



## **SPT Newsletter**

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### **Letter from the president**

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Dear Members of SPT and Fellow Travelers -

The autumn of 2003 finds me starting a new position at Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, where I am assuming the duties of the W. K. Kellogg Chair in Agricultural, Food and Community Ethics. The position will provide me with a number of opportunities to do collaborative work with specialists in food and agricultural technology, and hopefully it will result in ways that I can advance philosophical studies of technology. Although I have been almost overcome with the complexities of making a move—new checking accounts, new doctors—I would be happy to hear from members with ideas about where SPT should be going over the next two years. Contact me at [thomp649@msu.edu](mailto:thomp649@msu.edu)

Thanks to everyone who attended our meeting in Park City, Utah. We had a large number of interesting papers, and it is fair to say that both philosophy of technology and philosophy and technology are doing well. Unfortunately, the meeting resulted in significant financial losses for the Society. Planning for the meeting was made in a pre 9-11, pre-recession environment. We had about 80 paid participants, significantly lower than for our meeting in Aberdeen in the summer of 2001, only about half of whom stayed at conference site. As a result, SPT wound up covering costs for a significant number of unsold room nights. While I believe that we were able to cover these losses with our reserves, this was, nevertheless, a set back for our planning in the future. A full accounting for the Society's financial status will be forthcoming from our Secretary/Treasurer sometime in the future.

And speaking of the future, our nominations committee has put together a great slate of new officers. Please vote, and please consider serving in one of these roles some time during the coming years.

Best wishes to all.

Paul B. Thompson



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## Letter from the past president

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Dear SPT Members:

I hope this message finds you all enjoying a new semester. The work of the society continues apace as we look forward to an exciting new academic year. Most important, I am very happy to pass on the leadership of the society to Paul Thompson. We all owe Paul a debt of gratitude for his excellent organization of our last international conference in Park City, Utah, as well as congratulations for recently taking his new position as the W. K. Kellogg Chair in Agriculture Food and Community Ethics at Michigan State University. Additionally, we all look forward to our next international conference in the summer of 2005 at Delft University in The Netherlands with a central theme on design and technology. Details will follow.

My immediate duty as Past-President of the Society is organization of the next round of elections. Following the Utah meeting, I formed a nominations and elections committee consisting of myself and three other members of the society. In addition to a new Vice President/President-Elect, we were also charged to fill three vacant slots on the advisory board, with the terms of Yoko Arisaka, Philip Brey and Langdon Winner now coming to an end. Two other board members, Anne Johnson and Peter Kroes, will continue. However, due to a problem involving the last round of elections, Arisaka and Brey only served half of their elected terms and so are eligible to run for re-election to the board.

Following some discussion the nominating committee unanimously approved the following slate of candidates:



*For Vice President/President-Elect*

- Peter Kroes (Delft University)

*For Board*

- Yoko Arisaka (University of San Francisco)
- Philip Brey (Twente University)
- David Kaplan (Polytechnic University, Brooklyn)
- John Sullins (Sonoma State University)
- Anne Chapman (Lancaster University, UK)
- Inmaculada de Melo-Martin (St. Mary's University of San Antonio)

I am pleased to report that all of these candidates have agreed to run for office. Because Peter Kroes will be leaving the board to become the Vice President, four of those running for positions on the board will be elected from this slate. You will be receiving a mail ballot for the election shortly, including biographies of all of the candidates.

As this will most likely be one of my last official messages in the newsletter, I once again wish to thank all of my close friends and colleagues who showed the confidence in me to allow me to serve the society in the way that I have the last several years. As I said in Utah, the SPT has been an intellectual home for me since graduate school and I truly treasure the close friends in the society who have become an extended family for me during this time.

