

The 28th Baltic Conference on the History of Science

“On the Border of the Russian Empire: German University of Tartu and its first Rector Georg Friedrich Parrot”

May 18-20, 2017

Tartu

Estonian Association of the History and Philosophy of Science cordially invites you to the 28th Baltic Conference on the History of Science (BCHS), which will take place from May 18 to 20, 2017 in Tartu, Estonia. The conference is dedicated to the 250th anniversary of Georg Friedrich Parrot (1767-1852). Parrot was the initiator of the reopening of the University of Tartu in 1802 and the first Rector. He is known as an organizer, educator and scientist who was among the very first to introduce the ideas of the Enlightenment into the Baltic region.

The Baltic conferences on the history of science share a long tradition, which stretches back to the year 1958 when the first conference took place in Riga. The following conferences were held in Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia. In 2014, the 26th BCHS took place in Helsinki, Finland.

The 28th BCHS focuses at ideas of the Enlightenment and on various sciences in late 18th and early 19th century on the western border of the Russian Empire. However, papers on more recent developments will be welcome as well.

The 28th BCHS covers a variety of topics, which divide into working sections:

- a) Enlightenment ideas in education in Europe;
- b) philosophical ideas concerning the Enlightenment;
- c) science and practice – utilitarianism and the Enlightenment;
- d) science communication and science policy.

Detailed information about the conference programme, registration, abstracts, accommodation and other matters can be found at the website of the Baltic Association for the History and Philosophy of Science www.bahps.org.

Participation fee 40.- EUR, graduate students 20.- EUR.

The fee covers conference materials and coffee breaks.

Please send abstracts of 500 words maximum to peeter.muursepp@ttu.ee or upload them to the submission form at the website www.bahps.org by **March 20, 2017**.

Decision concerning acceptance of abstracts will be communicated by March 31.

Keynote speakers:

Jaak Aaviksoo (Tallinn University of Technology)

Challenges to the University of the XXI Century in Education, Science and Human Development

Andrei Andreev (Moscow University)

G.F.Parrot and Alexander I: Personal and Political Aspects of their Relationship (at the basis of two decades of their correspondence)

Ursula Klein (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science)

Changing Concepts of Science in the Enlightenment

Eberhard Knobloch (Berlin Technical University)

Euler and d'Alembert – Brothers Only in Mind: Their Relations with the Prussian King Frederick II and the Russian Empress Katharina II

Philippe Taquet (French Academy of Sciences, Société d'Emulation de Montbéliard)

Two Friends from Montbéliard - Parrot and Cuvier – Reflections in Cuvier's Activities in Science

Epi Tohvri (Tallinn University of Technology)

Georges Frederic Parrot and his idea of a University

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