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Preface

The volume originated in a workshop on Aristotle's *Generation and Corruption* II held at the Anagyrios and Korgialenios School of Spetses on July 3–9, 2016. This workshop was made possible by funding from the Philosophy Department at the University of Oslo, which we would like to thank for its generous support. The participants were (in alphabetical order) Andreas Anagnostopoulos, Timothy Clarke, Panos Dimas, Christopher Frey, Emily Katz, Sean Kelsey, Mary Krizan, Spyridon Rangos, Margaret Scharle, and Stasinios Stavrianeas. The group divided its work into ten two-hour sessions; each participant was assigned a chapter to present (in one case, two chapters); most presenters distributed translations of their assigned chapter or substantial portions thereof; and each presentation was followed by an extensive discussion. The quality of the presentations, and of the discussions they facilitated, was agreed to be high, so the idea was floated around of producing a volume, including a translation based on the critical edition of the Greek text established by Marwan Rashed (2005). The group was keen and agreed to proceed.

The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak; we were fortunate, then, when in March 2018 we had the brilliant idea of asking Andrea Falcon to join us as coeditor, and more fortunate still when he agreed. The project would not have been completed without his dedication, energy, and professionalism.

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Panos Dimas and Sean Kelsey

Abbreviations

Aristotle

<i>APo</i>	<i>Analytica posteriora</i>	<i>Posterior Analytics</i>
<i>APr</i>	<i>Analytica priora</i>	<i>Prior Analytics</i>
<i>DA</i>	<i>De anima</i>	<i>On the Soul</i>
<i>DC</i>	<i>De caelo</i>	<i>On the Heavens</i>
<i>GA</i>	<i>De generatione animalium</i>	<i>Generation of Animals</i>
<i>GC</i>	<i>De generatione et corruptione</i>	<i>Generation and Corruption</i>
<i>HA</i>	<i>De historia animalium</i>	<i>History of Animals</i>
<i>IA</i>	<i>De incessu animalium</i>	<i>On the Progression of Animals</i>
<i>Juv.</i>	<i>De juventute et senectute</i>	<i>On Youth and Old Age</i>
<i>Long.</i>	<i>De longitudine et brevitate vitae</i>	<i>On the Length and Shortness of Life</i>
<i>MA</i>	<i>De motu animalium</i>	<i>On the Motion of Animals</i>
<i>Mem.</i>	<i>De memoria</i>	<i>On Memory</i>
<i>Meta.</i>	<i>Metaphysica</i>	<i>Metaphysics</i>
<i>Meteor.</i>	<i>Meteorologica</i>	<i>Meteorology</i>
<i>PA</i>	<i>De partibus animalium</i>	<i>Parts of Animals</i>
<i>Phys.</i>	<i>Physica</i>	<i>Physics</i>
<i>Poet.</i>	<i>De arte poetica</i>	<i>Poetics</i>
<i>Resp.</i>	<i>De respiratione</i>	<i>On Respiration</i>
<i>Sens.</i>	<i>De sensu et sensibilibus</i>	<i>On Sense and Sense Objects</i>
<i>Somn.</i>	<i>De somno et vigilia</i>	<i>On Sleep and Waking</i>
<i>Top.</i>	<i>Topica</i>	<i>Topics</i>

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<i>MXG</i>	<i>De Melisso Xenophane et Gorgia</i>	<i>On Melissus, Xenophanes, and Gorgias</i>
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Philoponus

<i>In GC</i>	<i>In libros De generatione et corruptione commentaria</i>	<i>On Aristotle's On Generation and Corruption</i>
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Plato

<i>Tim.</i>	<i>Timaeus</i>	<i>Timaeus</i>
<i>Phd.</i>	<i>Phaedo</i>	<i>Phaedo</i>
<i>Phil.</i>	<i>Philebus</i>	<i>Philebus</i>
<i>Theaet.</i>	<i>Theaetetus</i>	<i>Theaetetus</i>

Simplicius

<i>In DC</i>	<i>In Aristotelis De caelo commentaria</i>	<i>On Aristotle's On the Heavens</i>
<i>In Phys.</i>	<i>In Aristotelis Physicorum libros commentaria</i>	<i>On Aristotle's Physics</i>

Further Abbreviation

<i>DK</i>	H. Diels and W. Kranz, <i>Die Fragmente der Vorsokratiker</i> . Weidmann Verlag, Zurich 1951 ⁶
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