

INTRODUCTION

The University performs two important functions: transferring knowledge and at the same time producing the new one. It is a place of meetings of the representatives of different scientific disciplines, so it is also a place for creating a suitable intellectual environment for discussing and precisising scientific problems in the interdisciplinary perspective.

Interdisciplinarity has a number of view points: theoretical, methodological, social and practical ones. One may also talk about internal and external interdisciplinarity. The external interdisciplinarity of research on science is connected with the following disciplines as philosophy of science, psychology of science, sociology of science and is superconstructed on internal interdisciplinarity of scientific research.

In these contexts we want on our journal, being the organ of the University milieu to consider the meaning of the theory (and particularly the methodology of science) and history of science (but the latter only as the base for certain generalizing methodological conclusions).

We would like to realize the THS interdisciplinarity in the trifold way: Firstly through presenting parallelly papers from methodology of different scientific disciplines. Secondly — due to considering problems whose sphere deals with numerous scientific disciplines. Thirdly — through the participation of the representatives of different disciplines presenting the perspective of their own one as well as postulating demands towards the representatives of other disciplines whose aid might be necessary in the analysis of the scientific problems.

The issue of the THS being mainly dedicated to reflection on science as primeval one in the theoretical order in its relation to object research opens our discussions.

Here there are papers on philosophy of science, methodology of science, theory of knowledge and history of science.

This copy contains at the same time papers presenting a certain constructive proposition as well as papers of polemic character. The former papers as well as the latter ones serve as invitations to a further discussion and to the presentation of one's own view point.

The Editors kindly invite to collaboration all those who are interested in the problems of philosophy of science.

We will be thankful for any suggestions concerning future issues as well as for general remarks. We particularly ask for questions and problems which are essential in any scientific research.

We particularly encourage putting questions and problems necessary to theoretical solutions placed on the border of many disciplines.

In connection with this we expect to edit monographic issues inviting the specialists out of the Editorial Staff to collaboration. We intend to devote one of the nearest issues to the set of problematic on social sciences and one to interdisciplinary relations between physics and biology.

In question relating to purchasing or exchanging the THS we kindly ask to address the Editorial Office.

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