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HISTORICAL ASPECTS

The name DGGTB (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Geschichte und Theorie der Biologie; German Society for the History and Philosophy of Biology) reflects recent history as well as German tradition. The Society is a relatively late addition to a series of German societies of science and medicine that began with the "Deutsche Gesellschaft für Geschichte der Medizin und der Naturwissenschaften", founded in 1910 by Leipzig University's Karl Sudhoff (1853-1938). The founding and naming of the Society at that time derived from a specific set of historical circumstances, and the same was true some 80 years later when in 1991, in the wake of German reunification the "Deutsche Gesellschaft für Geschichte und Theorie der Biologie" was founded.

The Society drew members from both the formerly East German and West Germany parts of the country, and from several other states of the world. By that the Society has helped to re-establish the history and philosophy of biology as a discipline at German universities and continues to promote the subject as part of higher education. In addition, the Society has supported the establishment of a museum for the history of biology, the Biohistoricum, associated to the Museum Alexander Koenig, Bonn.

ACTIVITIES AND PUBLICATIONS

From the start, the Society has been concerned to bring studies in the history and philosophy of biology to a wide audience through its *Jahrbuch für Geschichte und Theorie der Biologie*.

Parallel to the *Jahrbuch*, the *Verhandlungen zur Geschichte und Theorie der Biologie* has become the traditional medium of publication for papers delivered during the Society's annual meetings. In 2005 the traditional *Jahrbuch* implemented a number of changes, making the contents more transdisciplinary and international, and increasing the emphasis on comparative biology as a subject of historical and philosophical studies. These changes are reflected in a name change from *Jahrbuch* to *Annals of the History and Philosophy of Biology*.

A *newsletter* provides informations about recent developments of the activity of the DGGTB to their members.

The *annual meeting* of the society is the scientific platform on which exciting research is presented, communicated and discussed.

The awarding of the *Gaspar-Friedrich-Wolff-medal* for an outstanding contribution on the history and philosophy of biology marks the ambition of the DGGTB to support early career of young scientists.

JOIN THE DGGTB

The membership standard contribution is 36.00 " per annum. Students, retirees and unemployd members pay 18.00 " per annum.

This provides receipt of the Society's newsletter with details of all the Society's activities as well as the *Verhandlungen zur Geschichte und Theorie der Biologie* free of charge. Members also have the right to vote at general meetings on all matters concerning the DGGTB.

For further information about the Society, and for any direct inquiries either about membership or society meetings please visit our homepage:

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