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## **Foreword**

This volume contains a part of the papers presented at the 21st Winter School on Abstract Analysis. This Winter School was held in January 26-30 at hotel "Libuše" in Poděbrady and was dedicated to the 100th birth anniversary of famous Czech mathematician Eduard Čech.

The first week was devoted to analysis, the second one to topology and set theory. Moreover, three lectures concerning Čech's life and work were presented. I owe my thanks to the participants for creating an active working atmosphere and making the Winter School useful and pleasant.

The papers in the volume were submitted for publication before April, 13, 1993. To speed the publication of the proceedings, the full responsibility for the linguistic form of the papers was left to the authors.

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