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Part I

Here is the first issue of the HOPOS Newsletter. We are distributing the electronic version of the Newsletter in four separate parts (including this table of contents as Part I) in order not to fill your mailbox with overly long messages. All four parts

will be mailed at the same time. Please pay special attention to the Call for Papers for a HOPOS session at the 1993 History of Science Society Meeting, this in Part II (item 4.a). HOPOS is also distributing a hardcopy version of the Newsletter to those who request it. But in order to minimize the cost of distribution, we would like to distribute it to as many people as possible in this electronic form. So please bear with us as we experiment with a new form of communication.

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Part II

1. WHAT IS HOPOS?

HOPOS is an informal, international working group of schol-

ars who share an interest in promoting serious, scholarly research on the history of the philosophy of science and related topics in the history of the natural and social sciences, logic, philosophy, and mathematics. We interpret this statement of shared interest broadly, meaning to include all historical periods and diverse methodologies. We aim to promote historical work in a variety of ways, including the sponsorship of meetings and conference sessions, the publication of special issues of journals, the dissemination of information about libraries, archives, and collections, and, as more ambitious projects perhaps become feasible, the preparation of bibliographies and finding guides.

The establishment of HOPOS in the summer of 1992 was the end result of discussions that started at the 1990 Philosophy of Science Association (PSA) meeting in Minneapolis. Some of us were motivated by a simple love of history. Others were more concerned about the need to encourage a turn toward history at a time when--following the breakup of the "received view"--the philosophy of science, as a discipline, finds itself asking difficult questions about its future directions. We were all agreed that it was time to capitalize on the growing interest in history evidenced by such developments as the publication of Alberto Coffa's *THE SEMANTIC TRADITION FROM KANT TO CARNAP: TO THE VIENNA STATION*, and Joelle Proust's *QUESTIONS OF FORM: LOGIC AND THE ANALYTIC*

PROPOSITION FROM KANT TO CARNAP, and the recent round of Carnap-Reichenbach centennial conferences (which is not at all to say that our interests lie solely in the history of the Vienna Circle).

Our first two announcements concerning the creation of HOPOS this past summer elicited surprisingly enthusiastic response. We now have approximately one-hundred members of HOPOS, from North and South America, Europe, and the Middle East. And over two hundred individuals have subscribed to our electronic discussion list, HOPOS-L.

Another round of discussions at the 1992 PSA meeting in Chicago led to agreement on a variety of issues, including a form of organization for HOPOS, the difficult question of dues, the preparation of this newsletter, and the sponsorship of a few forthcoming HOPOS events, all of which are reported on below.

2. ORGANIZATION.

HOPOS being an informal organization, there are no elected or appointed committees or officers. Day-to-day responsibility resides with a self-selecting steering committee, whose members include:

Gary Hatfield, University of Pennsylvania

(hatfield@linc.cis.upenn.edu).

Don Howard, University of Kentucky

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Anne Mylott, Indiana University

(mylotta@ucs.indiana.edu).

Alan Richardson, University of Keele

(pia05@seq1.keele.ac.uk).

A program committee responsible at least for the organization of a HOPOS session at the 1993 History of Science Society meeting includes:

Dan Garber, University of Chicago

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Tom Oberdan, Clemson University

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Antonia Soulez, Universite de Paris XII

And, finally, responsibility for editing and distributing the newsletter is shared among:

George Gale, University of Missouri-Kansas City

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Alan Richardson, University of Keele

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David Stump, University of San Francisco

(stumpd@alm.admin.usfca.edu)

Volunteers are welcome to help with any of these activities.

We need, especially, more help from among the many European members of HOPOS, preferably members who have access to email. If you would like to help, please contact a member of the relevant committee.

3. DUES.

It was decided at our meeting at the Chicago PSA that HOPOS would ask for annual voluntary dues in the amount of \$15.00 (US dollars), to help with the cost of preparing and distributing the

newsletter. We will begin the collection of dues with the 1993 calendar year.

Please make your checks payable (preferably in US dollars) to HOPOS, and send them to Don Howard; Department of Philosophy; University of Kentucky; Lexington, Kentucky 40506-0027; USA.

