

The year 2020, marked by the global coronavirus pandemic, is coming to an end. This year turned the usual way of life upside down for all of us – it changed how we work and how we live day to day, turned private and work meetings, as well as classes, into virtual ones and moved us to the online space. It has often completely isolated us from our loved ones, stopped our travel plans, and thwarted many other intentions and projects. The pandemic has shown us that not everything is as obvious as it used to be; it has brought uncertainty, fear, and taught us greater humility and respect. On the other hand, the pandemic seems to have drawn people's attention to the important role and position of science in society, thus increasing interest in the work of scientists, including scientists in humanities, which may be a good sign for the future.

However, with deep sadness, a few days ago we received the news that the fight against coronavirus had been lost by our dear colleague, a member of the editorial board of *Studia Philosophica Kantiana*, a specialist in neo-Kantian philosophy, Professor Andrzej Noras from the University of Silesia in Katowice. The final pages of this issue will belong to him.

The journal *Studia Philosophica Kantiana* was affected by another change in 2020. Its founder and editor-in-chief, prof. PhDr. Lubomír Belás, CSc., who led it since its establishment in 2012, retired and decided not to continue in the position for health reasons. In this way, I would like to thank to professor Belás not only for his many years of work for this journal, but also for his lifelong zeal for Kant's philosophy and for building a workplace at the Institute of Philosophy of the Faculty of Arts of the University of Prešov which has become a centre

of Kantian research of European significance. The establishment of the journal was the culmination of his many years of experience and scientific research, in which he tutored younger colleagues and doctoral students systematically, thus creating excellent conditions for the continuation of this research at the Institute of Philosophy of the Faculty of Arts of the University of Prešov.

In his Editorial on the first issue of *Studia Philosophica Kantiana*, Lubomír Belás wrote: “Our modest publishing goal is to gain – by honest, patient work – demanding, critical readers and also to gradually engage in the intercultural process of exchanging ideas in a wider geographical environment.”¹ Realizing this goal and the responsibility that comes with editing this journal I am writing these lines with thanks for what professor Belás taught me and my colleagues and for the inspiring world of Kant’s research he presented to us – not only in studying Kant’s writings, but also in countless consultations or organizing thirteen international scientific conferences at the University of Prešov, at which top experts on Kant’s philosophy spoke. Many of these experts form the editorial board of the journal *Studia Philosophica Kantiana*, thus guaranteeing its high level, and they deserve my great thanks. My thanks also go to my colleagues and former colleagues from the University of Prešov, without whose work and support this journal could not exist.

I look to the coming years with hope and commitment that the journal *Studia Philosophica Kantiana* will continue to fulfil its mission responsibly thanks to the quality work of the authors, editorial board, editors, reviewers as well as its readers. Thank you for your support.

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¹ BELÁS, L.: Úvodom. *Studia Philosophica Kantiana* 1(1), 2012, p. 3.