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The report on the activities of the PAU Commission on the History of Science in 2017/2018

Abstract

The report discusses the activities of the Commission on the History of Science of the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2017/2018. It presents the lists of: scientific meetings, new members, new publications, and members who have died.

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Sprawozdanie Komisji Historii Nauki PAU w 2017/2018 roku

Abstrakt

Omówiona została działalność Komisji Historii Nauki PAU w roku 2017/2018. Przedstawiono spisy: posiedzeń naukowych, nowych Członków Komisji, nowych publikacji oraz Członków Komisji, którzy zmarli.

Słowa kluczowe: *Komisja Historii Nauki PAU, 2017/2018*

1. Scientific meetings of the Commission

In the period from October 2017 to June 2018 ten scientific meetings of the Commission were held, during which the following eleven papers were delivered:

- dr hab. Paweł Polak (Katedra Filozofii Przyrody, Wydział Filozoficzny, Uniwersytet Papieski Jana Pawła II), “The role of the history of science in the scientific and philosophical activity of Marian Smoluchowski (1872–1917) – selected aspects”. (On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of death) (October 25, 2017).
- prof. dr hab. Jan Woleński (Wyższa Szkoła Informatyki i Zarządzania, Rzeszów), “Leon Petrażycki. Life and work” (On the occasion of the 150th birthday) (November 22, 2017).
- dr hab Adam Redzik, prof. UW (Instytut Profilaktyki Społecznej i Resocjalizacji Wydział Stosowanych Nauk Społecznych i Resocjalizacji, UW), “Emil Szlechter (1906–1995) – a French-Polish cuneiform law researcher” (December 13, 2017).
- prof. dr hab. Halina Lichočka (Instytut Historii Nauki im. Ludwika i Aleksandra Birkenmajerów PAN), “Inventions of Ignacy Mościcki” (On the occasion of the 150th birthday) (January 24, 2018).
- ks. dr hab. Stanisław Cieślak SJ, prof. Ign. (Wydział Filozoficzny Instytut Kulturoznawstwa – Katedra Historii Kultury Polskiej Akademii Ignatianum w Krakowie) “Stanisław Bednarski SJ and prof. Stanisław Kot: pupil and master” (February 28, 2018).
- Ass. Prof. Victor N.E. Blasjo, Dr. (Utrecht University, Faculty of Science, The Netherlands), “Did Copernicus copy astronomical models from Islamic predecessors?” (March 28, 2018).

- dr Arkadiusz S. Więch (Instytut Historii, UJ), “Thinking about the Polish science. Erasmus and Anna Jerzmannowska Foundation. Assumptions and reality of the prize” (April 25, 2018).
- dr Beata K. Nykiel (Międzynarodowe Centrum Kultury w Krakowie), “Poles in the academic and scientific life of St. Petersburg – selected issues” (May 23, 2018).
- Prof. June Barrow-Green, Dr. (School of Mathematics and Statistics, Faculty of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, Open University (Milton Keynes, UK); Chair of Executive Committee of the International Commission on the History of Mathematics), “Mathematics of war in Britain during WWI” (June 4, 2018).
- Prof. Reinhard Siegmund-Schultze, Dr. habil. (Department of Mathematical Sciences, University of Adger (Kristiansand, Norway); *Historia Mathematica* (Editor-In-Chief)), “Nazi Germany and mathematical refugees in the 1930s” (June 4, 2018).
- dr hab. Wiesław Wójcik, prof. AJD (Instytut Filozofii, Akademia im. Jana Długosza w Częstochowie), “Jan Śleszyński and the Polish logical school” (June 13, 2018).

2. Administration and election matters and new members of the PAU Commission on the History of Science

The meetings on 28 February 2018 resulted in the election of new members of the PAU Commission on the History of Science. Two new members, in total, were selected in secret ballots.

- dr Krystyna Wolkowicz (Państwowy Instytut Geologiczny – Państwowy Instytut Badawczy, Warsaw, Poland);
- dr Jan Surman (Editor of the section “Science in Central, Eastern and Southern Europe” of the PAU Commission journal *Studia Historiae Scientiarum*; Visiting Fellow IFK Internationales Forschungszentrum Kulturwissenschaften (Wien, Austria); Visiting Fellow Poletayev Institute for Theoretical and Historical Studies in the Humanities National Research University Higher School of Economics (Moscow, Russia)).

The Council of PAU approved the results of the election on 21 March 2018.

3. Publications

In 2017/2018 the following work was published:

- *Studia Historiae Scientiarum*, vol. 16. Edited by Michał Kokowski. Kraków: Polska Akademia Umiejętności, 2017, pp. 472.

Work is ongoing on the release of the following publication:

- *Studia Historiae Scientiarum*, vol. 17. Edited by Michał Kokowski. Kraków: Polska Akademia Umiejętności, 2018.

4. Members who have died

- prof. dr hab. Jerzy Pawłowski (8.04.1932–9.07.2018), Instytut Systematyki i Ewolucji Zwierząt PAN;
- dr. hab. Piotr Flin (11.03.1945–1.09.2018), Uniwersytet Jana Kochanowskiego w Kielcach;
- prof. dr. hab. Zbigniew Bela (10.09.1946–6.09.2018), Muzeum Farmacji Uniwersytetu Jagiellońskiego.