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## Evolutionary transformation of the journal : part 2

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Artykuł został opracowany do udostępnienia w internecie przez Muzeum Historii Polski w ramach prac podejmowanych na rzecz zapewnienia otwartego, powszechnego i trwałego dostępu do polskiego dorobku naukowego i kulturalnego. Artykuł jest umieszczony w kolekcji cyfrowej [bazhum.muzhp.pl](http://bazhum.muzhp.pl), gromadzącej zawartość polskich czasopism humanistycznych i społecznych.

Tekst jest udostępniony do wykorzystania w ramach dozwolonego użytku.

## EVOLUTIONARY TRANSFORMATION OF THE JOURNAL PART 2

The goal of the Editorial Board of the “Proceedings of the PAU Commission on the History of Science” is to build a modern journal in the field of broadly understood history of science, which will refer to both Polish and foreign achievements with appropriate respect.

We have introduced significant changes aiming at raising the professional level as well as the rank of the journal, such as:

- establishing an international Scientific Council of the journal,
- starting the process of internationalization of the Editorial Board,
- broadening and internationalizing the subject matter of the journal,
- opening the journal to publications of authors not associated with the PAU Commission on the History of Science,
- introducing technical improvements to our periodical.

Since 2013 “Proceedings of the PAU Commission on the History of Science” been the first Polish journal on the history of science with an open access. It assumes the so-called diamond open access model, ie. an open and free access without embargo time.

The journal is published primarily in an electronic version; while its paper version plays an auxiliary role and is mainly intended for libraries and authors of journal articles.

In the previous volume we communicated that in order to develop the open status of the journal further, in 2015 we would change its title, but keep the publishing and thematic continuity. However, for organizational reasons, we will introduce this change next year. The present volume (XIV) is thus still issued under the old title, namely the “Proceedings of the PAU Commission on the History of Science”. The next volume (15) will be called “*Studia Historiae Scientiarum*”, and beginning with this volume the numbering will be recorded in Arabic, not Roman numerals (this is dictated by technical issues).

Beginning with the present volume, Polish and the so-called congress languages are fully eligible languages of the publications (however English is preferred).

The scope of the journal is extended – the Editorial Board accepts for print unpublished scientific texts<sup>2</sup> of the following thematic scope:

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<sup>2</sup> Translations and reprints of outstanding publications as well as translations of texts previously published in Polish in the Journal are to be considered as exceptions to the rule.

- a) general history of science and its relationships with other domains of culture (philosophy, religion, art and technology) and other meta-sciences (philosophy of science, sociology of the scientific knowledge, scientometrics, bibliometrics etc.);
- b) history of specific disciplines (scientific theories, world views, scientists and scientific institutions);
- c) history of scientific institutions conducting research into the history of science;
- d) methodology and teaching of the history of science.

*The following are of particular importance:*

- a) the Polish contribution to science;
- b) mutual interactions between Polish science and foreign science;
- c) international collaboration regarding the history of science;
- d) open science regarding the history of science (including digital libraries) both on a national and international level;
- e) critical appraisal of bibliometrics in the light of the history of science and the history of specific disciplines.

*Sections of the journal:*

- a) Editorial;
- b) Research papers (based on sources, conceptual or surveys) concerning:
  - (b.1) Origins, contents and the reception of scientific “products”, e.g. theories or scientific instruments;
  - (b.2) Scientists, scholars, and institutions;
  - (b.3) Tools and techniques used in research in the history of science;
  - (b.4) Teaching history of science.
- c) Reports and reviews;
- d) Discussions and polemics;
- e) News and conference reports;
- f) Varia (among others: interviews, recollections, translations, reprints);
- g) Letters to the Editor;
- h) Report on the activity of the Commission of the History of Science, Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences;
- i) In memoriam.

The journal is currently registered in the following indexing databases and directories of global scope (this list is being gradually expanded):

- ERIHPLUS European Reference Index for the Humanities and Social Sciences;
- Index Copernicus:
  1. Journal Master List 2013 – Index Copernicus Value = 4.82 (the highest score among Polish journals devoted to the history of science);
  2. Journal Master List 2014 – Index Copernicus Value = 64.29 (normalized value 6.50; the highest score among Polish journals devoted to the history of science);

- BazHum (a bibliographic database of Polish academic journals from humanities and humanistic social studies);
- Polish Scholarly Bibliography (PBN);
- POL-index;
- ARIANTA Polish Scientific and Professional Electronic Journals;
- The Central European Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities (CEJSH);
- Google Scholar;
- EZB – Elektronische Zeitschriftenbibliothek/Electronic Journals Library (Universität Regensburg);
- Centre for Open Science – CeON.

BAZHUM, in its own, has digitalized volumes 1–8 of our journal and provided all the volumes (1–13) in their online collections “to use under fair use”. Here is the link to this resource: <http://bazhum.muzhp.pl/czasopismo/451/>.

According to the obtained assurance from the from the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education, during the change of the name of our journal the continuity in journal scoring given by the ministry in 2015 (i.e. 8 scores) will be maintained.

All the information about the journal are to be found on its website: <http://pau.krakow.pl/index.php/Prace-Komisji-Historii-Nauki-PAU.html>, as well as the “Index of Authors” and “Subject index” and the explanation of crucial issues such as, among others, “Copyright and fair use”, “Archiving policy”, “Ethical and legal issues”, “Counteracting erroneous interpretations of bibliometrics”, “Peer Review procedure” and “Guidelines for Authors”.

We would like to extend our invitation of collaboration to all authors of engaging articles, to authors and publishers of valuable books (a development of the section of reports and reviews has been planned) as well as insightful reviewers. We deeply care for quality texts from a broadly understood history of science.