ARABIC LOGIC COMMISSION of the DLMPST

Report on activities 2015–2018

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The Commission presented a symposium at the DLMPST Congress in Helsinki in 2015. There were three speakers:

Mohammad Maarefi (Tehran): Could Ibn Sina’s logic be undecidable?

Tony Street (Cambridge): Ḥillī’s Clear Rules and the early reception of the Shamsiyya.

Joep Lameer (Paris): Taḥrif in medieval Arabic and Persian logic texts: A threat to Compositionality?

Unfortunately Maarefi failed to get a visa, and his talk was presented by Wilfrid Hodges. It seems that his university failed to provide information to satisfy the Finnish Home Office, but one reason for this was that he acted on unsound advice and left his visa application until very late.

The Commission has not held any meetings under the name of the Commission in this period. Sadly it was not practical for the Commission to attend the DHST Congress in 2017 in Rio de Janeiro.

But the officers of the Commission have all been active in publishing in the area of Arabic Logic. We indicate this with the Bibliography attached below, which includes work in this area by officers, and by invited speakers of the Commission Symposia 2015 and 2019. This includes two articles on the logic of Avicenna in two major internet Encyclopedias. We note that the content of two of the items in the Bibliography (marked with asterisks) were or will be presented in talks in the Commission’s Symposia 2015 or 2019.

The Commission recently acquired the domain name arabiclogic.com, and will move the current web page at wilfridhodges.co.uk/arabiclogic/ to the new name within the next few days.

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