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The Institute for the History of Science of the Polish Academy of Sciences

THE INSTITUTE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1954 as the Department for the History of Science [1954–1958]. In the second half of 1950s was developed into: the Department for the History of Science and Technology [1958–1974]. In the 1970s it functioned as the Department for the History of Science, Education and Technology [1974–1977], and subsequently was re-established as the Institute for the History of Science, Education and Technology [1977–1994]; since 1994 the Institute assumed its present name as the Institute for the History of Science.

The Institute academic interests are focused on the history of Polish and European science and letters, with special regard to: Medieval European sources' editions; the Copernican studies; the issues linked with the conditions of development and reception of modern science; comparative studies in the history of education' milieu; environmental factors in the ascent of science as well as the pan-European relations in scholarly life; Polish academic élites; the contribution of Polish scholars to the development of modern science and technology; the reception of scientific theories in the context of social transformation and national movements in Central and Eastern Europe. As an establishment of the Polish Academy of Sciences the Institute is authorized to confer the academic degrees of doctor and doctor *habilitatus* of the humanities area in history.

In the Institute are employed 21 professors and associate professors, 7 persons with the academic degree of doctor, and 8 assistants.

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Structure:

- Department for the History of Social Sciences, Education and the Academic Institutions
 - Section for the History of Social Sciences
 - Section for the History of Education
 - Section for the History of Academic Institutions
- Department for the History of Exact and Natural Sciences
 - Section for the History of Exact Sciences and Technology
 - Section for the History of Chemistry and Pharmacy
 - Section for the History of Medicine
- Library
- Publishing Centre

Publications:

- *Analecta. Studia i Materiały z Dziejów Nauki* (Analecta. Studies and Materials for the History of Science), semi-annual
- *Archiwum Dziejów Oświaty* (Archives of the History of Education), series
- *Historia Leków Naturalnych* (History of Natural Medicines), series
- *Historia Nauki Polskiej* (History of Polish Science), series
- *Kwartalnik Historii Nauki i Techniki* (Quarterly Journal of the History of Science and Technology), quarterly
- *Monografie z Dziejów Nauki i Techniki*, (Monographs on the History of Science and Technology), series
- *Monografie z Dziejów Oświaty* (Monographs on the History of Education), series
- *Organon*, annual
- *Rozprawy z Dziejów Oświaty* (Dissertations on the History of Education), annual
- *Słownik Biograficzny Polskich Nauk Medycznych XX Wieku* (Biographic Dictionary of Polish Medical Sciences of the 20th Century), series
- *Studia Copernicana* (Copernican Studies), series
- *Medycyna Nowożytna. Studia nad Historia Medycyny* (Studies on the History of Medicine), semi-annual
- *Z Dziejów Kartografii* (History of Cartography), series
- *Źródła do Dziejów Nauki i Techniki* (Sources for the History of Science and Technology), series.