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Evolutionary transformation of the journal. Part 4

Abstract

The article presents the fourth phase of the development of the journal *Studia Historiae Scientiarum* (previous name *Prace Komisji Historii Nauki PAU / Proceedings of the PAU Commission on the History of Science*). The sections of the journal were modified, as well as the peer review procedure and the bibliographic style. There has also been an increase in the number of foreign authors and reviewers of the journal.

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Ewolucyjna transformacja czasopisma. Część 4

Abstrakt

Prezentowano czwarty etap rozwijania czasopisma *Studia Historiae Scientiarum* (wcześniejsza nazwa *Prace Komisji Historii Nauki PAU*). Zmodyfikowano działy czasopisma, procedurę recenzyjną oraz styl zapisu bibliografii. Wzrosła liczba zagranicznych autorów i zagranicznych recenzentów czasopisma.

Słowa kluczowe: *Studia Historiae Scientiarum, Prace Komisji Historii Nauki PAU, ewolucyjna transformacja czasopisma.*

1. What changes have already been made

The journal's development since 2013 is described in the following texts: Kokowski [2013](#), [2014](#), [2015](#), [2016](#). In the following article we are announcing additional modifications.

2. Sections of the journal

In order to increase the scientific appeal of our journal, its topic sections have been modified. The current list comprises of:

- Editorial
- Focal point (*section dedicated to discussing achievements of scholars or research issues*)
- Science in Poland
- Science in Central and Eastern Europe
- Science in a European and global context
- Science without borders (*section dedicated to the analysis of the genesis, content and reception of scientific "products", e.g. theories or scientific instruments*)
- Tools and techniques for research in the history of science, teaching the history of science
- Bibliometrics, science policy, scholarly communication
- Presentations and reviews
- Discussions and polemics
- Letters to the Editor

- Scientific chronicle (*news and conference reports, report on the activity of the PAU Commission on the History of Science*)
- *In memoriam*.

3. Peer review procedure

Bearing in mind the different types of texts published in our journal, the peer review procedure has been modified. Obviously, every text published in the journal is still carefully reviewed. However, depending on the type of the text, a different procedure is applied.

If the text is: 1) an editorial commentary, 2) an interview or a recollection, 3) a discussion or a publication review, 4) a reprint, 5) a polemic, 6) a piece of news or a conference report, or 7) a report on the activity of the PAU Commission on the History of Science, it is reviewed by the Editorial Board of the journal (this is the so-called internal review). By contrast, all other types of text (including the so-called research articles and research communications) will be assessed additionally by 2–4 independent external Reviewers. Their respective identities will remain concealed (i.e. double-blind review), and in order to avoid the conflict of interest between the Author and the Reviewer, the Reviewer, cannot be a person who remains with the Author in a professional relationship, or direct personal relationship (kinship, legal relationship, conflict) or who was a direct collaborator of the Author within two years prior to the preparation of the review.

4. Foreign authors

The ratio of foreign authors in the journal has been increasing systematically. In the previous volume it was 31% of all authors, and in the current volume – 50% of all authors.

5. Foreign reviewers

The ratio of foreign reviewers in the journal been increasing systematically. In the previous volume it was 15% of all reviewers, and in the current volume – 48% of all reviewers.

6. Bibliographic style

Due to the fact that the programs used for automatic recognition of the bibliometric records adopted in our journal did not manage to do it well (for example, the Academia portal), we were forced to change this style to a certain extent.

The changes, among others, are as follows:

- each bibliographic item listed in the bibliography must start with the name of the author (i.e. person, institution, ...) [*unfortunately, this means repeating the same name in case of citing several works of the same author*]; the last name and the first name of the author are separated by a comma; co-authors are separated by semicolon (e.g.: Kowalski, Jan; Nowak, Adam);
- each bibliographic record (it applies to the submitted text) is aligned left;
- in the bibliographic record (it applies to the submitted text), no paragraph division nor any word division is allowed.

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