firmly believe that his erudition, insight, wit, humour, humanity and refinement, though inimitable, will be preserved for future generations, at least in this form.

Both his friends, among whom I immodestly count myself, and those who were not fortunate enough to know Jiří personally, can find several personal memories of Jiří in the obituary on the website of the Silesian University in Opava (available in Czech at <https://slu.cz/phys/cz/aktuality/15/193>), and a very nice memorial article in PMFA 65(3), 2020, pp. 185–190 (available in Czech at <https://dml.cz/handle/10338.dmlcz/148358>).

On behalf of the local organising committee,

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