4. UPCOMING HOPOS-SPONSORED EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES.

a. CALL FOR PAPERS--NOVEMBER 1993 HSS MEETING.

HOPOS is planning to organize a session at the annual meeting of the History of Science Society in Santa Fe, New Mexico, 11-14 November, 1993. All are invited to submit proposals in any area of the history of the philosophy of science. Those interested in participating should send three copies of a brief abstract and a short cv (about half a page) to:

Daniel Garber

Department of Philosophy

University of Chicago

1050 E. 59th St.

Chicago, IL 60637

(email: garb@midway.uchicago.edu)

The deadline for submission is 25 February, 1993. Other members of the program committee include Tom Oberdan (oberdat@clmson.bitnet) and Antonia Soulez. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact any member of the program committee.

b. HOPOS SESSIONS AT 1994 JOINT PSA/HSS MEETING.

HOPOS is also planning to propose one or more sessions at the October 1994 PSA/HSS joint meeting in New Orleans. A call for papers will be issued at a later time. But if you have ideas about possible topics for such sessions, please share them with a member of the program committee.

c. FUTURE ACTIVITIES.

We hope to organize HOPOS sessions at least at future

HSS and PSA meetings. But we also want very much to find HOPOS venues more convenient for our European members. If you have any suggestions for how to do this, or if you would like to help in organizing such events, please let us know. Beyond that, we welcome any and all suggestions for other HOPOS-sponsored activities. Among the suggestions that some of our members have already made are a HOPOS sponsored NEH Summer Seminar, or a special HOPOS issue of a journal. Again, please be generous with your ideas.

5. OTHER FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

a. 1993 DUBROVNIK CONFERENCE.

As it happens, one of the two themes announced for this coming April's Philosophy of Science Conference at the Inter-University Center in Dubrovnik (12-24 April) is History of the Philosophy of Science (the other topic is Values in Science). The organizers say that even though travel to Dubrovnik is a bit complicated at the present moment, it is still perfectly safe, last April's conference having been held without incident. A program for the conference has not

yet been finalized, but those who are interested in participating in the conference can write for more information to:

James Robert Brown; Department of Philosophy; University of Toronto; Toronto, Ontario M5S 1A1; CANADA.

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6. LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES, AND COLLECTIONS.

With this first issue of our newsletter, we are inaugurating

what we want to be a regular feature, in which we profile research collections of potential interest to HOPOS members. Please let us know of other collections that you think ought to be profiled in future issues.

a. ARCHIVES OF SCIENTIFIC PHILOSOPHY IN THE 20TH CENTURY,
University of Pittsburgh.

The Archives of Scientific Philosophy in the 20th Century (ASP) consists of the personal and professional papers of Rudolf Carnap, Hans Reichenbach, and Frank P. Ramsey. Also included are microfilm copies of the papers of Ludwig Wittgenstein and the Archives for the History of Quantum Physics. Detailed inventories are available for all these collections. Although they are not currently available for use, the ASP has acquired and is processing other relevant manuscript collections. In cooperation with the University of Minnesota, a microfilm copy of the extant papers of Herbert Feigl will soon be accessible to researchers at the ASP.

The ASP is located in Room 363 of Hillman Library, at

the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260. The curator in charge is W. Gerald Heverly. He may be reached at the above address, by calling 412-648-8196, or by sending e-mail to WGHASXHL@PITTVMS.BITNET. Requests for permission to publish or to quote from materials in the ASP should be directed to the curator, who will gladly assist researchers in this regard. A faculty oversight committee is ultimately responsible for granting such permission, but in practice this is generally not problematic.

As the result of a special agreement with the University of Konstanz, microfilm copies of the Carnap, Reichenbach, and Ramsey Papers are being deposited there for use by European researchers. This project should be complete by the middle of 1993. Anyone wishing to use ASP materials in Pittsburgh are asked to make an appointment in advance with the curator. Due to limited staffing, unannounced visitors may not be accommodated.

b. PHILOSOPHICAL ARCHIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KONSTANZ.

