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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

As occurs every three years, the time has come to replace half of our editorial team. On this occasion, one editor and three area editors are to be replaced. Antonio Diéguez is leaving as Editor, as are leaving as Area Editors Agustín Vicente (Philosophy of Mind and Cognition), José Zalabardo (History and Philosophy of Logic and Mathematics) and María Jesús Santesmases (History of Science and STS). In their place, Javier González de Prado (UNED) will be taking over as editor and Marc Artiga (Universitat de València), Atocha Aliseda (UNAM) and Edna Suárez (UNAM) will also be joining us as area editors. We will incorporate Cristina Corredor (Universidad de Valladolid), who already served as editor some years ago, as consulting editor. We would like to give our warmest thanks to the outgoing editors for all the work they have done over recent years and for their invaluable contributions aimed at consolidating and improving THEORIA. Undoubtedly, the new editors will be able to carry out their work in a more stabilised situation than their predecessors faced five years ago.

Throughout the course of 2019, THEORIA will be published on OJS 3, a more up-to-date platform that will facilitate the entire publishing process, from the submission of papers to their reading by readers, including the entire reviewing and acceptance process. This will enable us to reduce both the time required for editorial decisions on submitted papers (currently eight weeks) and the time needed for accepted papers to be published.

In relation to the latter, this year THEORIA will use the Online First plugin for the immediate online publication of all accepted papers, once authors have corrected their final proofs. This will considerably reduce publication time. In Online First mode, each paper will receive a DOI (Digital Object Identifier) which will enable them to be citable by journal title and DOI.

Moreover, the new OJS 3 platform will help to develop the open access service, which THEORIA firmly and actively supports. Via our publisher, the University of the Basque Country Press, THEORIA has signed the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA). We are also open to promoting initiatives oriented towards developing and advancing Open Science strategies.

In a year's time, in May 2020, it will be 25 years since the death of THEORIA's founder, Miguel Sánchez-Mazas. Miguel founded THEORIA in 1952. His first term, however, was brief and lasted only until 1956, when he was forced to take refuge in Switzerland, fleeing from the political persecution of Franco's fascist regime. Miguel re-founded the journal in 1985.

Not only have the overall political conditions changed over these almost three decades, since the death of Miguel, public policies regarding Science and Technology on the world stage and in the European Union (EU) have also changed. These public policies

have helped break down the essentialist image of science, which focused on autonomy and self-referencing, and have placed it in a scenario of closer proximity to society. This is evidenced by the brands characterising the last three EU Framework Programmes: “Science and Society”, “Science in Society” and “Science with and for Society”. Science is progressively and increasingly seen more as a public good which needs to be strengthened and, as such, its management is conceived as part of the management of the public, of the common. THEORIA is firmly committed to this understanding of open science and aims to be a tool, alongside the new editorial team, to foster this orientation towards socially engaged science. In the same way that Miguel Sánchez-Mazas always understood it.

Andoni IBARRA

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