ARABIC LOGIC COMMISSION of the DLMPST



Report on activities 2019

The officers of the Commission up to the time of the DLMPST Congress in Prague in 2019 were:

President: Tony Street Secretary: Wilfrid Hodges Web Officer: Riccardo Strobino

The Commission presented a symposium at the Congress. There were two speakers:

Saloua Chatti (Tunis): An introduction to Arabic hypothetical logic

Wilfrid Hodges (Okehampton, Devon): Abū al-Barakāt and his 12th century logic diagrams

Sadly Saloua Chatti was hospitalised with appendicitis, and her talk was presented by Wilfrid Hodges. The grant from DLMPST for her travel was paid to the Commission and has been retained for use in 2020. The symposium was attended by about fifteen people, none of whom claimed any previous knowledge of Arabic logic.

At the Congress Benedikt Loewe urged the Commission to raise the level of its activities and improve its organisation. This was welcome advice and is being taken seriously.

In early 2019 Tony Street asked to stand down from the role of President of the Commission. Ahmad Hasnaoui (who had taken part in the Commission symposium at the Congress in History of Science and Technology, Manchester 2013) has agreed to take over this post for a limited period.

Wilfrid Hodges, 13 December 2019