Very Best,

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## News from the APA divisions

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### Central Division

This year the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association will meet April 22-25, 2004, at the Palmer House Hilton Hotel, Chicago, IL. The Palmer House is the traditional venue for the APA in Chicago, and it will be nice to be back there after a six year absence. SPT will sponsor two sessions, one of which will be in cooperation with the International Society of Environmental Ethics. Those who would like to volunteer either to present a paper, respond to a paper or chair a session are invited to contact Paul Thompson: thomp649@msu.edu. The program must be complete by the first of December, 2003 so volunteers should contact Paul as soon as possible.

### Eastern Division

SPT sessions at the American Philosophical Association eastern division meeting, Washington DC:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 11:15 A.M. - 1:15 P.M. Military Room  
*Topic:* Author Meets Critics: Andrew Light's Reel Arguments: Film, Philosophy and Social Criticism (Westview 2003)

*Speakers:*

- Bill Lawson (Michigan State University)
- Davis Baird (University of South Carolina)

*Comments:* Andrew Light (New York University)

*Chair:* Melissa Clarke (James Madison University)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 11:15 A.M. - 1:15 P.M. Bancroft Room  
*Topic:* Ethics, Privacy, and Information Technology

*Speakers:*

- Helen Nissenbaum (New York University): "Privacy and Contextual Integrity"
  - Diane Michelfelder (Indiana State University): "Informational Privacy and Ubiquitous Computing"
- Respondent:* TBA



### Pacific Division

The SPT session at this year's APA Pacific Division meeting will be round two on last year's theme. There will be a session sponsored jointly by SPT and the APA Committee on Philosophy and Computers. The theme is "Computers and the Mediation of Human Experience."

Papers will focus on assessing the role computers play in mediating experience. Against the idea that computers are neutral conduits (phenomenologically, cognitively, etc.), the session will seek to develop a better understanding of how they can shape what human beings do and know.

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## Calls for papers

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### **Computing and Philosophy – 2004 CAP Conference at Carnegie Mellon, August 5th- 7<sup>th</sup>**

Computing and Philosophy (CAP) conferences have become the central meeting place for all aspects of computing and philosophy. CAP now holds both East Coast and West Coast meetings on a bi-annual basis. As with all CAP conferences, speakers and panels will address many aspects of the "computational turn" that is occurring within the discipline of Philosophy. Featured topics include AI and Epistemology, new models of Logic Software, Computer Ethics, Computing and World Cultures, Electronic Resources, and the Impact of Distance Learning

on the Profession. In addition to invited participants, the Program Committees welcome proposals dealing with, but not restricted to:

- The use of computers in the teaching of philosophy. This may include their use in symbolic and informal logic as well as in the teaching of other courses in philosophy. Pedagogically rich and/or advanced uses of educational computing will receive priority in the selection process.
- The use of computers as research tools in philosophy. This may include any substantive use



of computers in areas such as electronic texts and communications as well as topics in logic, the philosophy of language or the philosophy of mind.

- The philosophical aspects of artificial intelligence. This may include current theories and methods as well as relevant areas of the philosophy of science.
- The area of computer ethics. This may include ethical issues regarding privacy, ownership of intellectual property, professional responsibility, access and distributive justice, anonymous communication, democracy and the electronic citizen, human values and human rights, globalization and ethical relativism, or other ethics topics related to information technology.

The conference format strongly discourages mere 'paper reading.' Speakers are urged to use computer-based or generated presentation materials wherever appropriate. CAP welcomes proposals dealing with all aspects of computing and philosophy. Proposals for panels are also encouraged. The deadline for

submissions to CAP@CMU in 2004 is February 16th, 2004. Information about all CAP conferences can be found on the web-site for the International Association for Computing and Philosophy at [iacap.org](http://iacap.org).

**Genetics and Health Care – Reykjavik, Iceland, August 25-28, 2004**

Conference organized by the European Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Healthcare (ESPMH), the ELSAGEN bioethics project, and the Centre for Ethics at the University of Iceland.

