REPORT

World Logic Day, January 14th, 2021

The logic group of the University of Turin and the logic group of the University of Udine jointly organized an online seminar to celebrate the WLD 2021.

Date and time: January 15th, 2021, from 16:30 to 18:30

Speaker: Anton Freund (TU Darmstadt)

Title: Ackermann, Goodstein, and infinite sets

Abstract: In this talk, I show how Goodstein's classical theorem can be turned into a statement that entails the existence of complex infinite sets, or in other words: into an object of reverse mathematics. This more abstract approach allows for very uniform results of high explanatory power. Specifically, I present versions of Goodstein's theorem that are equivalent to arithmetical comprehension and arithmetical transfinite recursion. To approach the latter, we will study a functorial extension of the Ackermann function to all ordinals. The talk is based on a joint paper with J. Aguilera, M. Rathjen and A. Weiermann.

The video of the talk is available on our channel.