

Merging two journals dedicated to the history of physics – DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1051/epn/2024503>

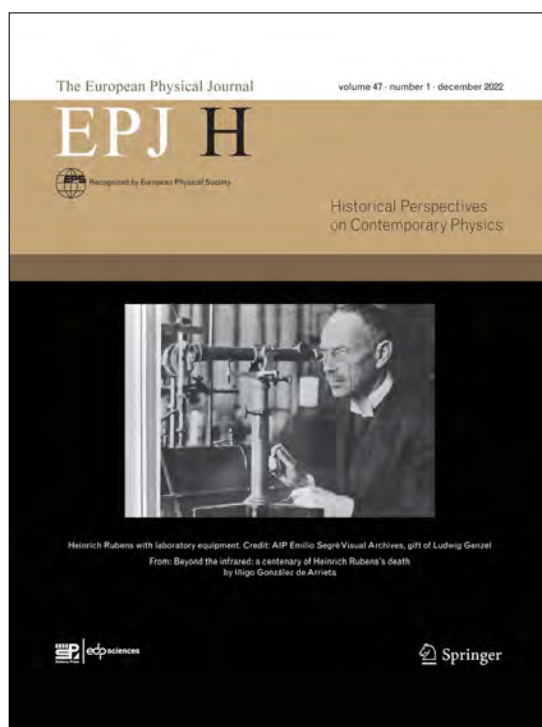
Under new leadership, EPJH has been integrated with *Quaderni di Storia della Fisica*.

On July 1st, 2024, the *European Physical Journal H* (EPJ H) merged with *Quaderni di Storia della Fisica* (*Notebooks of History of Physics*), one of very few other journals dedicated to the history of physics. The merger was announced through a new editorial published in EPJ H by the journal's new Editors-in-Chief, Alexander Blum at the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science in Berlin, and Matteo Leone at the University of Turin.

For Blum and Leone, the merger presents a unique opportunity to combine the distinct yet related traditions of EPJ H and *Quaderni di Storia della Fisica*, while ensuring the journal's growth and relevance in the future. It will also provide a platform for interdisciplinary dialogue between physicists and historians – an increasingly important interaction in today's academic landscape.

One of the key outcomes of the merger is the expansion of the EPJ H's historical coverage. While the journal has traditionally focused on contemporary physics, the integration with *Quaderni di Storia della Fisica* will allow it to extend its scope to include earlier periods in the history of physics, while keeping a relevance to modern-day physicists in mind. This broader coverage aims to attract a more diverse readership: from research physicists interested in the early history of their work, to educators and students across many different levels of academia.

Blum and Leone also emphasise their commitment to including a



▼ The Editors-in-Chief: Alexander Blum (left) and Matteo Leone (right).



more diverse range of submissions: including oral history interviews, translations of historic papers, and short communications.

And for those physicists who want to use their scientific expertise and experience to contribute more directly to historical research, the

category of tandem papers, co-written by a physicist and a historian, has been introduced. This approach was successfully tested in the recently completed EPJH special issue "History for Physics". Physicists and historians looking for co-authors can get in touch with the Editors-in-Chief or with Bernadette Lessel, who will be in charge of this new category as a member of the editorial board.

All these changes reflect a broader goal of making EPJ H a central platform for both historians of science, and physicists interested in historical research.

Altogether, the editors hope that the merger of EPJ H and *Quaderni di Storia della Fisica* will create a robust platform for interdisciplinary research and dialogue which honours the traditions of both journals, while addressing the evolving needs of the academic community.

Alexander Blum is a historian of science and has worked extensively on the history and foundations of quantum mechanics, quantum field theory, and general relativity. He originally joined the EPJH editorial board in 2019.

Matteo Leone is professor of didactics and history of physics and Director of the Museum of Physics at the University of Turin. His research focuses on the history of physics in the 19th and 20th centuries and on the historical scientific heritage. ■

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