

Baltic Conference on the History of Science Historiae Scientiarum Baltica 2012

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Baltic historians of science met in Vilnius at the 25th International Baltic Conference on the History of Science “Historiae Scientiarum Baltica 2012” on 3–5 October, 2012.² Conference was organised by the Baltic Association of the History and Philosophy of Science (BAHPS), the Lithuanian Association of the History and Philosophy of Science (LAHPS), the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, the Wroblewski Library of the Lithuanian academy of sciences, the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences Palace of Scientists and the Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences. The conference welcomed delegates and guests from 12 states and 22 cities, more that 90 papers were registered.

The opening ceremony was started by prof. Habil. Dr. Algimantas Juozas Krikštopaitis (president of the Lithuanian association of the history and philosophy of science), greeting



Session “Museums and Memorials”, moderator — Ramūnas Kondratas.
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² On previous, 24th Baltic Conference and the follow-up workshop meeting see: *Talts M., Kulasalu M.* *Historiae Scientiarum Baltica*, 2010 // *Studies in the History of Biology*. 2011. Vol. 3. № 1. P. 114–121; *Слепкова Н.В.* Рабочее совещание историков науки в Таллине // *Историко-биологические исследования*. 2011. № 2. С. 142–143; *Lilja E.J.* *Sciences in Russia, Finland and the Baltics in the Early 20th Century: Seminar in Helsinki, June 27, 2011* // *Studies in the History of Biology*. 2011. Vol. 3. № 4. С. 151–156.



In the Botanical Garden. From left to right: Eugenija Rudnickaite, Nadezhda Slepko, Eric M. Johson, Anastasia Fedotova, Tatiana Feklova, Ramūnas Kondratas, Birute Railiene

were passed by prof. habil. dr. Valdemaras Razumas (president of the Lithuanian academy of sciences) and dr. Sigitas Narbutas (director of the Wroblewski library of the Lithuanian academy of sciences). Plenary lectures were given by prof. Jānis Stradiņš, prof. habil. dr. Juozas Algimantas Krikštopaitis, prof. Peter Mürsepp, dr. Robert Bud and prof. habil. dr. Algirdas Gaižutis. Conference papers were divided to 7 sections: Museums and memorials (moderated by Ramūnas Kondratas and Arnis Viksna); Medicine (moderated by Ramūnas Kondratas); Unrecognised investigators (moderated by Romualdas Šviedrys); Natural sciences (moderated by Roman Duda), Technology and mathematics (moderated by; Philosophy, sociology humanities (moderated by Peter Mürsepp and Naglis Kardelis); History of institutions (moderated by Libertas Klimka and Janis Kletnieks); Education and teaching (moderated by Birutė Railienė and Algirdas Kanauka).

For the historians of biology the most interesting presentations were: **Plenary lecture** “*Museums as sources for the history of science*” (Robert Bud, London); Panel **Unrecognized Investigators**: “*Collecting together in Colombia’s Andes and jungles: Josef Warszewicz and Jose Triana*” (Romualdas Sviedrys, New York); “*Józef Warszewicz’s Kraków years*” (Piotr Köhler, Krakow); “*The scientific activity of P. B. Šivickis at the University of Philippines in 1922–1928: is he remembered now in the Philippines?*” (Laima Petrauskienė, Vilnius); “*Expedition of I.G. Voznesensky to Russian America in 1839–1849 and formation of the American collections in the St. Petersburg academic museums*” (Tatiana Feklova, St. Petersburg); Panel **Natural Sciences, Technology and Mathematics**: “*Baltic Germans and the construction of evolutionary theory in Russia, 1860–1880*” (Eric M. Johnson, Vancouver); “*Veterinary study travel of the soil scientist Pavel Kostychev*” (Anastasia Fedotova, St. Petersburg); Panel **History of Institutions**: “*The Society for Dissemination of Natural History: its history and activities*” (Anna Samokish, St. Petersburg);

Panel Museums and Memorials: “*Specimens of the 18th century in the collection of the Zoological Institute and Museum in St. Petersburg*” (Nadezhda Slepikova, St. Petersburg).³

The General Assembly of BAHPS was arranged at the end of the conference. President J. A. Krikštopaitis reviewed the BAHPS activity from October 2010 till October 2012. He made a point about the activity of Estonian colleagues: Professor Peeter Mõürsepp, his assistant Mait Talts and others of his partnerships initiated two essential points for Baltic scientists — the opening Website for Baltic Association (<http://www.bahps.org/>), and the launching a new scientific journal *Acta Baltica Historiae et Philosophiae Scientiarum*. After a short review J.A. Krikštopaitis presented the results of the 25th Baltic Conference on the History of Science. After a short review the President invited prof. P. Mõürsepp to discuss the BAHPS opinion concerning the amplification of Baltic conferences and about Baltic-Nordic intercourse. The presidency of the BAHPS is *pro tempore* transferred by rotation from the Lithuanian AHPS to the Latvian AHPS.

At the last day conference delegates and guest were invited to a choice of excursions: Vilnius University science museums and Botanic Garden in Kairėnai or Lithuanian Museum of Ethnocosmology in Molėtai.

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Конференция, посвящённая 200-летию со дня смерти П.С. Палласа

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Традиционная осенняя конференция в Галле, посвящённая российско-германским научным связям XVIII века⁴ в 2011 г. проводилась Международным обществом Георга Вильгельма Стеллера в содружестве с Ассоциацией естественных музеев Университета Мартина Лютера (Галле, Виттенберг). Учреждения Франке (Franckesche Stiftungen zu Halle) не принимали участия в её организации этом году. Присутствовали учёные из Германии, России, Украины, Италии и Нидерландов. Конференция открылась 13 октября 2011 г. в здании Зоологического института университета Мартина Лютера (Галле–Виттенберг) годичным отчётом Общества Стеллера его председателя Анны Элизабет Хинтцше (Anna-Elisabeth Hintzsche).

³ Programme is available at: <http://www.mab.lt/assets/files/dokumentai/konferencijos/Programa2012.pdf>

⁴ Конференции проводятся ежегодно в течение 20 лет в рамках российско-германского проекта «Источники по истории Сибири и Аляски в архивах России». О конференции 2009 г. см.: Феклова Т.Ю. 300-летию Георга Стеллера посвящается // Историко-биологические исследования. Т. 2. 2010. № 1. С. 124–125; о конференции 2012 г.: Соболев В.С. Ежегодная конференция в Галле // Историко-биологические исследования. 2013. Т. 5. Вып. 1. С. 136–137.