

## Preface

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This volume is an outcome of the Second National Meeting of Analytic Philosophy (ENFA2), which took place at the Faculty of Arts of the University of Porto from the 7th to the 9th of October 2004. The editors are the members of the Organizing Committee for the Porto Conference, the first ENFA having taken place at the Faculty of Arts of the University of Coimbra, with Prof. Henrique Jales Ribeiro in charge of the organization. It was then decided that Prof. Sofia Miguens, from the University of Porto, should organize ENFA2 in Porto.

The composition of the Scientific Committee for ENFA2 reflected the idea that the meeting should have national scope and that it should foster cooperation among analytic philosophers in Portuguese universities. Thus, members from almost every philosophy department working in the analytic tradition were included in the Scientific Committee, namely, João Branquinho, from the University of Lisbon, João Sáagua, from the New University of Lisbon, Henrique Jales Ribeiro, from the University of Coimbra, José Manuel Curado, from the University of Minho, and Sofia Miguens, from the University of Porto. The organization of this meeting was modelled on the meetings of the Spanish SEFA and the Italian SIFA. A further intention was that SPFA (Sociedade Portuguesa de Filosofia Analítica) should formally be made a member of the European Society for Analytic Philosophy. At the time ENFA2 took place, the president of ESAP was a portuguese philosopher, Prof. João Branquinho, and his help was invaluable in the organization of this meeting. ENFA2 took place under the auspices of ESAP.

The first call for papers was circulated in April 2004, using European and South American mailing lists. The Scientific Committee received submissions from places as diverse as Spain, Brazil, Italy, Poland, United Kingdom and Sweden. Since the submission of abstracts from so many non-Portuguese philosophers was rather unexpected, the work of the members of the Scientific Committee was especially important. Their cooperation was inestimable. We would like to express our special thanks to Prof. João Branquinho. Though not physically present in Porto, he was always available and helped us with all sorts of logistics and organization problems, which always come up in an enterprise of this kind.

Given the large number of submissions, we were faced with the problem of language: we were aware that Portuguese would be important in order to attract Portuguese students to analytic philosophy, yet the use of English turned out to be almost an imperative, since people of various nationalities who were coming to the meeting had to be able to understand each other and communicate. No perfect solution being available, it was decided that each participant should use their own judgement in the choice of language. Portuguese and English were the official languages of the meeting, as is manifested in the present volume.

We think this volume has the virtue of revealing how ample and varied analytic philosophy can be. At ENFA2 there were presentations on the History of Philosophy, Aesthetics, Moral and Political Philosophy, Logic, Philosophy of Language and Philosophy of Mind. In editing this volume, we have kept the same thematic arrangement that was used for the meeting itself, the idea being that division by themes should come from the papers rather than the other way round. As for the programme of the meeting, as it often happens, some papers have been lost, others gained. Some papers are published here even though the authors could not come to Porto, as the abstracts had been accepted. On the other hand, the paper by Prof. Charles Travis (who was present in Porto as a founding member of the Portuguese Society for Analytic

Philosophy but also gave a talk), does not correspond exactly to what he actually presented. During the meeting, the Portuguese Society for Analytic Philosophy was formally constituted. The board was elected in a general assembly. The elected members of the 2004-2006 board were João Branquinho (University of Lisbon), President, Sofia Miguens (University of Porto), Desidério Murcho (King's College, London), Pedro Santos (University of Algarve), Ricardo Santos (New University of Lisbon). All those who were present in Porto, as well as those who had been present in Coimbra in 2002, are considered founding members of the SPFA.

The organization of ENFA2 in Porto was an important incentive for work within MLAG (Mind, Language and Action Group). MLAG is a part of Gabinete de Filosofia Moderna e Contemporânea, coordinated by Prof. Maria José Cantista within FCT R&D Unit 502 (Instituto de Filosofia), and is also the group through which Philosophy participates in the University of Porto Centre for Cognitive Science. We want to thank Prof. Maria José Cantista for her support in all matters concerning the creation of MLAG and the organization of ENFA2.

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It is our hope that the tradition of holding National Meetings of Analytic Philosophy should henceforth be kept, thus stimulating creativity and interaction among Portuguese analytic philosophers, as well as providing an occasion for a dialogue between the Portuguese analytic community and the wider philosophical community, as it was the case with ENFA2.

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