PREFACE

One of the research fields on which interferometry has significantly advanced our knowledge is hot star astrophysics. Results often have been quickly adopted by the community, providing important quantitative constraints in frontline research topics. The workshop "Interferometric View on Hot Stars", of which we present the proceedings with this volume, was held to bring together observers and theoreticians to outline a wishlist of future observing goals, as well as the theoretical frontiers which can be expanded in light of the current and in the near future expected results.

The meeting was preceded by a two-day primer session in Vitacura, where O. Chesneau, C. Gil, R. Hills, J.-B. LeBouquin, A. Mérand, A. Quirrenbach, M. Schöller, and G. van Belle gave an introduction into interferometry for those not familiar with the technique.

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The organizing committees made a fantastic job in preparing the meeting and the scientific program, and in securing a beautiful venue in Viña del Mar.

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In the end, however, the participants where the ones who made the conference a success. To all of them we are indebted for a constructive meeting.

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