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Editorial

This volume contains a selection of the papers presented at the Fifth Conference on “Integrated History and Philosophy of Science” (&HPS) organized by the Institute Vienna Circle at the University of Vienna, June 26–28, 2014.¹

The organizers were pleased to host just this conference, given the related research focus and scholarly environment at the University of Vienna, e.g., the running master’s program HPS and the doctoral program “The Sciences in Historical, Philosophical, and Cultural Contexts.”² In addition, the Institute Vienna Circle had already co-organized a conference on “Wissenschaftsgeschichte und Wissenschaftsphilosophie” (History of Science and Philosophy of Science) at the University of Vienna in 2011, whose proceedings were published in the journal *Berichte zur Wissenschaftsgeschichte*.³

From my personal point of view, it was most reasonable to have one of these &HPS conferences in Vienna, given the denomination of my own chair: History and Philosophy of Science.⁴ In the meantime we experienced a big conference on Ernst Mach (1838–1916) on the occasion of the centenary of his death, which – once more – was a variation of the interdisciplinary research field history and philosophy of science, with special contributions to Mach’s significance for an integrated HPS.⁵

My thanks go to the &HPS Committee members (chaired by Don Howard and John Norton) for accepting our proposal and for acting as the Program Committee (selecting 33 speakers out of more than 150 submissions, which indicates the high

¹ &HPS website: http://www.pitt.edu/~pittcntr/About/international_partnerships/andHPSpage.html

² <http://dk-sciences-contexts.univie.ac.at/>

³ *Berichte zur Wissenschaftsgeschichte*. Organ der Gesellschaft für Wissenschaftsgeschichte. Issues 2/2012, 3/2012, 1/2013.

⁴ Friedrich Stadler, “History and Philosophy of Science,” in: *Berichte zur Wissenschaftsgeschichte* 3/2012, 217–238. The abridged English version “History and Philosophy of Science – Between Description and Construction” in: *New Directions in the Philosophy of Science*. Ed. By Maria Carla Galavotti, Dennis Dieks, Wenceslao J. Gonzalez, Stephan Hartmann, Thomas Uebel, Marcel Weber. Cham-Heidelberg-New York-Dordrecht-London: Springer 2014, 747–767. (The Philosophy of Science in a European Perspective, Vol. 5).

⁵ <http://mach16.univie.ac.at>

competition and pleasing interest in HPS in general), the cosponsoring Faculty of Philosophy and Education (represented by its dean Elisabeth Nemeth and my colleague Martin Kusch), and the staff members of the Institute Vienna Circle, esp. Sabine Koch, Karoly Kokai, and Robert Kaller.

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