

Preface

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Naturally, we are especially indebted to the scholars whose papers appear below, not only for their stimulating conference presentations, but also for their cooperation and patience throughout the editing process. We owe special thanks, among those scholars, to our featured speakers Gerd Carling and Mark Hale. (As usual, not all papers presented at the conference appear here, for a variety of reasons, including publication or planned publication elsewhere.)

We are also happy to repeat our annual praise of Angelo Mercado for his type-setting wizardry and consummate professionalism in preparing the volume for publication. In the interest of making the contents of the *Proceedings* more accessible to the public, we have decided to shift to open access publication (with a print-on-demand option) via eScholarship, the University of California's open access publishing platform. Sadly, this ends a productive working relationship with the Helmut Buske Verlag and its Managing Director, Michael Hechinger, whom we thank for his support and guidance over the past several years.

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