

Organizational activity by Michał Kokowski

(until December 31, 2017)

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Organizational activity regarding science

1. [2017– currently]: Co-organization of the international symposium “Continuity and Discontinuity of University Education and Research Activities of Central European Scholars during World War II” during International Conference of the European Society of the History of Science (London, 14–17.09.2018). Organizers: Adela Junova Mackova (Czech Republic), Milada Sekyrková (Czech Republic), Michał Kokowski (Poland), Mitchel Ash (Austria).
2. [2017–2018]: Participation in the work of the Scientific Committee of the international conference “Reading Minor Works «Bordering» on Exact Sciences: Historical and Nature of Science Perspectives”. Organizers: Inter-Divisional Teaching Commission (DLMPST / IUHPST / DHST / IHPST) in collaboration with École doctorale Sciences de l’Homme et de la Société, Lille University, and Research Unit Savoirs, Textes, Langage, Lille University, France (Lille, Lille University, Villeneuve D’Ascq, France, May 16–17, 2018).
3. [2016–2017]: Participation in the work of the Scientific Committee of the international conference “Development of mathematics and related sciences in Central-Eastern Europe in the 20th century” (Kraków, Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences, Poland, September 13–15, 2017). Organizers, among others: Komitet Historii Nauki i Techniki PAN, Komisja Historii Nauki PAU, Uniwersytet Rzeszowski, Politechnika Krakowska.
4. [2015–2016]: Organization of international symposium “Counteracting erroneous interpretations of bibliometrics: tensions between science and politics”, 7th International Conference of the European Society for the History of Science, ‘Science and power, science as power’ (Prague, Czech Republic, 22–24 September 2016). A co-organizer of this symposium was Prof. Efthymios Nicolaidis from National Hellenic Research Foundation, Institute for Neohellenic Research (Ateny, Grecja), then President of the International Union of the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology / Division of History of Science and Technology (2013–2017).
5. [2014–2015]: Participation in the work of the Scientific Committee of the 1st International Summer School “New Directions in History and Philosophy of Science & Science Teaching or New Educational and Fundamental Insights for Sciences and History-Epistemology-Philosophy of Sciences, & Science Education” (June 22nd-26th, 2015, MESHS, Lille, France); sponsored by the Interdivisional Teaching Commission of the DHST, DLMPS, the Centre Maison Européenne des Sciences de l’Homme et de la Société (MESHS).
6. [2014–2015]: Participation in the work of the Scientific Committee of the international conference “Science in Central-Eastern Europe till WW II” / “Rozwój nauk ścisłych w Europie Środkowo-Wschodniej od XIX w. do II wojny światowej” (Kraków, 11–13.06.2015, PAU).
7. [2014]: Organization of the academic session dedicated to the memory of Professor Bronisław Średniawa (17.06.1917–10.08.2014). KHN PAU (Kraków, 22 October, 2014).
8. [2013–currently]: Work on modernizing the journal “Prace Komisji Historii Nauki PAU” (p-ISSN 1731-6715 | e-ISSN: 2392-1749) and then after the change of its name (on 4 July 2016) “Studia Historiae Scientiarum” (e-ISSN: 2543-702X | p-ISSN: 2451-3202). The journal is indexed in many indexing databases, among others, DOAJ, ERIH PLUS, Index Copernicus International. As a result of the complex actions taken to improve the journal functioning, it was the highest rated among Polish journals on the history of science in the ranking Index Copernicus Journal Master List 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017.

