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1.0 Notes from the Editor

Of special note in this issue, please see the ballot for the HOPPOS Steering Committee Election. As you might recall, each year at this time the terms of three Steering Committee members expire, and we must fill those vacancies. Please fill out your ballot as soon as possible. See Part II for details and instructions.

As always, we continue to hope that you find this newsletter to be a convenient way to stay abreast of information relevant to scholarship and teaching in the History of the Philosophy of Science.

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PART II

1.0 News from HOPOS

1.1 HOPOS Steering Committee Elections

According to the HOPOS By-Laws, the terms of 1/3 of the Steering Committee members expires. This year, the following Steering Committee member's terms expire:

Eric Palmer
Cassandra Pinnick
David Stump

In a nominating process carried out on the HOPOS-L listserv, four nominees have been named to fill the three vacancies. These individuals are:

Roger Ariew
Gary Hatfield
Cassandra Pinnick
Thomas Uebel

The HOPOS Steering Committee Election opens upon the mailing of this Newsletter. The balloting will be open from that time until 12:01 AM Central Daylight Time, Friday October 25.

****Part V of this Newsletter is the ballot.****

Please send your ballots via electronic mail to:

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1.2 Message from the HOPOS Treasurer

Membership in HOPOS is open to all; dues are \$15.00 per year, payable to the treasurer:

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Thank you for supporting HOPOS.

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, CONFERENCES, ETC. IN THE FUTURE. MANY THANKS.

2.0 Recent and Upcoming HOPOS Sponsored Events

2.1 Report from the First HOPOS Conference Roanoke, VA 1996

HOPOS held its first conference in Roanoke, VA April 19-21, 1996. The conference featured keynote addresses by Professors Michael Friedman and Ron Giere, and papers covering the full range of HOPOS related topics. The conference was well attended by both faculty and an especially enthusiastic contingent of graduate students (a special thanks to those graduate students from VPI, as well as those from around the country, many of whom travelled many miles by van just to attend!). The HOPOS Steering Committee wishes to thank all of those who attended and assisted in making the occasion a complete success.

2.2 Plans for the 1998 HOPOS Conference

In the wake of the Roanoke conference's success, HOPOS is currently planning its second conference for the Spring of 1998 with the gracious assistance of Phillip Sloan at Notre Dame. Please see Part III, Section 1.0 for the Call for Papers and preliminary conference details. Plan to attend.

2.3 HOPOS in Europe - HOPOS Session at the 3rd International Conference of the Gesellschaft fuer Analytische Philosophie (GAP), September 1997, Munich

HOPOS is pleased to announce its first formal European Conference participation. A HOPOS sponsored session will be included on the program of the 3rd International Conference of the Gesellschaft fuer Analytische Philosophie (GAP), September 1997 in Munich. Please see Part III for the official call for papers.

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PART III

1.0 Calls for Papers

1.1 Second HOPOS Conference, University of Notre Dame,
South Bend, Indiana, March 1998

Reilly Center for Science, Technology, and Values
University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, Indiana
March 12-15, 1998

The History of Philosophy of Science Working Group will hold its second conference on March 12-15 1998. This meeting is organized in cooperation with the Reilly Center for Science, Technology, and Values at the University of Notre Dame. The conference will be open to work from all approaches in science studies that focus upon the history of philosophy of science.

Guidelines for Submissions:

Submissions of abstracts of papers of approximately 30 minutes' reading length, and of full panels of three to four papers will be considered for the program. Abstracts of individual paper submissions should be between 250 and 500 words in length. Panel proposals should include one panel abstract, names and contact addresses of all participants, and abstracts of 250 words for each of three to four papers. All submissions should arrive by 1 September 1997.

Acknowledgment will be sent by 1 October. Notification of acceptance of submissions will be provided by 1 November. Preferred format for all submissions is plain ASCII text

submitted by electronic mail to pinnick2@wku.edu (please note the "2") with "HOPOS Submission" in the subject line of the email. Other submissions should include three paper copies and one copy in plain ASCII format on a 3.5" DOS diskette and be sent to:

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Individuals interested in providing comments on submitted papers should also contact Cassandra Pinnick.

