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Preface

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This edited collection brings together a selection of the papers presented at the *European Philosophy of Science Association* Biennial Meeting in Düsseldorf, September 2015. Some 170 contributions—between contributed papers and symposia—were presented at the conference and hence, inevitably, the selection here presented covers only a portion of the variety of topics, approaches and discussions at the meeting. But we hope that it nonetheless conveys the vibrant intellectual environment and stimulating discussions that took place.

The papers here presented fall into three broadly defined categories: General Philosophy of Science and Historical Approaches; Philosophy of the Natural, Life, and Cognitive Sciences; and Formal Approaches. These papers were carefully selected and subjected to the usual reviewing procedures. Additionally, we ensured fair representation of gender and of all sections of the programme. The resulting collection represents the breadth of philosophy of science done in Europe, and we are delighted to assemble such high quality in our volume.

We wish to thank the President, Stephan Hartmann, and the Steering Committee of the *European Philosophy of Science Association* for giving us the opportunity to work on what we believe was ultimately a stellar programme. We are also very grateful to the local organizer, Gerhard Schurz, and his team for the excellent conference logistics and for precious input in the making of this proceedings. Our deepest gratitude goes to Stefan Sleeuw for invaluable editorial assistance and help at various crucial points of the process.

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