

Preface

In May 1987, the U.S. National Science Foundation, the Institute for Mathematics and its Applications and the University of Michigan sponsored a Symposium on Complex Analysis to honor Professor Lars V. Ahlfors on the occasion of his 80th birthday. The meeting was organized around expository one hour addresses delivered by

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on recent developments in the areas where Lars Ahlfors has worked during the past sixty years. These lectures were well received and many members of the Symposium expressed their hope that they would be published.

The Finnish Academy of Science and Letters has offered to dedicate an issue of the Finnish *Annales* for this purpose. In this way American and Finnish colleagues join hands to pay tribute to their dear friend and revered leader who through his profound and seminal contributions has so changed the face of modern mathematics.

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