

## PREFACE

This Volume II of the Proceedings of the Władysław Orlicz Centenary Conference and Function Spaces VII, held in Poznań, 20-25 July 2003, contains 14 lectures from the whole of over 60 research announcements given during this Conference.

The International Conferences on Function Spaces have a 17 years tradition and serve to present current progress in the theory of functions and its applications. Previous conferences were held in Poznań (1986, 1989, 1992, 1998), Zielona Góra (1995) and Wrocław (2001). The proceedings of the first two conferences were published by Teubner, Leipzig, as volumes 103 and 120 of the series *Teubner Texte zur Mathematik*. The proceedings of the third and fourth conferences appeared as special issues of the journal *Collectanea Mathematica*, volumes 44 and 48. The proceedings of the fifth conference were published by Marcel Dekker Inc., as Lecture Notes in Pure and Applied Mathematics, vol. 213, and finally, the proceedings of the sixth conference were published by World Scientific in 2003.

The lectures selected to the present volume show recent progress in such domains as geometry of Banach spaces and its applications, Banach lattices, interpolation spaces, nonarchimedean spaces, asymptotic formulae and interpolation polynomials.

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