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Preface

We have pleasure in presenting the results of a Summer School of the Graduate School "Psychoacoustics" and the 8th Oldenburg Symposium on Psychological Acoustics. The essays contained in this volume were written by scientists of varying ages and experience, and it is this very diversity which characterizes the working procedure at our meetings, and it has been tried and tested over many years.

Once again we were particularly fortunate in being able to engage three speakers for the Summer School whose work merits special mention. Viktor Sarris who holds the Max Wertheimer Chair at the Frankfurt Institute for Psychology enthralled his listeners with his presentation of the problems of psychological frames of reference and their consequences for modern psychology of perception.

Seiichiro Namba and Sonoko Kuwano of the University of Osaka illustrated with the aid of their own comprehensive research which psychological methods are appropriate for dealing with particular questions. There cannot be many groups who have such a wealth of personal experience at their disposal as the two colleagues from Japan.

We should like to thank everyone who took part, especially Jürgen Hellbrück in his function as a fellow from the Hanse Institute for Advanced Study in Delmenhorst and Catholic University of Eichstaett, and all the speakers, those who held lively discussions and the presenters of the many posters which traditionally attract a great deal of attention and interest during the whole week of our meeting. We should also like to thank the crew of 'Tagungsstätte der Angestelltenkammer Bremen' in Bad Zwischenahn, who worked so hard behind the scenes to make us feel at home and thus to create a relaxed atmosphere for us to work in.

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