

NOTICES

- **IN MEMORIAM: GERT H. MÜLLER.** Gert Heinz Müller, a central figure in mathematical logic in Germany, died in Heidelberg on September 3, 2006 at the age of 83. He was Professor Emeritus of Pure Mathematics and Mathematical Logic at the University of Heidelberg.
Müller, a citizen of Austria, was born in Opava (Troppau) in Czechoslovakia. After graduating from high school, he served in the army during the last years of World War II. After the war he studied mathematics, astronomy, and philosophy at the University of Graz, where he received his Ph.D. in philosophy in 1947. Müller's career in mathematical logic started in Zürich at the ETH, where, from 1951 to 1960, he was assistant to Paul Bernays. Following an invitation of Friedrich K. Schmidt, in 1960 Müller moved to Heidelberg, where in 1962 he received the *venia legendi* and habilitation, and subsequently built up his well known logic group. From 1973 until his retirement in 1990 he held the chair of mathematical logic in Heidelberg. The years in Heidelberg were accompanied by numerous appointments as guest professor or guest researcher all over the world.
Müller's research was devoted to mathematical logic and the philosophy of sciences. Among Müller's most important services to the logic community were his efforts in the dissemination and critical evaluation of the increasingly specialized research achievements in the field. Müller was one of the founders and the driving force of the legendary Ω -group in 1968/69. This group of logicians greatly influenced the field by two outstanding enterprises: the *Perspectives in Mathematical Logic*, an integrated series of monographs covering the main current research areas in mathematical logic, originally published by Springer and now published by the ASL as the *Perspectives in Logic*, and the Ω -bibliography of Mathematical Logic edited by Müller in collaboration with Wolfgang Lenski.
- **THE 2007 ASL ELECTION.** At the end of this year the ASL will elect a Secretary-Treasurer, two members of the Executive Committee of the Council, and two members of the Council. All terms are for three years beginning January 1, 2008. The ballot has been sent to all ASL members with the November Newsletter. The 2007 Nominating Committee has nominated Charles Steinhorn (Vassar) as Secretary-Treasurer, Mirna Džamonja (East Anglia) and Philip Scott (Ottawa) for the Executive Committee positions, and Verónica Becher (Buenos Aires) and Richard Zach (Calgary) for the Council positions. The Nominating Committee consisted of Greg Hjorth, Phokion Kolaitis, Steffen Lempp (Chair), Paolo Mancosu, Anand Pillay, and Albert Visser.
- **INAUGURAL SHOENFIELD PRIZE WINNERS.** Upon the recommendation of the ASL Committee on Prizes and Awards, the winners of the first Shoenfield Prizes for outstanding expository writing in the field of logic have been selected. The Shoenfield Prize for a book will be shared by John P. Burgess for *Fixing Frege* (Princeton University Press, 2005) and David E. Marker for *Model Theory: an Introduction* (Springer, 2002). The prize carries a cash award of \$1,500 to be shared by the two prize winners. The Shoenfield Prize for an article has been awarded to Bohuslav Balcar and Thomas Jech for "Weak distributivity, a problem of Von Neumann and the mystery of measurability", published in *The Bulletin of Symbolic Logic*, vol. 12, no. 2 (June 2006), pp. 241–266. This prize carries a cash award of \$1,000 to be shared by the winning co-authors. The Shoenfield Prizes will be awarded formally at a ceremony at the 2008 ASL Annual Meeting in Irvine, California.
The Shoenfield prize was established by the ASL to honor the late Joseph R. Shoenfield for his many outstanding contributions to logic and to the ASL. Generations of logicians have