

FOREWORD

In 2022 there are 50 years since Academician Athanase Joja have the initiative to found *NOESIS* Journal. *Travaux du Comité Roumain d'Histoire et de Philosophie des Science et Technologie*. As the name suggests, it is the main Journal of the CRIFST (Comitetului Român pentru Istoria și Filosofia Științei și Tehnicii – The Romanian Committee of History and Philosophy of Science and Technology), which is an active part of the IUHPST (International Union for History and Philosophy of Science and Technology). From its inception, the Journal's main purpose has been to serve as a platform for promoting the history and philosophy of Romanian science abroad. This is the reason why it has been a foreign language journal, every article has been published in French (the main foreign language used in the 70s, in Romania, for scientific international communication), or English.

For the Jubilee of *NOESIS*, a special edition has been published that blends old traditions with new realities. The publication includes a brief history of *NOESIS*, followed by a selection of articles from the first issue (1/1973). The selection includes Academician Athanase Joja's inaugural speech, as well as two articles from the Philosophy of Science Section: “Prolégomènes au statut des entités abstraites” by Athanase Joja and “Conceptual and Contextual Hypostases of Abstract Entities” by Solomon Marcus. These articles were originally presented at a colloquium on abstract entities (*Le statut des Entités Astraites*), and this is why the section dedicated to *NOESIS* traditions concludes with Joja's conclusions on the topic.

This number is fulfilled with a Section dedicated to the History of Science. Part of this Section has the articles: *Polarisation Solitons in Photorefractive Crystals with Strong Optical Activity: The Vlad's Discover* by Eugenio Fazio, *Costin D. Neîțescu, Outstanding Personality, World-Class Chemist* by Oana Leonte, and *Ilie Murgulescu Institute of Physical Chemistry of the Romanian Academy* by Vlad Tudor Popa.

At the end of the Section, we have made an exception to the traditional policy of only publishing articles in foreign languages and included an article in Romanian titled: *Protezele amputaților: aspecte istorice din perspectiva războiului și a medicinei militare* (Amputee prosthetics: historical aspects from the perspective of war and military medicine). This decision was made to underscore the importance of having scientific literature in the Romanian language and to emphasize the significance of Romanian scientific traditions. While the Romanian Committee of History and Philosophy of Science and Technology established the *Noema* journal to promote the Philosophy and History of Science in the Romanian Language, it is crucial to periodically include special articles in Romanian in *NOESIS* to support the development of the Romanian scientific language and deeper understanding of the traditions. In keeping with the spirit of the old Romanian scientific journals, the article adheres to the Romanian Academy's quotation system.

The final article of this issue is included in our “*Meminerimus!*” in-memoriam section, which is dedicated to the late Academician Eugen Simion, who passed away on October 18th, 2022.

As we launch this special issue, our hope is to continue the tradition of *NOESIS* and maintain the same high standards of quality as our predecessors.