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## **Foreword**

This volume contains a part of the papers presented at 18th Winter School on Abstract Analysis held January 13-27, 1990, in hotel "Sumava" in Srní, Bohemian Forest, submitted for publication before March, 11, 1990. To speed the publication of the proceedings, the full responsibility for the linguistic form of the papers was left to the authors.

The first week was devoted to analysis, the second one to topology and combinatorics. We owe our thanks to the participants for creating an active working atmosphere and making Winter School useful and pleasant.

Winter School on Abstract Analysis was founded by Zdeněk Frolík and during the last seventeen years he organized it.

We deeply regret that this year he was not with us. Zdeněk Frolík died the third of May 1989, four months after the end of the previous Winter School, by a sudden heart attack. His life path was only fifty six years long. Till his last minutes he was very active and had a plenty of plans for the future.

It is a great loss of an outstanding mathematician — topologist, but for us, we have in mind Czechoslovak mathematical community, it means more. We have lost our leader, the chairman of several scientific committees, the teacher of gifted students and, above all, our friend.

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for the Organizing Committee of the Winter School