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The report on the activities of the PASS Commission on the History of Science in 2019/2020

Abstract

The report discusses the activities of the Commission on the History of Science of the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2019/2020. It presents the lists of scientific meetings, conferences, symposia, and new publications.

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Sprawozdanie Komisji Historii Nauki PAU w roku 2019/2020

Abstrakt

Omówiona została działalność Komisji Historii Nauki PAU w roku 2019/2020. Przedstawiono spisy: posiedzeń naukowych, konferencji i sesji naukowych oraz nowych publikacji.

Słowa kluczowe: *Komisja Historii Nauki PAU, 2019/2020*

1. Meetings of the Commission

In the period from October 2018 to June 2019 ten scientific meetings of the Commission were held, during which ten papers were delivered. The first five meetings were held in office space:

- Dr hab. inż. Radosław Tarkowski (Mineral and Energy Economy Research Institute of the Polish Academy of Sciences), “Polish naturalists: Konstanty Jelski, Jan Sztolcman and Jan Kalinowski and their contribution to the natural research of Peru in the second half of the 19th century” (delivered in Polish, 23 October 2019).
- Dr hab. Jacek Rodzeń, institute professor (Institute of History, The Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce), “Isaac Newton as an engineer. Technical interests and inventions of the author of *Principia*” (delivered in Polish, 27 November 2019).
- Dr Krzysztof Duda (Ignatianum Academy in Kraków), “Professor Tadeusz Wilczyński (1888–1981) – Lviv botanist, photographer and collector” (delivered in Polish, 18 December 2019).
- Dr hab. Marek Rembierz, institute professor (University of Silesia in Katowice), “Jan Łukasiewicz’s meta-scientific ideas and their reception” (delivered in Polish, 22 January 2020).
- Dr hab. Maria Stinia, institute professor (Zakład Historii Kultury i Edukacji Historycznej, Instytut Historii, Jagiellonian University), “Department of the Polish History of the Jagiellonian University in the years 1869–1939 – people, research, teaching” (delivered in Polish, 26 February 2020).

Due to the Covid-19 epidemic, no meeting was held on March 25, 2020, and the next five meetings were held already as videoconferences.

- Dr Alicja Rafalska-Łasocha (Faculty of Chemistry, Jagiellonian University), “Professor Tadeusz Estreicher (1871–1952): chemist, cryogenics, science historian, art lover, humanist, translator, patriot” (delivered in Polish, 22 April 2020; video recording).
- Dr hab. Stanisław Wolkowicz, institute professor; Dr Krystyna Wolkowicz (The Polish Geological Institute), “100 years of the Polish Geological Institute: history of creation and the most important achievements” (delivered in Polish, 27 May 2020; communication platform: Cisco Webex Meetings).
- Dr hab. Przemysław Żukowski (Jagiellonian University Archive), “Doctors at the Stefan Batory University in Wilno in 1919–1939” (delivered in Polish, 10 June 2020; communication platform: Cisco Webex Meetings).
- Prof. Dr. Roman Gladyshevskii (Deputy Rector for Science and Research, Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, Ukraine), “125 years of the Department of Inorganic Chemistry at the University of Lviv” (delivered in English, 17 June 2020; communication platform: Cisco Webex Meetings).
- Prof. Dr. Sergei S. Demidov (President of the International Academy of the History of Science; S.I. Vavilov Institute for the History of Science and Technology (Moscow, Russia)), “Nikolai Nikolaevich Luzin (1883–1950) at the crossroads of the dramatic events of the European history” (delivered in English, 24 June 2020; communication platform: Cisco Webex Meetings).

2. Publications

In November 2019, the following work was published:

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

In 2019/2020 work was ongoing on the release of the following publications:

- *Studia Historiae Scientiarum* volume 19. Edited by Michał Kokowski. Kraków: Polska Akademia Umiejętności, 2020, pp. 612.
- Proceedings of the Video-conference “Polish journals on the history and philosophy of science and the science of science: How to get into Scopus, WoS, ICI, DOAJ and ERIH+? Why is it worth

the effort?” ([The Commission on the History of Science, Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences](#), and [the Science of Science Laboratory, Institute for the History of Science, Polish Academy of Sciences](#), Kraków – Warsaw – Toruń, Poland, April 16, 2020, 10.00–15.00). Edited by Michał Kokowski.

3. Conferences and scientific sessions organized by the Commission

In 2019/2020, the Commission was a co-organizer of one scientific video-conference:

“Polish journals on the history and philosophy of science and the science of science: How to get into Scopus, WoS, ICI, DOAJ and ERIH+? Why is it worth the effort?” ([The Commission on the History of Science, Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences](#), and [The Science of Science Laboratory, Institute for the History of Science, Polish Academy of Sciences](#), Kraków – Warsaw – Toruń, Poland, April 16, 2020, 10.00–15.00).

The conference was organized on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Commission on the History of Science, Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the establishment of the Science of Science Laboratory, Institute for the History of Science, Polish Academy of Sciences; the communication platform Cisco Webex Meetings was used to carry it out.

Post-conference materials, which include a poster, program, list of participants, PDF presentations, have been published on the Zenodo portal (CERN) – see [link](#).

Note:

This is the first scientific videoconference in the history of two institutions: the [Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences](#) and the [Institute for the History of Science, Polish Academy of Sciences](#), and the discipline “history of science” in Poland; in addition, for the first time in Poland in this discipline the modern portal [Zenodo](#) (CERN) was used to disseminate scientific results.

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