The Philosophical Archive of the University of Konstanz

is part of the university's Center for Philosophy of Science, whose director is Juergen Mittelstrass. The people responsible for the Archives--the oversight committee, if you will--are Gereon Wolters and Martin Carrier. Our archivist, Brigitte Uhlemann, is in charge of the day-to-day care of the archive. People interested in using the archives should contact her, either by phone, at +49-7531-88-2492/3729, or by FAX, at +49-7531-88-2502. E-mail contact is possible via Martin Carrier's e-mail number: picarrie@dknkurz1. The Archive is located on the Konstanz campus in G 511. Ms. Uhlemann's office is in G 512, and she can give information about how to obtain permissions to quote (the procedures necessary are different for the different parts of the collection).

The archive presently holds, or will shortly be holding, the following papers.

(1) THE HUGO DINGLER PAPERS (Photocopies). Dingler (1881-1954) is one of the founding fathers of the so-called Constructivist School in the philosophy of science.

(2) THE BRUNO THUERING PAPERS (Originals). Thuring (1905-1989) was a follower of Dingler and practicing Nazi.

His work may be of interest in connection with the debate about special relativity in the 1920's and later.

(3) THE ALFRED BAEUMLER PAPERS (Photocopies). Baeumler (1887-1968) worked on Kantian aesthetics, Nietzsche, and the romantic period; he was influential in Nazi-Germany.

(4) THE FRANK RAMSEY PAPERS (Microfilm). Konstanz holds a complete microfilm copy of the originals preserved at Pittsburgh.

(5) THE HANS REICHENBACH PAPERS (Microfilm). Same as # (4).

(6) THE RUDOLF CARNAP PAPERS (Microfilm). Same as # (4). The Carnap papers should be available in Konstanz next spring.

(7) THE HERBERT FEIGL PAPERS (Microfilm). Same as # (4). The Feigl papers should be available in Konstanz next fall.

(8) ARCHIVE FOR THE HISTORY OF QUANTUM PHYSICS (Microfilm). A complete copy of the AHQP will be available in Konstanz shortly.

In addition, the Konstanz archive is in the process of acquiring a complete microfilm copy of the Moritz Schlick papers and the Otto Neurath papers, both of which sets of papers are now preserved at the Vienna-Circle Archive in

Amsterdam.

The Philosophical Archive is eager to provide good working conditions for everyone interested in its holdings. Paper copies of every part of the collection can be obtained at cost.

7. RELATED ORGANIZATIONS.

Another regular feature we are inaugurating with this first issue of the HOPOS Newsletter will profile other organizations, institutes, and programs whose aims are somewhat similar to or overlap with those of HOPOS. Please let us know of other such groups or programs that you would like to see profiled in future issues of our newsletter.

a. ASSOCIATION HENRI POINCARÉ.

The Association Henri Poincaré pour l'Histoire et la Philosophie des Mathématiques et de la Physique Modernes (HPMP), was formed in 1989 for the purpose of promoting

historical and philosophical studies of mathematics and physics, primarily in the 19th and 20th centuries. The Association publishes a newsletter twice a year containing book reviews, conference announcements, and news about new publications. It also sponsors a colloquium series, the topics for the 1991-92 academic year including: L'Ecole Mathematique Francaise, 1850-1914 (organized by Helene Gispert), and Erwin Schroedinger, Philosophie, et Naissance de la Mecanique Quantique (organized by Michel Bitbol and Olivier Darrigol). Future plans include support for publication projects, the preparation of bibliographies, and the collection of archival materials.

The Association is currently directed by Hourya Sinaeur, Amy Dahan Dalmedico, and Catherine Chevalley. The steering committee includes, in addition to the directors, Michel Blay, Jean-Luc Chabert, Karine Chemla, Thierry Coulhon, Olivier Darrigol, and Dominique Pestre.

For more information, or to request membership forms (dues are 150 F/year), one should write to the Association's temporary address (pending completion of repair work at the Institut Henri Poincare):

Association Henri Poincare; Laboratoire de Mineralogie-
Cristallographie; Tour 16--4, Place Jussieu; Case 115;
75252 Paris Cedex 05; FRANCE.

b. INSTITUT "WIENER KREIS."

