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**of the Assembly of the Baltic Association of the History and Philosophy of Science,
Vilnius, Lithuania, 5 October 2012**

Venue Building of the Wroblewski Library of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences,
Vilnius

Time Beginning at 3 p.m. and the end at 4.45 p.m.

Present *Council of BAHPS, Conference organizers and active Baltic scientists:*
J.A. Krikštopaitis (President), J. Stradiņš (Vice-President), P. Mürsepp (Vice-
President), R. Vihalemm, L. Klimka, A. Zigmunde, J. Klētnieks, B. Railienė
(Secretary of the Conference), T. Markkanen, J. Salaks, S. Pihlström.

Agenda

- Report of the President
- Discussion on the experience of activity, on the forthcoming BAHPS, and procedure of BAHPS presidency transfer
- Address of the new President and information concerning the date and the venue of the next Conference

1. President's Report

Prof. 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 Mürsepp, his assistant Mait Talts and others of his partnerships initiated two essential points for Baltic scientists – the opening Website for Baltic Association, 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. Results of Conference in outline: 93 reports were included in the program of the 7 special working sessions and 1 plenary. The conference gathered together about 120 participants and listeners from 23 cities and 12 states. Organizers published the Abstracts book *Historiae Scientiarum Baltica-2012* and the Program booklet. Pre-conference information about the program was given to the participants and scientific community through the BAHPS website.

President reported some activity facts: **a)** after the conference in Tallinn in October 2010 there were two follow-up seminars, one in Tallinn in December 2010 and another in Helsinki in June 2011; **b)** a selection of the talks given at the Tallinn conference was published in the special edition of the peer-reviewed journal “Baltic Journal of European Studies” in June 2011. Currently, the first issue of a new peer-reviewed journal *Acta Baltica Historiae et Philosophiae Scientiarum* is being prepared. The first issue is due to be published by the end of the year 2012. The second issue of the new journal will be a special issue dedicated to the Vilnius conference. The deadline for paper submission will be Feb. 28, 2013; **c)** in November 2010 Peeter Mürsepp and Raivo Kalle from Estonia and Ramūnas Kondratas and Romualdas Šviedrys from Lithuania participated at the conference of the European Society of the History of Science in Barcelona; **d)** in July 2011 Rein Vihalemm,

Leo Näpinen and Peeter Mürsepp participated at the world Congress of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science in Nancy; e) the yearly conference “Scientia et historia” in Vilnius is in process, and takes a platform for research results presentation of young Lithuanian scientists; f) in 2011 was published a steady book *Historia et sapientia* intended for the selected proceedings of Lithuanian historians and philosophers of science.

After a short review the President invited Prof. P. Mürsepp to discuss the BAHPS opinion concerning the amplification of Baltic conferences and about Baltic-Nordic intercourse.

2. Discussion on the experience, activity and forthcoming Baltic traditional conferences

The observations, remarks, comments on the reviews and the proposals were made by P. Mürsepp, J. Stradiņš, J.A. Krikštopaitis, T. Markkanen, J. Salaks, S. Pihlström, L. Klimka, B. Railienė.

After the discussions where made the decisions as follows:

1. The 25th International Baltic Conference on the History of Science was organized successfully.
2. The Assembly took on a suggestible note: the community of Finnish historians and philosophers of science are willing to explore the possibilities for joint Baltic-Nordic conference on HPS in Finland, 2014.
3. After Finnish suggestion the Assembly supposed the 26th International Baltic conference (joint Baltic-Finnish) in Finland (Helsinki, 2014), and the 27th Conference – in Riga, May 2015.
4. The format of joint conferences of Baltic and Nordic countries will be worked out by January 2013. The final solution concerning the subject of traditional Baltic conferences venue and others items will be announced by Baltic AHPS Website in February of 2013.
5. The presidency of the BAHPS is pro tempore transferred by rotation from the Lithuanian AHPS to the Latvian AHPS; the presidency can be delivered to the Estonian (or Finnish) AHPS subject to next conference in Finland. The final decision concerning this point will be made after the Finnish formal solution on the next conference in 2014. If Finnish colleagues agree to organize the 26th Conference, it would be reasonable that the Presidency of ABHPS for this term takes Prof. P. Mürsepp, i/c Estonian part, or by mutual agreement – the Finnish side (this should be mentioned in a special protocol signed by the representative of Finnish society, too). The protocol will be published via the Baltic AHPS website.
6. The Assembly calls the Baltic Associations of HPS for exploring the possibilities of involving colleagues from St. Petersburg in more closely cooperation; the Assembly also welcomes all initiatives for involving scientists from Baltic Sea region into BAHPS activities.

3. Address of the new President

Prof. Jānis Stradiņš expressed thanks to the Assembly and Council of BAHPS for results of the 25th Baltic Conference and to the former Governing Body for their activity in organizing conferences, and for interplay of Baltic historians of science, and for international working relationships. He extended the cordial invitation for the next – 26th (or 27th) Baltic Conference on the History of Science which could take place in Riga and Jelgava, May 2015; that would be dedicated to the 200th anniversary of the Courland Society of Literature and Arts; the topic could be “General trends of science in the Baltic, the role of academies and

learned societies”. It could be, however, organized beyond the framework of the Baltic conferences on history of sciences, as well e.g. as a conference in the series of the “Baltic Conferences of Intellectual Cooperation”. Also Prof. Jānis Stradiņš noted that the final decisions concerning forthcoming conferences will be made after consultancy with the Finnish historians of science. In case that Finland does not organize the conference, the Latvian ABHPS could take over the organization of the next 26th International Conference on HS in May 2015. The only desire from our side would be to ensure continuity and to keep numbering of the conferences, i.e. the next conference should be 26th International Baltic (or Finno-Baltic) conference on history and philosophy of science.



Chairman of the meeting, chairman of the organizing committee of 25th International Baltic Conference on the History of Science

Prof. Juozas Al. Krikštopaitis

Secretary of the meeting, secretary of the organizing committee 25th International Baltic Conference on the History of Science

Dr. Birutė Railienė