

The European Physical Journal H publishes, next to *regular articles* and annotated *historical documents*, also *personal recollections* and – beginning with this issue – *oral history interviews*. That way EPJ H stresses the importance of eyewitness-reports for historical studies on contemporary physics. In the new article type *oral history interview* both the interviewed and the interviewer appear as authors. Their published article is a revised and truly edited version of their original taped conversations keeping the spirit of the dialog. Imbedded in a reconstruction of the person's formative years – upbringing, studies and career – the focus of EPJ H's *oral history interview* is on the individual's past as a physicist, that is, on his work and on the research of his time. It emphasizes the contributions to physics and to the development of physical concepts and gives less room to the social background of the interviewed.

The past four years bear witness that EPJ H's concept to serve as a forum for the history of contemporary physics for historians as well as physicists has been a success. It is hoped that the *oral history interviews* will help to raise the journal's reputation.

A detailed description of the journal's aims and scopes can be found in [Eur. Phys. J. H 35, 1-2 \(2010\)](#).

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