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LOGIC, LANGUAGE, MATHEMATICS
A Philosophy Conference in Memory of Imre Ruzsa

Date: September 17-19, 2009.
Location: Múzeum krt. 4/i Budapest, Hungary
Deadline for submissions: June 1, 2009
Web site: http://phil.elte.hu/ruzsaconf

Confirmed plenary speakers:
Hajnal Andréka (Alfréd Rényi Institute of Mathematics)
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The conference is held in memory of Imre Ruzsa (1921-2008), the father of modern philosophical logic in Hungary. His professional interests centered around modal logic, intensional logic, modeling natural language in systems of intensional logic, and the foundations of logic and mathematics. He always thought of his generalization of A. N. Prior’s concept of semantic value gaps to quantified, intensional and type-theoretic systems as his most important contribution to logic. He was the author of three books in English (Modal Logic with Descriptions, The Hague, 1982, Intensional Logic Revisited, Budapest, 1991, Introduction to Metalogic, Budapest, 1993), several monographs and textbooks in Hungarian, and many articles in leading logic journals.

Several of Imre Ruzsa’s former students from across the globe will gather to discuss his legacy, and also to present on some of his favorite themes, topics, and areas—we invite you to do the same.

Contributions for 20-minute panel-presentations are sought in the following areas: modal and intensional logics; logics with truth value gaps; metalogic; Frege’s philosophy of language and mathematics; Tarski’s theory of truth; and more broadly in philosophical logic, mathematical logic, formal semantics, philosophy of mathematics, and philosophy of language. Plenary talks will be in English; some of the afternoon panels are held in English, some in Hungarian. Graduate students are encouraged to submit.

Contributors are asked to submit the following in an email attachment: (1) the title of their presentation (in the language in which they plan to present), (2) a 15-line abstract, (3) school/institute affiliation, and (4) e-mail address. Submissions should be sent to ruzsaconf@phil.elte.hu

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