The Institut "Wiener Kreis" was founded in Vienna in October 1991, on the occasion of the first conference under its sponsorship, "Wien--Berlin--Prag." Among the stated goals of the Institut are "the documentation and furtherance of the contributions and development of the 'Vienna Circle' in the areas of science and adult education; and secondly the cultivation and application of logical empiricism, critical rationalism, and linguistic analysis in the sense of a scientific philosophy and coordinated with general socio-cultural developments." The Institut hopes to achieve these goals through such things as the sponsorship of meetings, the establishment of a study center and research library, and the publication of a book series and an international journal.

The executive board of the Institut includes: Michael Neider, Friedrich Stadler, Eckehart Koehler, Erich Pehm, Herlinde Pauer-Studer, Josef Percl, Johann Dvorak, and Kurt Rudolf Fischer.

For further information and a membership form (minimum dues are AS 400/year), please write to:

Institut "Wiener Kreis"; Museumstrasse 5/2/19; A-1070 Wien;
AUSTRIA.

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8. JOURNALS, BOOKS, AND SERIES.

If you have information about books journals or series that

might be of special interest to HOPOS members, especially new publishing ventures, please let us know so that we can publicize them in the pages of the HOPOS Newsletter. In this issue we feature two new journals, a new section of an existing journal, and an old journal under new management.

a. PERSPECTIVES ON SCIENCE (University of Chicago Press).

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

PERSPECTIVES ON SCIENCE is devoted to studies on the sciences that integrate historical, philosophical, and sociological perspectives. Its interdisciplinary approach is intended to foster a more comprehensive understanding of the sciences and the contexts in which they develop.

Articles appearing in PERSPECTIVES ON SCIENCE will consist of case studies and theoretical essays of a meta-historical and meta-philosophical character, or historiographical works combining social and institutional analyses of science, as well as analyses of experiments, practices, concepts and theories. Book reviews will appear in each issue.

PERSPECTIVES ON SCIENCE will be published quarterly, beginning in Spring 1993, with about 130 pages per issue. One issue per year will usually be devoted to a single topic (with a guest editor). All contributions will be peer-reviewed as well as evaluated by the editor and associate editors. The Board of Advisory Editors is deliberately drawn from a wide range of subdisciplines within history, philosophy, and sociology of science.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Manuscripts may be submitted to Joseph C. Pitt, Editor, PERSPECTIVES ON SCIENCE, Department of Philosophy, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA 24061-0126. Fax 703-231-6367. Please submit four copies of all manuscripts, a self-addressed, stamped return envelope (USA only), and, if possible, a copy on computer diskette. A copy of the POS style sheet is available from the editorial office at the address above.

b. STUDIES IN HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE (Pergamon).

STUDIES IN HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE, edited by Nicholas Jardine and Andrew Cunningham, announces the creation of a new section, entitled STUDIES IN HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF PHYSICS, which will initially be published as an extra annual issue of the main journal, starting in 1993. This new section to be edited by Peter Galison and Michael Redhead. Contributors to the new section should submit manuscripts in duplicate to one of the editors:

Peter Galison; Department of History of Science; Science Center 235; Harvard University; Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138; USA.

Michael Redhead; Department of History and Philosophy of Science; University of Cambridge; Free School Lane; Cambridge CB2 3RH; UK.

Contributors to the regular issues of SHPS should submit manuscripts in duplicate to Nicholas Jardine and Andrew Cunningham, both at: Department of History and Philosophy of Science; University of Cambridge; Free School Lane; Cambridge CB2 3RH; UK.

c. PHILOSOPHIA MATHEMATICA (University of Toronto Press).

The Canadian Society for History and Philosophy of Mathematics announces that it has assumed the sponsorship of the journal, PHILOSOPHIA MATHEMATICA, which has been completely reorganized, with a new editor, editorial board, and publisher. Henceforth, all editorial correspondence, including submissions, should be directed to:

Professor Robert Thomas; Department of Applied Mathematics;
University of Manitoba; Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 2N2;
CANADA.

d. CONFIGURATIONS (Johns Hopkins University Press).

