

Editorial

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The time has come to hand over *Metascience* to a new pair of editors. From the first issue of 2015, Brad Wray and Luciano Boschiero will have the responsibility to edit the journal. We took over the journal in 2009 and have produced 15 issues. In these years, *Metascience* has grown considerably both in quantity and, we believe, in quality. More than 620 reviews have appeared or are about to appear. Of them 28 were book symposia, more than 100 were essay reviews, and 23 were survey reviews (surveying 57 books). More than 580 persons reviewed books for us. The journal has had a truly international authorship. A total of 249 reviewers were from European institutions (including 103 from UK); 238 from US institutions; 53 from Australasian; 23 from Canadian; 5 from Central and South American; 5 from Asian; 3 from African; 7 reviews came from independent scholars. Our authors came from over 320 universities around the world. The reviews covered all areas in the philosophy and history of science, but also, keeping with the tradition of *Metascience*, areas in the social studies of science. The thematic grouping of the reviews has rendered *Metascience* a useful guide to current trends and interests. Ninety-eight books were in the history of science; 86 in the philosophy of science; 73 in the history and philosophy of biology and medicine; 50 in the social studies of science; 50 in the history and philosophy of physics; 39 in the history of philosophy of science; 27 in the history and philosophy of logic and mathematics; 24 in the metaphysics of science; 10 in science and religion; 8 in the history and philosophy of technology; 7 in the history and philosophy of chemistry; 7 in the history and philosophy of environmental and earth sciences. The sheer bulk of the books published and reviewed shows that the disciplines are thriving.

Metascience has aimed to promote the connection between history and philosophy of science by offering a nonpartisan venue in which scholarship in

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HPS is discussed and appraised. It has built bridges instead of raising walls. It has given to reviewers the space and freedom required for a thorough critical engagement with the books they review. It has offered fresh perspectives on old classics and has brought under intense critical examination (in the form of book symposia) some important recent books. Book reviews are heavily underestimated by funding bodies (and occasionally by colleagues) as being peripheral to novel research. The quality and originality of the bulk of our reviews shows, we believe, how wrong this attitude is.

The coming of *Metascience* in Athens coincided with the advent of the most severe socioeconomic crisis in Greece after the second world war. The journal found its home in a university which, like all other Greek universities and the society at large, was heavily wounded by relentless austerity. But we made it, and we could not have made it without the support of the Department of Philosophy and History of Science of the University of Athens. We were fortunate enough to be assisted by two exceptional persons—Costas Mannouris and Vassilis Sakellariou—who, with a lot of personal sacrifice and uncompromising dedication, managed the day-to-day business of *Metascience*.

We would like to thank the members of the editorial board of *Metascience* for their commitment to the flourishing of the journal; our hundreds of reviewers for their thoughtful and elegant engagement with the books; the over 60 publishers who sent us their books for reviews; and the team in Springer for making the publication of *Metascience* easier than we initially thought.