

A SHORT HISTORY OF NOESIS

The history of NOESIS is closely linked to the History of CRIFST (Comitetul Român de Istoria și Filosofia Științei și Tehnicii / Romanian Committee for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology – RCHPST). In 1956 The Romanian Academy affiliated with the Union of History of Science (IUHS). In the same year, IUHS merged with the International Union of Philosophy of Science (IUPS) which created the International Union for History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (IUHPST). In response to these changes, in 1957 Romanian Academy formed a Committee in line with international institutions which became known as CRIFST/RCHPST.

CRIFST maintained a close relationship with the international activity of IUHPST and in 1971, it organized the 4th International Congresses on Logic, Methodology, and Philosophy of Science and Technology in Bucharest. The event was coordinated by the Division of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science and Technology (DLMPST). The Romanian Organizing Committee consisted of Athanase Joja, Grigore Moisil, and C. Popovici. The Conference seized a unique opportunity to bring together Romanian scholars and exceptional international personalities such as P. Suppes, K. J. J. Hintikka, M. Bunge, W. Stegmüller, G. H. von Wright, H. Putnam, among many others. The conference attracted a large number of exceptional participants, reflecting the true amplitude of the event. The Organizational Committee did an excellent job to create a good image of Romanian Science.

It is believed that the decision to launch NOESIS was not a coincidence, and it was actually a result of the successful organization of the 4th International Congress on Logic, Methodology, and Philosophy of Science and Technology by the Romanian Committee for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (CRIFST) in 1971. Athanase Joja, who played a major role in the organizational committee of the Congress, recognized the need for a platform to promote Romanian scientific achievements and publish articles in foreign languages. Thus, in 1972, in the last year of his life, Acad. Athanase Joja received all the necessary approvals to establish NOESIS, which stands for “*Travaux du Comité Roumain d'Histoire et de Philosophie des Science et Technologie*”.

NOESIS was an important part of Joja's scientific legacy, and the structure of the first issue of the journal reflects his vision. The first section was dedicated to the Philosophy of Science, which featured papers from the colloquium on the status of abstract entities titled *Le statut des Entités Abstraites*. The second section focused on the History of Science and included the inaugural speech (*Discours Inaugural*) as well as papers from four colloquia: *Institutiones culturelles et scientifiques dans les Pays roumaines avant 1866*, *De la pensée anthropologiques roumain*, *Développement de la technique sur le territoire de la Roumanie*, and *National et Universel dans la creation scientifique*.

NOESIS Journal was an annual publication until 2014, with the final issue being XXVIII-XXIX (2013-2014). Over the course of its run from 1973 to 2014, the journal featured approximately 640 articles authored by 260 individuals. Many prominent members of the Romanian Academy and scholars from Romania published in NOESIS, including Ștefan Bârsănescu, Alexandru Boboc, Angela Botez, Teodor Dima, Athanase Joja, Crizantema Joja, Mircea Flonta, Mircea Malița, Solomon Marcus, Radu Miron, Gheorghe Mustață, Alexandru Surdu, and Gheorghe Ștefan. The journal served as a vital platform for promoting the history and philosophy of Romanian science.

Following a six-year hiatus, NOESIS was relaunched in 2021 as a biannual publication. Its core mission remains the same: to promote the achievements of Romanian research in the domains

of History and Philosophy of Science and Technology, both nationally and internationally. The journal seeks to uphold its tradition of excellence by publishing articles from Romanian scholars, while also welcoming contributions from scholars around the globe that explore the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology with ties to Romanian Science.