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1.0 Notes from the Editor

Welcome to the latest rendition of the HOPOS Newsletter. I apologize for its late publication date, but I hope that my description of the late-August International Congress in Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science in Florence makes up for it. That said, we continue to hope

that you find this newsletter to be a convenient way to stay abreast of information relevant to the History of the Philosophy of Science.

As always the electronic version of the Newsletter is in four separate parts (including this table of contents as Part I) in order not to stuff your mailbox with overly long messages. All four parts will be mailed at the same time.

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PART II

1.0 News from HOPOS

1.1 Annual HOPOS Steering Committee Meeting

The HOPOS Steering Committee will hold the annual HOPOS
Business/Steering Committee Meeting, in conjunction with the HSS

meeting, at 12:00 Noon in the main restaurant of the Radisson Hotel Metrodome in Minneapolis. All HOPOS members are welcome, and encouraged to attend and participate.

1.2 First Annual HOPOS Conference Roanoke, VA 1996

HOPOS will hold its first conference in cooperation with Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University on April 19-21 1996. The conference will be open to work from all approaches in science studies that focus upon the history of philosophy of science. Please do not miss this opportunity to share your scholarship in the history of the philosophy of science. A detailed call for papers and sessions is contained in Section III.

1.3 A note from the HOPOS Treasurer

HOPOS membership is an especially good deal right now, because the \$15.00 annual fee (based on the academic year) will mean a \$10.00

reduction in the individual registration fee for the upcoming HOPOS meetings, April 1996, at Virginia Tech.

JUST A REMINDER: IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE SEND YOUR DUES TO * CASSANDRA PINNICK, HOPOS TREASURER *, AT THE ADDRESS ABOVE. IN THIS WAY, WE CAN CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SERVICES SUCH AS THIS NEWSLETTER, AS WELL AS OTHERS IN THE FUTURE. MANY THANKS.

2.0 Recent and Upcoming HOPOS Sponsored Events

2.1 HOPOS Sessions at HSS Minneapolis, MN 1995

HOPOS is sponsoring two sessions at the Minneapolis HSS Meeting.

1. Emile Durkheim and Philosophy of Science, Sunday, 28 October,
9:00-11:45 AM

Chair: Cassandra Pinnick

Sharon Crasnow: "Functionalism in Sociology and the Problem of Social
Change."

Warren Schmaus: "A Functionalist Theory of the Categories."

James Maffie: "Epistemology in the Face of Strong Sociology of
Knowledge."

Stephen Turner: "Durkheim's Prerogative Instances."

Jean Elisabeth Peters: "Durkheimian Social Science and the Feminist
Sociology of Knowledge: A Response to Warren Schmaus's DURKHEIM'S
PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE AND THE SOCIOLOGY OF KNOWLEDGE."

2. Positivism: 19th and 20th Century, Sunday, 28 October, 3:30-5:30 PM

Chair: Don Howard

Robert DiSalle: "Reconsidering Ernst Mach on Space, Time, and Motion."

George A. Reisch: "How Postmodern Was Neurath's Idea of Science?"

Gürol Irzik: "Linguistic Frameworks, Theories, and Normal Science."

Commentator: Alan Richardson.

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2.0 HOPOS-Related Upcoming Conferences and Lectures

2.1 Fifth Conference of the International Society for the Study of

European Ideas (ISSEI), Utrecht, Netherlands, August 1996

The Fifth Conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas (ISSEI) is being held in Utrecht, Netherlands, August 19 - 24, 1996. The conference theme is "Memory and History: European Identity at the Millennium." For more information, please contact:

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2.4 Growth of Mathematical Knowledge, Penn State University, 1996

The Growth of Mathematical Knowledge, a conference on the history and

philosophy of mathematics, is being held by the Department of
Philosophy, Penn State University, April 26-29,1996. For details,
please contact:

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2.5 The Philosophy of Science conference at
Dubrovnik, April, 1996

The Philosophy of Science conference at Dubrovnik is being held April 8
- 13, 1996. Topics include: Theories and Models
and the Philosophy of the Social Sciences.

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1.0 Conference reports

1.1 Report from the 10th International Logic and
Methodology of

Science, Florence Italy, August 1995

A note from the HOPOS Newsletter Editor:

Due to the generous support of the Philosophy of Science Association (through a National Science Foundation grant), the Southeast Missouri State University College of Liberal Arts and the Southeast Missouri State University School of University Studies, I had the opportunity to attend, and present some of my work at, the 10th International Congress in Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science held August 19-26 in Florence, Italy. The six days of panels and invited addresses comprised over over 800 speakers showed me that a spirit of interdisciplinarity pervades advanced scholarship in logic, methodology and philosophy of science. The 15 Congress subject areas, as diverse as Proof Theory and Categorical Logic and The Ethics of Science and Technology illustrated just how wide ranging the opportunities for interdisciplinary discourse were. From the opening plenary session (Beltrametti on "Trends in the foundation of physics") the Congress program committee put together a conference with much to interest HOPOS-oriented scholars.

Of special interest was the History of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science (LMPS) section, which featured invited addresses and sessions of contributed papers ranging in subjects from "Socrates' antiempiricism in the *Phaedo*" (D. Baltzly) to A. Drago's "Kuhn, Koyre and Beyond."

All in all, 96 papers dealing explicitly with the history of LMPS were

presented at the Congress.

It was especially fitting that the Congress was held in Florence, as a mere 20 minute walk from the Congress site could place one at the *Istituto e Museo di Storia della Scienza*, where original and replica scientific instruments ranging from Torricelli tubes to Renaissance surgical instruments to a reproduction of Galileo's inclined plane are on display. - wjm

2.0 Of HOPOS Research Interest

2.1 Museum for the History of Science, Science Campus of the University of Gent

A new Museum for the History of Science opened in Belgium on on June 28th 1995. It is located in the Science Campus of the University of Gent.

The Museum currently displays some 700 instruments used in education and research at the University of Gent, between its foundation in 1817 and

the mid-20th century. The depot contains about 3000 more.

There is a large collection of original material from the research of Joseph Plateau (1801-1883), an important number of 19th century surveying instruments by different European manufacturers, physics instruments in different fields (galvanometers, optical spectrometers, electrostatic friction machines, vacuum apparatus, etc.), the work-table of August Kekule, glassware, microscopes (among which a giant inverted microscope by Nacet), microtomes, calculators, etc.

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3.0 What is HOPOS?

HOPOS is an international working group of scholars 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.

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