Bolzano Symposium Report

'Bolzano's Mathematics and the General Methodology of the Sciences' was the title of a symposium held in Prague on the 8th August 2019 as part of the 16th Congress on Logic, Methodology, and Philosophy of Science and Technology. The symposium was organised by Steve Russ (University of Warwick) and consisted of 10 presentations, the details of authors and subjects can be found the webpage www.bernardbolzano.org. Just over half of the presenters or authors were research students, or in 'early career' positions, which promises well for the future of Bolzano studies. The presentations made good use of the volumes of the Bernard Bolzano Gesamtausgabe (Frommann-Holzboog): clearly the remaining volumes are also eagerly anticipated. The Congress itself was an enormous week-long event so our sessions were well-attended and enjoyed by many who may have been new to Bolzano studies. An 'honorary' member of our symposium was a research student (Marlena Fila, Krakow) who presented an interesting paper on Bolzano's *Rein analytischer Beweis* ... but in a different symposium (details on the above webpage). From a mathematical perspective I personally found two presentations of special interest: the account from Davide Crippa et al of their transcriptions of the 1804 examination scripts of Bolzano and Jandera (being part of the selection procedure for the Chair of Elementary Mathematics), and Anna Bellomo's valuable study of the proof Bolzano gives in the early 1830's of the sufficiency of the convergence criterion making use of his measurable numbers. Each of these studies is breaking new ground and I hope they will turn into publications before long.

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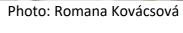5 Jan Sebestik   Photo: Romana Kovácsová

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