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1.2 HOPOS session at the 3rd International
Conference of the Gesellschaft fuer Analytische
Philosophie (GAP), Munich

The "Gesellschaft fuer Analytische Philosophie" (Society for Analytical Philosophy, or GAP for short) will hold its 3rd International Conference on 15-18 September 1997 in Munich, Germany on "Rationality-Realism-Revision".

In co-operation with HOPOS, it will organize a section on the "History of the Philosophy of Science". Submissions of abstracts of papers of approximately 30 minutes reading length will be considered for the program. The abstract of the paper should be not longer than 2000 words and arrive at GAP by 31 December 1996 (send two paper copies). The topic of the paper should have some relation to the conference-theme.

Notification of acceptance of submission will be given by 15 April 1997. Conference languages: German and English, conference fee DM 100 (students DM 60), registration by 30 April 1997.

Congress-information, registration and submission of abstracts:

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1.3 Naturalism, Theism and the Scientific Enterprise An Interdisciplinary Conference at the University of Texas -- Austin, February 1997

The University of Texas, Austin is holding a conference on Naturalism, Theism and the Scientific Enterprise February 20-23, 1997.

Sponsored by the University of Texas Philosophy Department, this interdisciplinary conference will include invited speakers:

Michael Ruse, (Philosophy, University of Guelph)
Alvin Plantinga (Philosophy, University of Notre Dame)
Frederick Grinnell (UT Southwestern Medical Center)
Phillip Johnson (Law School, UC-Berkeley).

The conference is dedicated to fostering dialogue between naturalists and theists on the impact of social and philosophical predispositions on the development, interpretation and presentation of scientific knowledge. The goal is to have a program balanced between defenders and critics of naturalism in science.

Submissions are encouraged from all of the natural sciences, as well as from philosophy, history and sociology of science. Suggested topics include:

Does the scientific method exclude appeals to supernatural agency?

Is there a distinction between methodological and ontological naturalism?

What do case studies in the history of science reveal about the role of naturalism or theism in advancing or retarding the progress of science?

Does the plausibility of Darwinism and of naturalistic theories of the origin of life depend on a prior commitment to naturalism? Can the scientific merits of naturalistic and theistic explanations be compared?

Can theistic (directed) evolution or the appeal to cosmic design be testable scientific hypotheses? If so, does the available evidence weigh for or against such conjectures?

Is there a demarcation line between science and theology? Are "natural theology" and "theistic science" oxymorons?

What social, political and educational factors influence the direction of research and the presentation of science to the public?

Abstracts should be less than 500 words and should be submitted electronically to Professor Robert Koons (koons@phil.utexas.edu) in one of the following formats:

RTF or ASCII
PostScript

LaTeX

Deadlines:

November 1, 1996 -- submission of abstracts
December 1, 1996 -- notification of authors.
January 15, 1997 -- submission of full papers.

Abstracts, papers, and conference information will be posted on:

<http://www.dla.utexas.edu/depts/philosophy/faculty/koons/ntse/main.html>

Abstracts and inquiries can be sent to Prof. Robert Koons at:
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2.0 HOPOS-Related Upcoming Conferences and Lectures

The Philosophy of Science conference at Dubrovnik, April, 1997

The Philosophy of Science conference at Dubrovnik is being held April 7 - 11, 1997. The topics for the annual Philosophy of Science conference held each April in Dubrovnik will be: (1) Freud and (2) Empiricism. (Both are to be understood very broadly.)

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PART IV

1.0 Of HOPOS Research Interest

We have nothing new to report this edition. Please send all information regarding worthwhile research sources such as libraries, archives, museums, internet sources, etc. to the Editor at c430hup@semovm.semo.edu.

2.0 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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