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**Division of History of Science
and Technology (DHST)
of the International Union
of History and Philosophy
of Science and Technology (IUHPST)**

OUR HISTORY

The roots of the International Union of History and Philosophy of Science and Technology go back to 1928, when a small group of historians of science, led by the Italian Aldo Mieli and the Belgian-American George Sarton, founded the International Academy of History of Science.

Over the years, the Academy evolved from a society of individual members into an organization largely made up of national committees. In 1947, the group reorganized as the International Union of History of Science and joined the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU), the world's leading non-governmental organization in the field of science and an affiliate of UNESCO.

In 1956, at the urging of ICSU, the historians of science merged with the International Union of Philosophy of Science to form the International Union of History and Philosophy of Science (IUHPS), which comprises two distinct units: the Division of History of Science and Technology (DHST) and the Division of Logic, Methodology, and Philosophy of Science (DLMPS). In 1971 the DHST amicably separated from the Academy, which became an association of distinguished scholars. Since 2015, the Union has been called the International Union for History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (IUPHST).

Composed of about 45 national committees and over twenty commissions and sections, the DHST leads the world in promoting the history of science and technology. It will hold its 26th international congress in Prague, Czech Republic, in July 2021.

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- > Inter-Union Commission of History of Astronomy (with IAU)
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- > International Commission of History of Geological Sciences (INHIGEO) (with IUGS)
- > International Commission of History of Mathematics (ICHM) (with IMU)
- > International Commission of History of Soil Science (with ISSS)

Historical Commissions

- > Commission on the History of Ancient and Medieval Astronomy (CHAMA)
- > Commission on Bibliography and Documentation (CBD)
- > Commission on the History of Science and Technology in Islamic Societies (HOSTIS)
- > International Commission on the History of Meteorology
- > Commission on the History of Physics
- > Commission on the History of Chemistry and Molecular Sciences
- > International Commission of the History of Oceanography
- > Pacific Circle
- > Scientific Instruments Commission (SIC)
- > Science and Empire Commission
- > Commission on Women and Gender in Science, Technology and Medicine
- > Commission on Science and Literature
- > Commission on Science, Technology and Diplomacy

Inter-Division Commissions

- > DHST- DLMPST Joint Commission (JC)
- > Inter-Division Teaching Commission (IDTC)
- > History and Philosophy of Computing (HaPoC)

Scientific Sections

- > International Committee for the History of Technology (ICOHTEC)
- > International Society for the History of East Asian Science, Technology and Medicine (ISHEASTM)
- > International Association for Science and Cultural Diversity (IASCUD)

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2021 DHST DISSERTATION PRIZE SCHEME

The International Union of the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology, Division of History of Science and Technology (IUHPST/DHST) invites submissions for the DHST Dissertation Prize, to be presented in 2021. Initiated at the 22nd International Congress of History of Science, held in Beijing in 2005, the DHST Dissertation Prize is now awarded by the IUHPST/DHST every two years. Up to three awards for recent Ph.D. historians of science and technology (including medicine) will be awarded to recognize outstanding doctoral dissertations completed and filed between September 2, 2018 and September 1, 2020.

The 2021 DHST Prize does not specify distinct categories, but submissions must be on the history of science or technology in any part of the world. The Award Committee endeavors to maintain the broadest coverage of subjects, geographical areas, chronology and civilizations (African, American, Asian, Islamic, Western and Ancient Civilisations, and others not included in the above list).

Each Prize consists of a certificate, assistance with travel and accommodation expenditures to the IUHPST/DHST Congress in Prague in July 2021 and a waiver of registration fees. The winner of a prize whose dissertation substantially engages Islamic science and culture (over competitions five [2016–2018] and six [2018–2020]), is also awarded the Ihsanoglu Prize given by the ISAR Foundation.

Award Committee

The Committee is comprised of the DHST Council members and distinguished subject specialists.

Competition Calendar

> **Submission:**

Applications open October 1, 2020 and close November 30, 2020 (22:00 GMT)

> **Award Committee meetings:**

January and February 2021

> **Announcement of prize winners for fifth competition:**

March 2021

> **Award Ceremony for winners of competitions 5 and 6:**

July 2021 in Prague

Conditions and Application

> **Language:**

Submission in all languages is welcome. All dissertations must be accompanied by a detailed summary in English of no more than 20 pages.

> **Application procedure:**

Applicants must submit online.

Additional details and procedures will be found at: <http://dhstweb.org/>.