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From the General Editor-

"We meet for mutual enrichment.
We carve on our arguments,
not on each other.
That's how we improve our arguments."

-Hubert G. Alexander

This, the twenty-first volume of *Southwest Philosophical Studies*, celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of The New Mexico and West Texas Philosophical Society, the learned society for which *SPS* is the scholarly journal of record. To further elaborate this special occasion, I am most pleased to be able to include a set of historical remarks by the late Professors Hubert Alexander and Archie Bahm, in a Special Edition Items section. That section concludes with a selection of those remarks given on 10 April 1999 at the University of New Mexico forming the Memorial Service for Professor Alexander and also the Dedication of the Hubert G. Alexander Library. Professors Alexander and Bahm were founders of our Society, and their absence is sorely felt in Society and journal matters, alike.

To further celebrate our half-century of philosophic pursuits, and to encourage the "mutual enrichment" enunciated in the motto quotation above, I am honored to be able to present here a brief paper invited from Professor Victor K. Finn, Head of the International Intelligent Systems Laboratory at the Russian Academy of Sciences, on the subject of linking various types of cognitive procedures. Professor Finn's contribution was translated from the Russian original by Ulana Trylowsky, Office of Graduate Studies and Research, Lamar University. I hope to be able to secure one such invited paper in each subsequent volume of *Southwest Philosophical Studies*.

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