

## PREFACE

THIS volume contains the papers presented by nine lecturers at the NATO Advanced Study Institute on Automatic Translation of Languages, organized and directed by the Editor in Venice from July 15th to 31st, 1962.

Further interesting lectures were given by other teachers such as Professors A.D. Booth, Y. Lecerf, A.L. Sestier and R. Tabory, but some of them did not send their manuscripts at all and others sent only a short summary.

The school took place at the wonderful site of the Giorgio Cini Foundation on the island of S. Giorgio Maggiore. It was attended by 151 students from 13 different countries.

From the whole series of lectures and discussions which followed, it was pointed out how hard the problem of the automatic translation of languages is.

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