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EDITORIAL

Reflections on *HoST's* Last Triennium

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As the end of our three-year period as editors of *HoST-Journal of History of Science and Technology* approaches, we would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the remarkable journey taken together, always having our readers in mind. These years were marked by both notable achievements and unforeseen challenges, particularly the contingencies caused by the global COVID-19 pandemic. We take the chance here to salute our community for the unwavering dedication and adaptability throughout this period.

From the beginning, our main objective at *HoST* was to keep promoting the highest scholarship standards of the history of science, technology and medicine while encouraging interdisciplinary dialogue and exploration within this captivating realm. Throughout the past triennium, and despite the obstacles faced, *HoST* continued to push the boundaries of academic discourse, provided a platform for ground-breaking research, and remained firm in upholding the highest standards of academic integrity and transparency.

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A rigorous review procedure was ensured throughout this period. We must acknowledge, however, that the COVID-19 pandemic presented challenges in finding reviewers. The disruptions caused by travel restrictions, shifting priorities, and increased workloads affected the availability of dedicated peer-reviewers. Nevertheless, our enthusiastic team worked tirelessly to identify and engage the best possible experts. We sincerely thank all colleagues who generously, and with a clear sense of mission, agreed to review *HoST*'s papers. Their contributions were invaluable, and we are certain that the community of historians of science, technology and medicine at large is also grateful to them.

One of the most significant achievements during this period was the expansion of contributions beyond the thematic dossiers. Additionally, significant progress was made in diversifying the themes and topics covered by *HoST*. The aim was to ensure that the journal stays at the forefront of emerging trends in the history of science, technology, and medicine. In order to achieve this objective, submissions that explored underrepresented areas of research, challenge established narratives, and incorporated fresh perspectives, were encouraged. We believe that this commitment enriched the journal and contributed to a more comprehensive understanding of the field's development.

Embracing the digital age, it was a commitment of *HoST* to enhance its accessibility and visibility. Through collaboration with Sciendo, the academic publishing platform where the journal is hosted, it was possible to reach a wider audience and ensure the long-term preservation of our published content. Furthermore, an online presence in social media platforms was established, enabling the dissemination of new articles, updates, and pertinent information more effectively.

In keeping with a longstanding objective of *HoST*, the journal is presently being submitted to several crucial citation indexes. To this regard we are happy to announce that *HoST* has recently been included in DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals) – an updated list of the indexing services where *HoST* is covered can be found here: https://sciendo.com/journal/HOST?tab=abstracting-indexing.

We are very proud of the remarkable growth and development that *HoST* has achieved in this period.

We attribute this success, first and foremost, to the meticulous care with which the previous editorial boards nurtured the journal over the past years, always ensuring its high quality. To them, our greatest thanks for their dedication.

In addition, we were fortunate to have worked together with a remarkable and supportive editorial and advisory board, composed of renowned scholars and experts from diverse backgrounds, who have established a dynamic and inclusive environment for editing,

reviewing, and selecting the thematic dossiers and other emerging discussions. The invaluable expertise and guidance provided by the advisory board members have played a pivotal role in maintaining the quality and relevance of the research published in *HoST*.

Lastly, and most importantly, none of these accomplishments would have been possible without the tireless efforts and invaluable contributions of the authors, reviewers, and readers. Your full support and commitment to advancing the study of the history of science, technology and medicine have been the driving force behind *HoST*'s progress.

Looking ahead, we wish the next editorial team all the success. We are sure *HoST* will continue refining its editorial processes, strengthening engagement with emerging research areas, and exploring innovative forms of scholarly communication. As technological and social change unfolds, our understanding of the history of science, technology and medicine will continue to evolve, and *HoST* is committed to remaining at the forefront of this ever-changing landscape.

As we finish our journey as *HoST* editors, we invite each and every one to continue sharing your remarkable research, insights, and ideas with us. Your contributions will shape the future of our field and inspire new generations of scholars.