

Editorial

Dear reader:

An editorial in the first issue of a new year is a good occasion to recall a few selected highlights published last year:

- In issue 2–3 Massimiliano Badino from the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science in Berlin, Germany, presented some aspects of the history of black-body radiation in the article “The odd couple: Boltzmann, Planck and the application of statistics to physics (1900–1913)”.
- We continued to contribute to the discussion on how to measure the scientific impact with a paper on the “Evaluation of the scientific impact, productivity and biological age based upon the h-index in three Latin American countries: the materials science case” by A.H. Romero, A. Garcia, and M. Kiwi (Querétaro, México, and Santiago, Chile) in issue 4. “The influence of self-citation corrections and the fractionalised counting of multi-authored manuscripts on the Hirsch index” was discussed by Michael Schreiber (Chemnitz, Germany) in the September issue.
- In the April issue, David H. Delphenich (Lindborg, KS, USA) described some of his ideas “On the pre-metric foundations of wave mechanics”.
- The August issue contained an extended review on “Ultrafast dynamics in solids: Non-equilibrium behaviour of magnetism and atomic structure” by Karl-Heinz Bennemann (Berlin, Germany).
- In the same issue, T. Stauber and F. Guinea (Braga, Portugal, and Madrid, Spain) reviewed “Entanglement of spin chains with general boundaries and of dissipative systems”.
- In the October issue, Harald Brune (Lausanne, Switzerland) gave an impressive overview on “Thermal dynamics at surfaces”.
- The last issue in 2009, the Special Topic Issue “Transport in Interacting Disordered Systems”, was devoted to the major results of a conference which was organized by Imre Varga in Ráckeve, Hungary, between 31 August and 5 September of the same year.

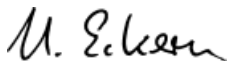
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With my best regards



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