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“Logic, Ontology, Aesthetics. The Golden Age of Polish Philosophy” took place in Montreal on 23–26 September 2004 and was co-hosted by the Université du Québec à Montréal, Concordia University and the Polish General Consulate in Montreal. It gathered some twenty invited speakers and a roughly equivalent number of participants to parallel sessions. Among the speakers were Arianna Betti, Katarzyna Kijania-Placek, Dariusz Lukasiewicz, Bernard Linsky, Wioletta Miskiewicz, Denis Mieville, Claude Panaccio, Douglas Patterson, Roger Pouivet and Jan Wolenski. Their contributions to this volume originate, in part or in whole, from the meeting. For having made the latter possible, the organisers and co-editors of the present book, Sandra Lapointe and Mathieu Marion, would like to thank the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences, Quebec’s Ministry of International Relations as well as the Canada Research Chair in the Philosophy of Logic and Mathematics at the Université du Québec à Montréal.

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