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Evolutionary transformation of the journal Part 3

Abstract

It is outlined the third phase of the development of the journal *Prace Komisji Historii Nauki PAU (Proceedings of the PAU Commission on the History of Science)*. In June 2016 *Prace Komisji Historii Nauki PAU 2015*, vol. XIV was issued. Following the legal decision with effect from 4 July 2016 the journal, while maintaining the continuity of its publication, has been renamed to *Studia Historiae Scientiarum*. Since June 2016 the journal has a new website with an editorial panel on the [Scientific Journals Portal](#). At the same time it still uses the existing website on the [PAU Portal](#). In November 2016 *Studia Historiae Scientiarum 2016*, vol. 15 was issued.

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Ewolucyjna transformacja czasopisma

Część 3

Streszczenie

Naszkiecowano trzeci etap rozwijania czasopisma *Prace Komisji Historii Nauki PAU*. W czerwcu 2016 roku wydano *Prace Komisji Historii Nauki PAU* 2015 tom XIV. Na mocy decyzji prawnej z dniem 4 lipca 2016 r. czasopismo – przy zachowaniu ciągłości wydawniczej – zmieniło nazwę na *Studia Historiae Scientiarum*. Od czerwca 2016 r. czasopismo ma nową stronę internetową z panelem redakcyjnym w [Portalu Czasopism Naukowych](#). Zachowano jednocześnie dotychczasową stronę internetową w [Portalu PAU](#). W listopadzie 2016 roku wydano *Studia Historiae Scientiarum* 2016 tom 15.

Słowa kluczowe: *Prace Komisji Historii Nauki PAU* • *Studia Historiae Scientiarum*

1. Prace Komisji Historii Nauki PAU – *Studia Historiae Scientiarum*

Following the announcements (Kokowski 2014; 2015), the work continued in 2016 on improving the journal *Prace Komisji Historii Nauki PAU*.

In June 2016, volume XIV was released and it was the last volume under the old name.

In order to open the journal to a wider audience than just the members of the PAU Commission on the History of Science, the authorities of the Commission decided to change the name of the journal, following the suggestion of Doc. Soňa Štrbáňová, a member of the Scientific Council of the journal, made on 15 April 2014.

After brainstorming ideas among the authorities of the Commission, it was decided that the journal will bear the name *Studia Historiae Scientiarum*. The name was coined by Prof. Jan Woleński, Chairman of the Commission, and a member of the Scientific Council of the journal.

This name was formally established under the legal resolve of 4 July 2016.¹

This journal maintains the continuity of its publication, in particular:

- a) the journal form is preserved: this is so far the only Polish peer-reviewed open and free access journal on the history of science without embargo time,²
- b) two versions of the journal are preserved: the printed and the online version (the online version being the primary, basic, or the reference version)
- c) the number of points awarded by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Poland (MNiSW) is preserved (i.e. 9 pts.) in the evaluation of journals in 2015 (with a correction in 2016 – see MNiSW [2015](#), item. 1283, [2016b](#), p. 3 point 2, item 1283; MNiSW [2016a](#)).

At the same time, the following important modifications have been made:

- a) Polish and English are fully eligible languages of the publications (other languages are permissible in exceptional and duly justified cases);
- b) the frequency of the publication of the journal changes; although, in a formal sense, it still remains a yearbook, but individual texts of the journal will appear on the new website in the so-called online mode, that is immediately after reviewing and editing is completed (this will reduce the average publication time of the individual texts); each text will obtain a DOI name (digital object identifier); the final numbering of all texts will be introduced at the end of each year and only then the final version of the yearbook will be published on both the old and the new webpage;
- c) the layout of the first page of each publication changes: the footer will include, among others, the ISSNs of the journal's printed and electronic version, the DOI name, the web addresses of the

¹ The resolve of the District Court in Kraków of 4 July 2016 on the amendment of the title “Prace Komisji Historii Nauki PAU” to the title “Studia Historiae Scientiarum.” Documentation ID: Ns Rej. Pr. 115/16. Registry number: 2857.

² In other words, the journal assumes the so-called diamond model of open access publishing – cf. Fuchs, Sandoval [2013](#).

- journal; the information on the Creative Commons license (BY-NC-ND 3.0);
- d) following the suggestion of Docent Soňa Štrbáňová (a member of the Scientific Council of the journal), the list of members of the Scientific Council is placed in the printed version of the journal (until now this list was administered only on the [journal's web-site](#));
 - e) following the suggestion of Professor Andrzej-Kajetan Wróblewski (a member of the Scientific Council of the journal), the “Table of Contents” of the yearbook is published at the beginning of the printed version of the volume (and not at the end of the volume, as it was in the case of the journal *Prace Komisji Historii Nauki PAU*).

The current volume 15, released in November 2016, is published under a new name: *Studia Historiae Scientiarum*.

2. p-ISSN and e-ISSN

On 27 July 2016 r., the printed version of the journal received a p-ISSN (2451-3202) assigned by the National ISSN Center of the National Library of Poland in Warsaw before the present volume was printed, in accordance with the established procedure determined by the ISSN Portal Paris.

However, which is also fully compatible with the said procedure, the e-ISSN (that is an ISSN of the *online* version of the journal) will be given only after the publication of at least five texts on the website. This mismatch in the regulations causes some unnecessary delay in the development of the journal: for example the texts of volume 15 will receive their DOI names only when the journal has already received its eISSN.

3. Collaboration with the Scientific Journals Portal

In order to increase the impact scope of the journal, it was decided to begin in 2016 collaboration with the [Scientific Journals Portal](#). As of June this year, a new website with an editorial panel is available on the portal – cf.: <http://ejournals.eu/Studia-Historiae-Scientiarum/>.

Work is currently underway on possible improvements to this webpage and on how to maximize its potential (this task is mainly for the computer specialists associated with this Portal). We will inform about the results of these endeavors in the next volume. We note only that already two volumes of the journal have been published on this website: *Prace Komisji Historii Nauki PAU* 2015 vol. XIV (texts in this volume received DOI names) and *Studia Historiae Scientiarum* 2016 vol. 15 (texts in this volume will gain their DOI names after receiving the ISSN for the online version of the journal).

At the same time the old website has been preserved. It can be found at <http://pau.krakow.pl/Studia-Historiae-Scientiarum>.

4. International journal directories

The journal has been accepted for the subsequent two international journal directories valued by experts, i.e.: [Directory of Open Access Journals \(DOAJ\)](#) and [Electronic Journals Library, University Library of Regensburg](#).

5. Appeal to submit texts

Authors are invited to submit unpublished scientific texts for publication in the journal.

The sections of the journal and its thematic scope are bookmarked at “About the journal”. Guidelines to formatting are to be found under at “Guidelines for Authors”, 7. “Text formatting – guidelines”. They can be found on the journal’s two websites.

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