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CHAPTER ONE

Introduction

Patricia Hanna

This volume is a collection of papers selected from those presented at the 7th International Conference on Philosophy sponsored by the Athens Institute for Research and Education (ATINER), held in Athens, Greece at the Metropolitan Hotel of Athens, from 28—31 May, 2012

The conference provides a singular opportunity for philosophers from all over the world to meet and share ideas with the aim of expanding the understanding of our discipline. Over the course of the conference forty-five papers were presented. The sixteen published in this volume were selected for inclusion after a process of blind-review.

The volume is organized roughly along traditional lines. This should not, however, mislead a reader into supposing that the topics or approaches to problems fall neatly into traditional categories. It would be impossible in an edited volume to ensure coverage of the full extent of diversity of the subject matter and approaches brought to the conference itself by the participants, some of whom could not travel to one another's home countries without enormous difficulty.

I would like to end this introduction with a comment on the development of the conference and this publication. Since its inception in 2006, the conference has matured, reaching what might be seen as adolescence. Part of this maturity is reflected in what lies behind the production of the proceedings. We now have a group of dedicated philosophers who are committed to raising the standards of this publication; as a result of their work, we are now able to ensure that each submission is blind-reviewed by at least two readers, as well as the editor and/or a member of the Editorial Board. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of them for their extraordinary work: without them, nothing would be possible; with them, we may reach adulthood in the next 5 years!