

The DHST/DLMPST Joint Commission Annual Report of Activities, 2019

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The current and future structure of the Joint Commission

The Commission's Chair has been Hasok Chang since 2016, first appointed by the DHST and re-appointed by the DLMPST to continue for 2018–19. Other members of the governing committee, appointed by the Divisions, are currently Mike Osborne (DHST), Catherine Jami (DHST), Benedikt Löwe (DLMPST), and Menachem Magidor (DLMPST).

Hasok Chang is willing to serve for one more 2-year term as the Chair of the Joint Commission, but after that a new Chair should be found. The President and Secretary-General of each Division will remain *ex officio* members of the governing committee. We are in the process of finding further members to serve on the committee. Prof. Takehiko Hashimoto and Prof. Pablo Lorenzano have agreed to serve, and Prof. Helen Longino and Prof. Rachel Ankeny have also been approached, and a few others will be approached soon.

We do not have regular business meetings, but we are in communication by e-mail as needed, and individual members have met in various combinations to discuss business when possible, and the Chair and the DLMPST-side committee members discussed various matters in person at the CLMPST in Prague in August 2019.

Activities in 2019

The main activity of the Joint Commission has traditionally been to organize symposia at the ICHST and CLMPST. At the CLMPST in Prague in August 2019 we organized four successful and well-attended symposia (see below). Hasok Chang also served, in his capacity as the Chair of the Joint Commission, as a member of the 4-person “core group” of the Program Committee for the CLMPST.

The following symposia were held at the CLMPST:

- **JC1 (6 August 2019). What is the value of history of science for philosophy of science?** This special session featured a presentation by the winners of the 2019 IUHPST Essay Prize, Agnes Bolinska and Joseph Martin (Cambridge).
- **JC2 (6 August 2019). Can the history of science be used to test the philosophy of science?** Chair and organizer: Jouni-Matti Kuukkanen. Speakers: Raphael Scholl (Cambridge), Luca Tambolo (independent scholar), Veli Virmajoki (Turku), Jouni-Matti Kuukkanen (Oulu).
- **JC3 (5 August 2019). Messy science.** Chair and organizer: Catherine Kendig (Michigan State). Speakers: Jutta Schickore (Indiana-Bloomington), Dana Tulodziecki (Purdue), Bettina Dietz (Hong Kong Baptist Univ.), Catherine Kendig (Michigan State).
- **JC4 (6 August 2019). The history and ontology of chemistry.** Chair and organizer: Hasok Chang (Cambridge). Speakers: Robin Hendry (Durham), Marina Paola Banchetti-Robino (Florida Atlantic Univ.), Sarah Hijmans (Paris-Diderot), Karoliina Pulkkinen (Cambridge).

In 2019 the Joint Commission administered the contest for the second IUHPST Essay Prize in History and Philosophy of Science, after its successful first run in 2017. The purpose of this prize scheme is to encourage fresh methodological thinking on the history and

philosophy of science as an integrated discipline. This year's judging panel consisted of Rachel Ankeny (Adelaide), Theodore Arabatzis (Athens), Hasok Chang (Cambridge), and Takehiko Hashimoto (Tokyo). The winner of the 2019 prize was the essay entitled "Negotiating History: Contingency, Canonicity, and Case Studies", by Dr. Agnes Bolinska and Dr. Joseph D. Martin of the University of Cambridge. We were also pleased to recognize as runner-up the essay "History and Philosophy of Science after the Practice-Turn: From Inherent Tension to Local Integration" by Mr. Max W. Dresow of the University of Minnesota. The full announcement of the outcome, as well as the call for entries, can be seen here:

<http://iuhpst.org/pages/inter-division-commissions/joint-commission/essay-prize.php>