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PREFACE

The present volume of the Banach Center Publications is dedicated to Stanisław Łojasiewicz on the occasion of his 70th birthday. It contains 26 papers concerning a wide spectrum of up-to-date topics of singularity theory; in particular, algebraic, semialgebraic, semianalytic and subanalytic geometry, o-minimal structures and singularities of differential equations.

The papers were written by the participants of two symposia which were held in Cracow and in Warsaw. The first was the *Symposium on Singularities*, *on the Occasion of the 70th Birthday of Stanisław Łojasiewicz*, held from 25 to 29 September 1996 at the Jagiellonian University, Cracow (Scientific Committee: Bernard Malgrange, Czesław Olech, Józef Siciak, René Thom and Jean-Claude Tougeron; Organizing Committee: Marek Jarnicki, Wiesław Pawłucki and Jacek Stasica). The symposium was continued during the *Seminar on Singularities and Geometry*, held from 30 September to 4 October 1996 at the Banach Center, Warsaw (Organizing Committee: Bronisław Jakubczyk, Stanisław Janeczko, Wiesław Pawłucki and Jacek Stasica). The full lists of lectures presented at both conferences are given on pp. 7–8.

The articles in the present volume are either original papers or extended versions of lectures delivered during the two symposia.

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