The focus of the conference is on philosophical, ethical and legal issues in relation to biomolecular technologies, and genetics in particular. Abstracts are invited, addressing the following topics:

- population based genetic databases
- ethical aspects of genetic databases
- social aspects of genetic databases
- legal aspects of genetic databases
- genetic screening and testing
- genetic counseling



- geneticization of medicine
- genetics and prevention
- genetic engineering
- patenting and genetics
- commercialization of medicine
- stem cell research and cloning
- governance of databases
- European guidelines

The program of the conference includes plenary sessions as well as parallel sessions. Papers will be selected from abstracts submitted to the Conference Program Committee. Papers addressing the philosophical, ethical and historical dimensions of the conference topic are welcomed. Persons wishing to present papers at the conference should submit an abstract (500 word maximum) before November 1, 2003. Kindly send abstracts -- as well on diskette in Word or through email -- to the conference organization:

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**Heritage of Technology – Gdańsk Outlook 4, May 4-7, 2005**

Gdańsk University of Technology is organizing the International Conference "Heritage of Technology – Gdańsk Outlook 4" (HOT-GO4) on May 4-7, 2005. The conference is dedicated to the role of the past technology in the cultural life of society. The following problems are proposed for discussion in eight sections:

- Identity and historical memory of the industrial society – the tangible and intangible heritage of technology.
- Embodiment of ingenium – approach to heuristics by the investigation of the phenomena of technical creativeness.
- Storytelling on industrial, technical and engineering heritage – reports and case studies on conservation-restoration.
- Heritage of names – biographical notes about inventors of old testing instruments or methods being still in use and named after them.
- History of engineering for engineers – case studies on the recent teaching experience.
- Toward e-society – ICT for promotion of cultural heritage and conservation-restoration of its resources.



- Technological themes in fine arts, music and poetry.
- History of engineering sciences and education in Gdańsk.

Participants wishing to present a paper are invited to submit the Preliminary Registration Form along

with the written Abstract in English containing a maximum of 300 words or one A4 page including graphics by mail, e-mail or fax addressed to the Conference Secretariat in Gdansk, before March 31, 2004. For more information, visit the website: <http://hotgo4.mech.pg.gda.pl>

### Forthcoming Events

#### Issues in Computer Ethics: Practical and Theoretical, St. John Fisher College, Rochester, New York, October 10-11, 2003

The purpose of the conference is to promote the ethical use of computers in Business, Education, Government, Health Care, Computer Science, Engineering, Journalism, and Research. Presentation topics are on any of the wide range of issues relating to computers and ethics, including those that overlap with business, educational, medical, journalistic, and engineering ethics. They include theoretical work, case studies, discussions of Computer Ethics teaching, and reports by those with first-hand experience in ethical decision-making. Plenary speakers: Donald Telage and Timothy Madigan

#### "Building Ethics into Professionalism" – Conference on Ethics and Social Responsibility in Engineering and Technology, New Orleans, Louisiana, October 15-17, 2003

Conference topics include:

- Discovering Ethical Dilemmas and Communicating Ethical Resolutions
- Ethics in Competitive Bidding and Contracting
- Shareholder Ethics and Social Responsibility
- Integrating Ethics into the Classroom and Workplace
- Establishing an Ethical Organization

More information:  
[www.gonzaga.edu/continuingeducation](http://www.gonzaga.edu/continuingeducation)



#### ETHICOMP 2004: "Challenges for the Citizen of the Information Society"

The Seventh ETHICOMP International Conference on the Social and Ethical Impacts of Information and Communication Technologies, University of the Aegean, Syros, Greece, 14 to 16 April 2004

ETHICOMP 2004 focuses on these "Challenges for the Citizen of the Information Society". The aim of the conference is to present and discuss the social and ethical impact of information and communication technologies (ICT) on individuals as consumers, as employees and as citizens. Papers take a conceptual, applied, practical or historical focus, and include case studies and reports on lessons learned in practice.

