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The report on the activities of the PAU Commission on the History of Science in 2018/2019

Abstract

The report discusses the activities of the Commission on the History of Science of the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2018/2019. It presents the lists of: scientific meetings, conferences, symposia, new members of the Commission, and new publications.

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Sprawozdanie Komisji Historii Nauki PAU w roku 2018/2019

Abstrakt

Omówiona została działalność Komisji Historii Nauki PAU w roku 2018/2019. Przedstawiono spisy: posiedzeń naukowych, konferencji i sesji naukowych, nowych Członków Komisji oraz nowych publikacji.

Słowa kluczowe: *Komisja Historii Nauki PAU, 2018/2019*

1. Meetings of the Commission

In the period from October 2018 to June 2019 eight scientific meetings of the Commission were held, during which the following eight papers were delivered:

- dr hab. Andrzej J. Wójcik, prof. of the Polish Academy of Sciences (Institute for the History of Science, Polish Academy of Sciences), “Emil Habdank Dunikowski – a geologist and a traveler” (delivered in Polish, 24 October 2018);
- prof. dr hab. Michał Kokowski (Institute for the History of Science, Polish Academy of Sciences), “Higher education and research activities in Poland and in exile during World War II (a review of main issues)” (delivered in Polish, 28 November 2018);
- dr Jan Surman (Poletayev Institute for Theoretical and Historical Studies in the Humanities, National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia), “A political epistemology of Polish positivism” (delivered in Polish, 19 December 2018);
- dr hab. Tomasz Pudłocki (Department of the History of Culture and Historical Education, Institute of History, Jagiellonian University), “Unknown Canadian Polonica – William John Rose and his archival legacy” (delivered in Polish, 23 January 2019);
- dr hab. Stanisław Domoradzki, prof. URz (University of Rzeszów), prof. dr M. Zarichnyi (University of Rzeszów, Poland and Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, Ukraine), co-operation: prof. dr M. Stawiska-Friedland (AMS, USA), “Mathematics in Lviv during WWII” (delivered in Polish, 27 March 2019);

- dr Paweł Brzegowy (Institute of Geography, Pedagogical University of Cracow), “Lviv’s geographic school of Antoni Rehman” (delivered in Polish, 24 April 2019);
- prof. Andre Goddu, PhD (Stonehill University, USA), “The Solitary Networker, the Circles Around Copernicus” (the meeting jointly organized in Warsaw by the PAU Commission on the History of Science and the Institute of the History of Science PAN, paper delivered in English, 22 May 2019);
- dr hab. Wiesław Wójcik, prof. UJD (Institute of Philosophy, Jan Długosz University in Częstochowa), “Was there a second Warsaw mathematics school?” (delivered in Polish, 12 June 2019).

On 27 February 2019, an organizational and scientific meeting of the Commission was held, concerning, among others, the evaluation of journals on the history of science, the activities of the Commission in the defense of journals on the history of science, and the scientific conferences co-organized by the Commission.

On 12 June 2019, supplementary elections were held for the members of the PAU Commission on the History of Science. As a result of the voting, three new members of the Commission were elected:

- 1) dr Sławomir Dorocki (Department of Business and Spatial Management, Institute of Geography, Pedagogical University of Cracow);
- 2) dr hab. Marek Rembierz (Faculty of Ethnology and Educational Science in Cieszyn, University of Silesia in Katowice);
- 3) prof. dr hab. Zenon Roskal (Chair of Philosophy of Nature, Faculty of Philosophy, The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin).

The results of the Commission votes were approved by the PAU Council on 10 September 2019.

2. Publications

In December 2018 the following work was published:

- *Studia Historiae Scientiarum*, vol. 17. Edited by Michał Kokowski. Kraków: Polska Akademia Umiejętności, 2018, pp. 617.

In 2018/2019 work was ongoing on the release of the following publication:

- *Studia Historiae Scientiarum*, vol. 18. Edited by Michał Kokowski. Kraków: Polska Akademia Umiejętności, 2019, 570 pp.

3. Conferences and scientific sessions organized by the Commission

In 2018/2019, the Commission organized two scientific conferences and one working session:

- Conference “Leonardo da Vinci – on the 500th anniversary of death” (5 May 2019; together with the National Museum in Kraków and the PAU Commission on the History of Art).¹
- Working session “Polish scientific journals from disciplines: *history and philosophy of science* and *science of science* – current challenges” (25 June 2019).²
- “Dickstein Forum” (19–21 September 2019; together with the International Academy of the History of Science).

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¹ See “[Invitation](#)” and “[poster](#)” (with the conference program, in Polish).

² See Kokowski [2019b](#) (in Polish).