

Foreword

Dear readers of *Acta Baltica Historiae et Philosophiae Scientiarum*! The current issue is a regular one as far as its content is concerned. In terms of form, however, we have introduced a new structural division by the editorial team. As you know, so far, we have included under the section name ‘Short Communications’ contributions that convey interesting information but cannot really be considered regular research papers that are peer-reviewed in a conventional way. As a matter of fact, these contributions have not always been short. Therefore, they do not necessarily cohere with the general title of the section. On the other hand, abbreviating these pieces would mean leaving out something that is a logical ingredient of these papers for the readers’ as well as from the authors’ point of view. Obviously, some relevant factual information might end up left out as well. To avoid these pitfalls, we have decided to rename the corresponding subsection ‘Reviews’.

We have also added a new subsection and called it ‘Documents’. The purpose here is to make it a regular occurrence of something that, from time to time, we have been doing already before—namely, reissuing translations of papers that have been previously published in languages other than English but what we believe could be engaging for expert readers these days as well and not only from the historical perspective. Actually, the translation of a 1965 paper by Rein Vihalemm, masterfully executed by Ave Mets, might well prove to be a highlight of the current issue. These kinds of discussions in the Soviet space held in the Russian language are not well known, if at all, to the Western readers for obvious reasons. However, they testify that the philosophy of science thought, although presented in a Marxist flavour, was at the cutting edge or perhaps sometimes even ahead of it. The current translation may perhaps even raise the question of where and when was philosophy of chemistry actually born as it appears that this happened much earlier than the founding of the International Society for the Philosophy of Chemistry in 1997. Other texts,

such as unpublished material found after the passing away of an author, for instance, may become included in our new section of ‘Documents’ as well.

The first issue of the ninth volume of *Acta Baltica* includes a catchy reading for historians and philosophers of science as well as people interested in different aspects of artificial intelligence research and analytic philosophy.

Last but not least, I am very glad to welcome a good colleague from the University of Pretoria, Professor Emma Ruttkamp-Bloem, as a new member of our journal’s Editorial Board.

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