The Society for Literature and Science announces the creation of its new official journal, CONFIGURATIONS: A JOURNAL OF LITERATURE, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY, under the editorship of Wilda C. Anderson French, Johns Hopkins), James J. Bono (History and Medicine, SUNY Buffalo), and Kenneth J. Knoespel (Literature, Communications, and Cul-

ture, Georgia Tech). Quoting from the announcement: CONFIGURATIONS

- * addresses a wide variety of issues associated with the historical production, cultural dissemination, and social uses of "technical" knowledge and practices.
- * explores the relations among literature, the arts, science, technology, and medicine.
- * examines the differences and similarities between the human and natural sciences and the function of creativity and invention in each.
- * probes the texture of scientific practice and knowledge, including the role of technology and instruments in theoretical, experimental, field, and clinical research, and the impact of such evolving forms of technical embodiment on society and culture.
- * combines the insights of established and contemporary critical practices with recent advances in science studies to provide a forum for scholars from different academic, interpretive communities to exchange ideas and expand the tenets of "literature" and "science" beyond their traditional boundaries.

CONFIGURATIONS will be published three times a year.

The editors invite submission of articles and proposals.

For a copy of the "Guidelines for Authors," please write to:

CONFIGURATIONS, Editorial Office, School of Literature,
Communication, and Culture, Georgia Institute of Technology,
Atlanta, GA 30332-0165, USA.

9. HOPOS-L: THE HOPOS ELECTRONIC DISCUSSION LIST.

Many of you are receiving this Newsletter via HOPOS-L, the electronic discussion list established in conjunction with HOPOS. We would encourage others who have access to electronic mail to subscribe and to take part in the discussions and exchanges of information that take place on HOPOS-L. One can subscribe quite easily, by sending a one-line message of the form

SUBSCRIBE HOPOS-L Your Name

to LISTSERV@UKCC.UKY.EDU. New subscribers automatically receive a welcoming message listing the basic commands and other information that you need to know in order participate in a discussion list. Messages posted to HOPOS-L are archived monthly. You can

get a list of archive files by sending the command INDEX HOPOS-L to LISTSERV@UKCC.UKY.EDU. And you can retrieve a specific archive file by sending the command GET HOPOS-L LOGYYMM to the same address, where "YY" and "MM" refer, respectively, to the year and month of the archive file you are requesting (thus, October's archive is HOPOS-L LOG9210). Questions, problems, or requests for help with HOPOS-L should be sent off-list directly to Don Howard, einphil@ukcc.uky.edu.

10. FORTHCOMING IN THE HOPOS NEWSLETTER.

We are still thinking our way through the question of how the HOPOS Newsletter can best serve the needs of our membership. We are planning four issues of the Newsletter annually. Every year in the fourth issue, we will include a membership list. And we intend to carry forth the regular features inaugurated in this issue. If you have additional suggestions--and, especially, if you want to volunteer to help with the newsletter--please let us know.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION.

Name: _____ Tel.: _____

Address: _____ FAX: _____

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Institution: _____

Areas of Interest:

Are you interested in helping with activities like the preparation of the Newsletter, Program Committee, Organization of Conferences?

Please return the completed questionnaire, either by regular mail or electronic mail to:

Professor Don Howard; Department of Philosophy; University of Kentucky; Lexington, Kentucky 40506-0027; USA.

Tel.: 606-257-4376. FAX: 606-258-1073.

Email: einphil@ukcc.uky.edu.

Or:

Dr. Alan Richardson; Department of Philosophy; University of Keele; Keele, Staffordshire ST5 5BG; UK.

Tel.: +44-0782-583-304. FAX: +44-0782-583-399.

Email: pia05@seq1.keele.ac.uk.

We also ask for voluntary dues in the amount of \$15.00 (US dollars). Please send your check, made payable to HOPOS (and preferably in US dollars), to Professor Don Howard, at the address given above.