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**PREFACE**

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THE XXIII World Congress of Philosophy took place in Athens, Greece in August 2013. It was held at the Athens National and Kapodistrian University (The School of Philosophy) from 4th to 10th of August. The School of Philosophy, located near the mount Hymettus, is a great place for International Conferences and World Congresses, especially during the summer, because of its beautiful natural environment and spacious and comfortable rooms.

The XXIII World Congress of Philosophy program included: Plenary Sessions, Symposia, Endowed Lectures, Invited Sessions, Sessions for Contributed Papers, Round Tables, Society Meetings, Student Sessions, Exceptional Sessions and Congress Special Sessions. As far as the Congress Special Sessions were concerned, this Congress had some exceptional events that cannot and would not be found at any other meeting. Four special Philosophical Sessions were held at places where great ancient Greek philosophers lived and worked: at Plato's Academy (which in 2013 happened to celebrate 2400 years since its foundation), at Aristotle's Lyceum (which had been opened to the public for the first time), at the hill of Pnyx where the Athenian democracy was founded and politics was exercised, and at the St. Photini Church, near the river Ilissus where the famous dialogue between Socrates and Phaedrus took place (Plato, *Phaedrus* 279b3–c8).

These *Proceedings of the XXIII World Congress of Philosophy* contain over 1,700 papers from the 75 thematic sections for contributed papers. They provide great insight into the scope, originality and variety of the philosophical approaches and interpretations of each thematic section. Each volume corresponds to one of these sections and they are arranged according to the official

languages of this Congress. Readers should note that all papers from the Plenary Sessions, Symposia, and Special Sessions of the XXIII World Congress of Philosophy were published separately, in both print and electronic formats, as *Selected Papers from the XXIII World Congress of Philosophy: Philosophy as Inquiry and Way of Life* (Philosophy Documentation Center, Charlottesville, 2015). The *Selected Papers* can be found online as a special supplement of the *Journal of Philosophical Research*.

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