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The report on the activities of the PAU Commission on the History of Science in 2015/2016

Abstract






The report discusses the activities of the Commission on the History of Science of the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2015/2016. It presents the lists of: scientific meeting, administrative-election meetings, new members, and new publications.

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Sprawozdanie Komisji Historii Nauki PAU w 2015/2016 roku

Streszczenie

Omówiona została działalność Komisji Historii Nauki PAU w roku 2015/2016. Przedstawiono spisy: posiedzeń naukowych

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i posiedzeń administracyjno-wyborczych, nowych Członków Komisji oraz nowych publikacji.

Słowa kluczowe: *Komisja Historii Nauki PAU • 2015/2016*

1. Scientific meetings of the Commission

In the period from October 2015 to June 2016 ten scientific meetings of the Commission were held, during which the following papers were delivered:

- Prof. Michał Kokowski, Habilitated Doctor (L. and A. Birkenmajer Institute for the History of Science, Polish Academy of Sciences), *Hirsch index of Copernicus's publication and a defeat of Polish humanities* (in Polish) (14 October, 2015).

- Jacek Rodzeń, Habilitated Doctor (Institute of Library Science and Journalism, The Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce), *"Chemists are like cooks..." – the beginnings of chemical instrumental analysis in the light of optical instruments invented in the first half of the 19th century* (in Polish) (November 25, 2015).

- Prof. Zbigniew Wójcik, Habilitated Doctor (Museum of the Earth, Polish Academy of Sciences), *History of Polish studies of Siberia* (in Polish) (16 December 2015).

- Adam Redzik, Habilitated Doctor, Extraordinary Professor (Institute of Social Prevention and Resocialisation, Warsaw University), *Academia Militans – on Jan Kazimierz University in Lvov* (in Polish) (27 January 2016).

- Tomasz Pudłocki, Habilitated Doctor (Department of History of Culture and Historical Education, Institute of History, Jagiellonian University), *Intellectual contacts of Polish and American humanists in 1918–1939* (in Polish) (24 February 2016).

- Dr. Przemysław Żukowski (Archive of Jagiellonian University), *Faculty of Law of the Jagiellonian University during the Second Polish Republic (Selected issues)* (in Polish) (23 March 2016).

- Dr. Andrew Schumann (Chair of Social Sciences, University of Information, University of Technology and Management in Rzeszów, Poland), *Greco-Buddhism and its impact on culture and science* (in Polish) (27 April 2016).

- Prof. Stefan Witold Alexandrowicz, Habilitated Doctor (Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences), *Alojzy Alth – an attorney and a geologist* (25 May 2016).
- Prof. Janusz Kotlarczyk, Habilitated Doctor (a retired worker, Department of General and Mathematical Geology, Faculty of Geology, Geophysics and Environmental Protection, AGH University of Science and Technology), *Interdisciplinary research of Krakus Mound. Results, omissions and myths* (in Polish) (8 June 2016).
- Piotr Krzywiec, Habilitated Doctor, Professor of the Polish Academy of Sciences (Institute of Geological Sciences, Polish Academy of Sciences), *Robert Townson (1762–1827) and his geological journey to the Tatra Mountains and Wieliczka* (in Polish) (15 June 2016).

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

The meetings on 16 December 2015 and 24 February 2016 resulted in the election of new members of the PAU Commission on the History of Science. Eight new members, in total, were selected in secret ballots. On 16 December 2015, 4 new members were elected:

- Dr. Danuta Ciesielska (L. and A. Birkenmajer Institute for the History of Science, Polish Academy of Sciences),
- Extraordinary Professor Stanisław Domaradzki, Habilitated Doctor (Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, University of Rzeszów),
- Extraordinary Professor Adam Redzik, Habilitated Doctor (Institute of Social Prevention and Resocialisation, Warsaw University),
- Extraordinary Professor Jan Wnęk, Habilitated Doctor (Faculty of Psychology and Human Sciences, Andrzej Frycz Modrzewski Kraków University).

On 24 February 2016, 4 new members were elected:

- Ewa Dziurzyńska, Master of Arts (Archive of Science of the Polish Academy of Sciences and Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences in Kraków),
- Professor Zbigniew Bela, Habilitated Doctor (Museum of Pharmacy, Jagiellonian University),

- Doctor Jerzy Bartłomiej Miecznik (retired worker, Polish Geological Institute – National Research Institute),
- Extraordinary Professor Stanisław Wolkowicz, Habilitated Doctor (Polish Geological Institute – National Research Institute).

The Council of PAU approved the results of the elections on 19 January 2016 and 22 March 2016 respectively.

3. Publications

On 23 December 2015 the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Poland included the journal *Proceedings of the PAU Commission of the History of Science* on the list B of journals and awarded it 8 points. On 20 May 2016, following the decision of the Department of Science of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Poland, the journal ultimately received 9 points.

The following work was published:

- KOKOWSKI Michał (ed.) 2015: *Prace Komisji Historii Nauki PAU XIV*. Kraków: Polska Akademia Umiejętności; ISSN: 1731-6715; e-ISSN: 2392-1749.

Work is ongoing on the release of the following publications:

- ALEXANDROWICZ Stefan Witold 2016: *Alojzy Alth (1819–1886) – an attorney and a geologist* (in Polish). Kraków: Polska Akademia Umiejętności [Series “Monografie KHN PAU” 23].
- KOKOWSKI Michał (ed.) 2016: *Studia Historiae Scientiarum* 15. Kraków: Polska Akademia Umiejętności.
- PAWŁOWSKI Jerzy: *Stefan Antoni Stobiecki (1859–1944) – an engineer and a naturalist* (in Polish). Kraków: Polska Akademia Umiejętności [Series “Monografie KHN PAU”].