

Letter from the Editors

Euresis Journal is a multidisciplinary, online, open-access journal edited by the Euresis Association under the auspices of the Nova Universitas Consortium and CEUR Foundation. The main scope of the journal is to promote, at an academic level, an understanding of science as a fully human pursuit, rooted into the universal human quest for beauty and meaning. The transdisciplinary vocation of the journal directly stems from the ubiquity of such human aims in all branches of scientific and non-scientific research and knowledge.

Euresis Journal is edited and run by an Editorial Board including members of Euresis Scientific Committee. The Editorial Board, with the help of external experts, reviews all manuscripts. An Advisory Board that will include members of Consortium Nova Universitas - oversees the development of the journal to ensure its quality and consistency.

This novel online journal will provide an opportunity to share with the largest number of people the cultural excitement and richness experienced during the conferences and workshops that are part of the activities of the Euresis association. Furthermore, we look forward to producing thematic issues of Euresis Journal open to contributions from scholars and scientists at large. Central to the journal will be a look at science as a peculiar, and by itself surprising dimension of the human quest for truth. We wish to develop an open and rigorous discussion, among scientists as well as with scholars of extra-scientific background, in order to fully appreciate the method and content of scientific knowledge.

We wish to look at the work of past and present scientists as a unique actualization and development in time of the profound longing for truth and meaning that characterizes our human nature. We believe that this approach has the potential to help everyone, involved or interested in science, in appreciating the real depth of the human reason and, at the same time, the width and beauty of the realms that can be explored through science.

At the heart of scientific investigation is our awareness that nature has a trustworthy rational structure, even if we do not know why and how. Far from being a possible source of doubts, the sense of surprise and wonder for the rational comprehensibility of the world has been and continues to be one of the main triggers for the advancement of scientific knowledge. This point can best be appreciated by recalling the sense of joy and excitement produced in us by discoveries, even small ones, especially when they reveal novel fundamental aspects of nature that went unperceived previously.

In our hopes, this new Euresis Journal will contribute to keeping such a wonder alive and truly fruitful. The first issue of Euresis Journal will deal with scientific discovery, a fortunate coincidence that appears quite appropriate, as discovery is the meaning of the Greek word "ΕΥΡΗΣΙΣ", "euresis". Discovery has been the theme of a Symposium, held in San Marino in the summer of 2009, whose title was: "Discovery as an event. Understanding the dynamics of human advancement in science and culture".

This Symposium, organized by Euresis with the support of the John Templeton Foundation, was attended by several top-level scientists and scholars and was a success in terms of both contents of the conferences and passionate and fruitful discussions among the participants. We are happy and proud to offer the proceedings of this Symposium in the inaugural issue of our journal.