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9. [2010–2012]: Participation in the work of the Scientific Committee of the 5th International Conference of the European Society for the History of Science (Athens, November 1–3, 2012).
 10. [2010–2011]: Participation in the work of the Scientific Committee of the international conference “Universities in Central Europe – Crossroads of Scholars from All Over the World” (29 September – 1 October, 2011, Prague).
 11. [2010]: Co-operation with the organizers of the 3rd International Multi-Conference on Engineering and Technological Innovation (IMETI 2010) (June 29th – July 2nd, 2010, Orlando, Florida, USA) as the public reviewer of the article submitted for the presentation during this conference.
 12. [2009–2010]: Initiator and main organizer of the international symposium “The different historiographies of science. Their advantages and shortcomings” organized during the 4th International Conference of the European Society for the History of Science, “The Circulation of Science and Technology” (Barcelona, 16–18 November, 2010); auxiliary organizers: Raffaele Pisano (Centre François Viète, Épistémologie, Histoire des Sciences et des Techniques, Université de Nantes, Nantes, France) and Hayo Siemsen (Institute for Communication Technology, Emden/Leer University of Applied Sciences, Emden/Leer, Germany).
 13. [2009.05–2010]: Initiator and manager of the academic conference “The Nicolaus Copernicus grave mystery. A dialogue of experts” (Kraków, 22–23 February, 2010). Organizers: European Society for the History of Science, Centrum Kopernika Badań Interdyscyplinarnych (UJ, UP JP II), Komisja Filozofii Nauk Przyrodniczych PAU, Komisja Historii Nauki PAU, Instytut Historii Nauki PAN and Wyższa Szkoła Europejska im. Ks. Józefa Tischnera.
 14. [2008.10.27–2009.08.02]: Member of the Nominating Committee of the International Union for the History and Philosophy of Science / Division of History of Science and Technology.
 15. [2008.10.22–currently]: Secretary of the Komisja Historii Nauki Polskiej Akademii Umiejętności (Commision on the History of Science, Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences).
 16. [2008.10.06–2012.06]: Secretary of the Komisja Filozofii Nauk Przyrodniczych Polskiej Akademii Umiejętności (Commision on the Philosophy of Science, Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences).
 17. [2008.10.01]: Organization in the Copernicus Center of Interdisciplinary Research “Copernicus Group”, dealing with research on the form and content, genesis and reception of the achievements of Nicolaus Copernicus. Function: Head of the “Copernicus Group”.
 18. [2008–2010, 2010–2012]: Member of the Scientific Board of the European Society for the History of Science.
 19. [2008–2010]: Participation in the work of the Programme Committee of the 4th International Conference of the European Society for the History of Science, “The Circulation of Science and Technology” (Barcelona, November 16–18, 2010).
 20. [2007.05.08–2007.27.06] – Participation in the work of the expert group of UE: UE, Directorate General for Research – RTD/L4/D, FP7–Science–in–Society–2007–1, project evaluator.
 21. [2007]: Reviewer of the grant application on the subject of the Copernican research for the Science and Society Program of the National Science Foundation (USA).
 22. [2006]–[2008]: Initiator and main organizer of the 2nd International Conference of the European Society for the History of Science “The Global and the Local: The History of Science and the Cultural Integration of Europe” (European Society for the History of Science, Polska Akademia Umiejętności, Uniwersytet Jagielloński, Instytut Historii Nauki Polskiej Akademii Nauk; Cracow 6–9 September, 2006); <http://www.2iceshs.cyfronet.pl>.

Duties during the 2nd International Conference of the European Society for the History of Science:

- Vice-chairman of the Programme Committee,
- Vice-chairman of the Local Committee,
- Webmaster (<http://www.2iceshs.cyfronet.pl>)
- Menager and Secretary of Conference Office.

Completed tasks during the 2nd International Conference of the European Society for the History of Science:

