

Charles C. Peirce Centennial Congress “Invigorating Philosophy for the 21st Century.” University of Massachusetts Lowell, July 16-19, 2014

On July 16-19, 2014, the *Charles C. Peirce Centennial Congress “Invigorating Philosophy for the 21st Century,”* was held, at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the death of Charles C. Peirce. **The Congress was sponsored by the *Charles S. Peirce Society* and the *Charles S. Peirce Foundation*.**

C. S. Peirce (1839-1914) has produced an extremely significant work in almost all the basic fields of philosophy, such as in Logic, in Symbolic Logic, in Mathematical Logic, in Ontology, in Metaphysics, in Epistemology, in Theory of Meaning, in Ethics, in Religion, in Aesthetics, in Semeiotics (he himself invented the term and the science of the meaning of signs), as well as in History and Philosophy of Science, in Mathematics, in Psychology, etc. His work was built on a firm knowledge of the work of great European Philosophies, such as those of Descartes, Kant and Hegel; he also studied scholastic Philosophy and in particular Duns Scotus, as well as Aristotle by whom he was deeply influenced. On the other hand, we must not forget that Peirce himself was a scientist and took profit of his knowledge in all scientific areas of his time, so as to produce an extremely significant philosophical work. **The 300 papers presented at the conference covered all areas of Peirce’s Philosophy. There were also a fair number of announcements on various aspects of Peirce’s Philosophy related to Aristotle.**

Demetra Sfondoni-Mentzou, President of the *Interdisciplinary Centre for Aristotle Studies (DI.K.A.M.)*, presented a paper entitled, “Peirce and Aristotle: A Neo-Aristotelian Version of Scientific Realism” and Dr. Christos Pechlivanidis, member of the scientific team of DI.K.A.M., presented a paper entitled, “What is Behind the Logic of Scientific Discovery? Aristotle and Charles S. Peirce on Imagination.”