

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

This issue of *Kantovsky Sbornik*, as we hope, opens a new chapter in its history. From its very beginning in 1975 *Kantovsky Sbornik* was targeted at Russian researchers and its texts, with few exceptions¹, were in Russian. This is the first issue to comprise articles in German and in English, addressed to international readership. We hope to make this a regular practice in an effort to contribute to strengthening international connections in Kant-scholarship and beyond.

The history of *Kantovsky Sbornik* began forty years ago, and 2015 marks an important anniversary. It was established at First Kant Readings, dedicated to Immanuel Kant's 250th birthday, which took place at Kaliningrad University in 1974. In 1975 the proceedings of the event were published as "*The Questions of Immanuel Kant's Theoretical Heritage. Issue 1*". Under this name the journal was published annually until 1980. At that time Prof. A. Gulyga suggested the name to be changed to *Kantovsky Sbornik*. Under that name the journal was published annually until 2006. Its contents included not only current results of Kant-scholarship, but also new and often first-time Russian translations of Kant, Hegel, Fichte, reviews, and translated publications by some of world's leading Kant scholars. From the very beginning till 2006 and from 2012 up to now Leonard Kalinnikov performs the duties of the editor-in-chief of the journal.

Important new developments came in 2008, when *Kantovsky Sbornik* becomes biannual and several new sections appeared, such as "Logic and Theory of Argumentation", "Neo-Kantianism", "Historical Research. Archives. Documents". The journal started to provide space for discussions, reviews and announcements about philosophical events throughout the world.

At the same time our University established Kant Institute – a research unit, aimed at carrying out Kant-scholarship, translating new texts and popularizing Kantian philosophy. *Kantovsky Sbornik* became the main publication for this new institution. Starting from 2010 the journal is published four times a year and obtains recognition from Russian Higher Attestation Commission as one of the country's main philosophical periodicals. Among our regular authors are Russia's most renowned Kant scholars – V.A. Zhuchkov, V.V. Vasilyev, A.S. Chernov, T.I. Oizerman, A.N. Kruglov, D.N. Razeev – and also internationally prominent philosophers, such as N. Hinske, B. Dörflinger, W. Stark, H. Klemme, J. Stolzenberg, A. Wood, R. Howell, J. Habermas, A. Honneth, among others. The publications over the past five years included previously unknown to Russian readership archive documents, several newly translated works by Kant, P. Natorp, M. Mendelsohn, G. H. von Wright, H. Arendt, E. A. C. Wasianski, correspondence between Kant and Haman, and so on.

¹ These are two articles in No. 21 (1999):

– The Legal Metaphor in Kant's Kritik der reinen Vernunft: its Structure and Meaning (W. van der Kuijlen);

– Kant und die "polnische Frage" (M. Zelazny); and one article in No. 22 (2001): The notion of "limit" in Kant's transcendental Philosophy (A. Gentile), all available in pdf-format at the URL: http://kant-online.ru/?page_id=574.

Vladimir Bryushinkin (1953–2012) was the editor-in-chief of *Kantovsky Sbornik* from 2008 till his untimely passing away. For decades he was the driving force administrating philosophical research and education at our University, also creating significant output in Kantian Logic. It is due to his vision and effort that *Kantovsky Sbornik* progressed so much during those years.

2011 saw the first digest “*Kantovsky Sbornik. Selected articles*” in English that comprised the translations of the best earlier publications of our Russian authors.² The present issue serves a different purpose, has a wider audience, and we cordially invite new authors to send submissions.

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² These are three issues with the articles from 2008 till 2012 that are to find at the website of editorial office (http://journals.kantiana.ru/eng/kant_collection/) or at the website of the Kant Institute (<http://www.kant-online.ru/en/?cat=8>).