- Organization and managing the Conference Office and acting as the secretary of this office (including the exchange of several thousand emails);
- Organization of systematic consultations of the Local Committee;
- Making systematic updates of the conference website:
<http://www.2iceshs.cyfronet.pl>.
- Organization – as part of the work of the International Program Committee (composed of 24 people from 15 countries) – of the procedure for submitting and selecting the topics of symposia and accepting summaries of all conference papers.
- Initiator of the four and organizer of the five international symposia (for a total of 21):
 - R–2. “Achievements of Central Europe in Science, in the light of historical studies” (*initiator and organizer*) – 14 papers, 1 poster; the referees and the chairman of the session represented 8 countries: Australia, the Czech Republic, Lithuania, Slovakia, Poland, Ukraine, the USA and Hungary; total number of participants – around 30. Available online: http://www.2iceshs.cyfronet.pl/r_2.html.
 - R–4. “Nicholas Copernicus in focus” (*initiator and organizer*) – 8 papers, 1 poster; the authors of papers represented 5 countries: the Netherlands, Iceland, Germany, Poland and the USA; total number of participants – about 20. Available online: http://www.2iceshs.cyfronet.pl/r_4.html.
 - R–19. “How to understand and write the History of Science? or Methodology of the History of Science” (*initiator and organizer*) – 8 papers; the authors of papers represented six countries: Spain, Finland, France, Poland, Portugal and Russia; total number of participants – around 20. Available online: http://www.2iceshs.cyfronet.pl/r_19.html.
 - R–Varia (*initiator and organizer*) – 24 papers; the authors of papers and chairman of the session represented 15 countries: Austria, Brazil, Estonia, France, Spain, the Netherlands, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, the United States, Great Britain and Italy; total number of participants – about 40 Available online: http://www.2iceshs.cyfronet.pl/r_varia.html.
 - RE. “History and the Public Understanding of Science” (*organizer*) – 4 papers: the authors of papers chairman of the session represented 3 countries: France, Greta Britain and Italy; total number of participants – about 40. Available online: <http://www.2iceshs.cyfronet.pl/e.html>.
- *Initiator and organizer* of one of three panel discussions
 - D–2. “The History of Science and the Cultural Integration of Europe: Barriers and Opportunities”, *about 30 authors of papers; total number of participants – about 200*. Available online: <http://www.2iceshs.cyfronet.pl/d.html>.
- Chairman of sessions of two international symposia:
 - R–4. “Nicholas Copernicus in focus” (for details see above)

- R-19. “How to understand and write the History of Science? or Methodology of the History of Science” (for details see above).
- Co-chairman of one panel discussion:
 - D-2. “The History of Science and the Cultural Integration of Europe: Barriers and Opportunities” (for details see above).
 - Initiator and co-author (with Prof. dr Robert Fox of Oxford University, President of the European Society for the History of Science) of the appeal of the European Society for the History of Science on the need to introduce the history of science in educational programs in universities and schools, accepted at the plenary meeting of that Society, which took place on 8 September 2006 in Kraków.
 - Editor and webmaster of “Online Book of Abstract”, 2nd International Conference of the European Society for the History of Science (Cracow, 6–9 September 2006) – see: http://www.2iceshs.cyfronet.pl/online_abstracts_main.html.
 - Editor and webmaster [2007], [2008]: *The Global and the Local: The History of Science and the Cultural Integration of Science. Proceedings of the 2nd International Conference of the European Society for the History of Science (Cracow, 6–9 September 2006)*. Cracow: Polska Akademia Umiejętności; online edition 23 December 2007: <http://www.2iceshs.cyfronet.pl/proceedings.html>; CD-ROM edition April 2008; pp. 1006.
23. [2006–2008]: Participation in the work of the Programme Committee of the 3rd International Conference of the European Society for the History of Science (Vienna, September 10–12, 2008), and being an external advisor of the Organizing Committee.
24. [2006–2008]: Organization of the academic symposium “The problem of continuity and discontinuity in Ancient, Medieval, Modern and Contemporary Science. A Reappraisal”, during the International Conference of the European Society for the History of Science (Vienna, September 10–12, 2008). At the symposium, 11 papers were given, the authors of which were altogether 13 people, representing the following countries: Italy – 4, Poland – 3, Portugal – 3, Brazil – 1, Singapore – 1, and Switzerland – 1.
25. [2006.06.08]: Participation in the work of the EU expert group. Workshop “The reciprocal influence of science and culture”, Brussels, 8th of June, 2006, Directorate General for Research – RTD/C.1 – “Science and Society: Strategy and Scientific Culture”; discussion on how to better cover the issues of science and society in the seventh framework program of the European Union for research and technological development (2007–2013).
26. [2002b]: Initiator and main organizer of the academic conference “Why do we need a history of science?” (Komisja Historii Nauki Polskiej Akademii Umiejętności, Instytut Historii Nauki Polskiej Akademii Nauk. Kraków 26. X 2002, Aula PAU, ul. Sławkowska 17, 9.15–19.00).
27. [2002a]: Co-organizer of the academic conference “The Galileo case - did the Church make a mistake?” (Komisja Historii Nauki i Wydział Matematyczno-Fizyczno-Chemiczny Polskiej Akademii Umiejętności, Instytut Historii Nauki Polskiej Akademii Nauk, Ośrodek Badań Interdyscyplinarnych Papieskiej Akademii Teologicznej w Krakowie, Wydawnictwo Biblos w Tarnowie. Aula PAU, 14 XI 2002, godz. 15.30–19.30).
28. [2001]: Initiator and main organizer of the academic conference “The history of science and related disciplines in Krakow on the threshold of the new millennium” (Komisja Historii Nauki Polskiej Akademii Umiejętności, Instytut Historii Nauki Polskiej Akademii Nauk Kraków, 20 października 2001. Part 1: Institutions (9.15–13.30, Aula PAU, ul. Sławkowska 17). Part 2: *Scholars* (15.00–18.00, IHN PAN w Krakowie, Pałac Lubomirskich de Bourbone, ul. Św. Jana 15/17).

