

To our Readers and Authors

The Fifth issue of the Journal of the Philosophers of the Slav Countries „ΣΟΦΙΑ” is not only an occasion for the reflection on the time that has flown since its foundation but also for putting the emphasis on the determination of the community of philosophers who are taking live interest in its publication. For our Journal is published owing to the texts of its Contributors, to the effort of its editors and also due to the kindness and high appraisal of our work by of the Rector of the University of Rzeszów, prof. Włodzimierz Bonusiak. However, it is also an occasion for undertaking a discussion on its hitherto shape and, particularly, on its shortcomings and the direction of eventual changes. For nothing is as good so that it could not be changed for the better.

The character of the Journal, its founding principles and particularly its restrictedness to theoretical texts and papers devoted to the philosophy of the cultures of the Slav countries are undoubtedly pointing to its limitations. One can even say – to certain particularism, if not provincialism, especially in the opinion of those for whom Western philosophy is the only proper reference. The editors of the Journal do not, however, aspire to universality and, particularly, to publishing texts about everything. Anyway, it is not even attainable. At the same time we hold that, in the framework of the global world, there must also be a place for that which is particular and even local. It is even more so because in this case that which is local has a continental dimension and its content fits in, or at least has to fit in, the global world. Is, however, this position substantiated enough? Or should it be abandoned?

The editors’ concern is the theoretical level of the texts, particularly those published under the heading „Articles, Essays”. These texts are being reviewed according to their language by the philosophers of the Academic Council and the Board of Reviewers of the Journal. Besides, each issue becomes the subject of a general review. This is the reason why not all of the texts submitted to the Editorial Board become published. Nevertheless, the basic reason is that the far too long publication cycle is determined by the limitations of our publishing facilities. Our Journal is published annually and it is not always possible to

publish a contribution received by the editorial board in an annual cycle. This is determined not only by the theoretical value of the contribution but also by the topic of the contribution. Whenever possible, we are trying to select texts pertaining to the same problem area. Although, it should be emphasized, this is not always feasible. In the future, however, being inspired by the suggestions of prof. Victor Makarenko from Rostov on Don, we are determined to give more weight to the thematical makeup of the forthcoming issues. Thus, in connection with the planned 5th Conference of the Philosophers of the Slav Countries to be held on June 2 – June 5, 2005 on the subject matter of „Philosophy in the Cultures of the Slav nations”, we would like to devote the forthcoming volume to the issue of the state of philosophy in the Slav countries. Whereas the subsequent volume, to the issues of political philosophy, in particular to the ever-growing fundamentalism and the related matters of intolerance and xenophobia, and their political, religious, racial, as well as nationalist background. Yet wider scale planning seems to be overgrowing the possibilities of the Editorial Board.

This does not mean that the Editors do not take nor will take any interest in texts that are outrunning these problems. All the texts submitted for publication, to the extent to which they match the profile of the Journal, are being thoroughly read and published whenever possible. Thus we invite our Readers and the philosophers who take interest in the issues being toughed upon in our Journal of the Philosophers of the Slav Countries „ΣΟΦΙΑ” to close cooperation with our Editorial Board.

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