29. [2000]: Initiator and main organizer of the academic session on the occasion of the centenary of Ludwik Antoni Birkenmajer's publication of the works entitled "Mikołaj Kopernik" by the Academy of Arts and Sciences (Aula Polskiej Akademii Umiejętności, Kraków, 14.10.2000).
30. [2000–2001]: Initiator and organizer (with dr Andrzej Kułak and dr Krzysztof Maślanka from Obserwatorium Astronomiczne Uniwersytetu Jagiellońskiego) of monthly seminar "Physics: Present Day – History – Philosophy".
31. [2000]: Initiator to create a new office of the Instytut Historii Nauki Polskiej Akademii Nauk in Krakowie and his organizer (Instytut Historii Nauki PAN, Sławkowska Street 17, 31–016 Kraków).
32. [1988b]: Co-organizer of a nationwide conference on high temperature superconductivity (28.01–29.01.1988, Zakład Fizyki Ciała Stałego, AGH, Kraków).
33. [1988a]: Initiator and organizer (with Janusz Opiła) of the seminar "Superconductivity – Physics – Technology" (13.01.1988, Zakład Fizyki Ciała Stałego, AGH, Kraków).

2.

Organizational activity regarding popularization of science

1. [2013–2014]: Organization of "Rally of the Young from Krajna. Heroes of Krajna 2014" (Górka Klasztorna-Łobżenica, 12 June, 2014). Around one hundred people took part in the event.
2. [2012–2013]: Organization of "Rally of the Young from Krajna. Heroes of Krajna 2013" (Górka Klasztorna-Łobżenica, 6 – 7 September, 2013). Around one hundred people took part in the event.
3. [1989]: Organizing a series of popular science lectures titled "Meetings with science" for pupils from Liceum Ogólnokształcące ks. Pijarów in Kraków (11–12.10.1989).
4. [1988]: Organization of a series of popular science lectures for high school students and university students "The ideas of physics" (Lecture room of Zakład Fizyki Ciała Stałego, AGH 16.03.1988–27.04.1988).

3.

Additional organizational activity

Since March 2010, I have been active in the Inicjatywa Obywatelska Instytutów PAN (IOI PAN) [Civic Initiative of the Institutes of the Polish Academy of Sciences (PAS)] – a grassroots social movement associating employees of PAS institutes concerned with the very low level of funding for Polish science, especially a part of PAS institutes (despite very high parametric evaluation of these institutes by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Poland).

As part of social consultations, the IOI PAN contacted many times the representatives of the authorities: the President, the Prime Minister, the Minister of Science and Higher Education, the deputies of the Sejm and the Senate of the Republic of Poland.

See IOI PAN website: <http://www.ioi.pan.pl>.