More information:  
<http://www.ccsr.cse.dmu.ac.uk/conferences/ethicomp2004/index.html>

#### MEPHISTOS 2004 – University of Western Ontario, Canada, Friday January 30<sup>th</sup> - Sunday February 1<sup>st</sup> 2004.

Mephistos is an international graduate student conference on the history, philosophy, and sociology of science, technology, and medicine that provides an opportunity for graduate students to present papers, participate in discussions, and meet other students in their field. The 2004 conference (Friday January 30<sup>th</sup> - Sunday February 1<sup>st</sup>) will be hosted by the University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada.

#### BIOETHICS – Joint Meeting of the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH) and the Canadian Bioethics Society (CBS) in Montreal, Canada, October 22-26, 2003

The objectives of the conference are to:

1. Provide background education in bioethics and the humanities.
2. Discuss emerging issues in bioethics.



3. Explore recent research findings related to bioethics and the humanities.
4. Encourage cross-border dialogue promoting collegiality and scholarship in bioethics and the medical humanities.
5. Examine the significance of interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary

approaches to issues in bioethics and the medical humanities.

More information:  
[http://www.asbh.org/annual\\_meeting](http://www.asbh.org/annual_meeting)

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### Recent publications of interest

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#### BOOK ANNOUNCEMENT:

##### ***Modernity and Technology***

*Edited by Thomas J. Misa, Philip Brey and Andrew Feenberg*

MIT Press, 376 pages, cloth, ISBN 0262134217

If asked, most people would agree that there are deep connections between technology and the modern world, and even that technology is the truly distinctive feature of modernity. Until recently, however, there has been surprisingly little overlap between technology studies and modernity theory. The goal of this ambitious book is to lay the foundations for a new interdisciplinary field by closely

examining the co-construction of technology and modernity.

The book is divided into three parts. Part I lays the methodological groundwork for combining studies of technology and modernity, while integrating ideas drawn from feminism, critical theory, philosophy, sociology, and socioeconomics. Part II continues the methodological discussion, focusing on specific sociotechnical systems or technologies with prominent relations to modernity, such as the Internet, surveillance, infrastructures, and the western technologies adopted in China and Japan. Part III introduces practical and political issues by



considering alternative modes of technology development and offering critiques of modern medicine, environmental technology, international development, and technology policy. The book as a whole suggests a broad research program that is both academic and applied and that will help us understand how contemporary societies can govern technologies instead of being governed by them.

#### *Contributors:*

Philip Brey, Paul N. Edwards, Andrew Feenberg, David Hess, Haider A. Khan, David Lyon, Barbara L. Marshall, Thomas J. Misa, Arthur P.J. Mol, Junichi Murata, Arie Rip, Johan Schot, Don Slater.

#### NEW JOURNAL LAUNCHED:

##### ***Information Technologies and International Development***

The new journal *Information Technologies and International Development* focuses on the intersection of information and communication technologies (ICT) with international development. It aims to create a networked community of leading thinkers and strategists to discuss the critical issues of ICT and development, an epistemic community

that crosses disciplines (especially technologists and social scientists), national boundaries, and the North and South hemispheres. The audience for *Information Technologies and International Development* will come from academia, the private sector, NGOs, and government. It aims to attract readers interested in the "other four billion" – the share of the world population whose countries are not yet widely connected to the Internet nor widely considered in the design of new information technologies. The MIT Press will publish this new quarterly periodical from Fall 2003. More information:  
<http://mitpress.mit.edu/itid>

#### NEW JOURNAL LAUNCHED:

##### ***Design Philosophy Papers***

The new journal *Design Philosophy Papers* aims to communicate, share and argue for a much greater recognition of the importance of design as a force in the contemporary world. DPP aims to increase understanding of the significance of design by the wider intellectual community as well as by designers, and to raise the level of international debate about design.



The idea of design informing DPP is very broad: it gathers architecture and products, images and information, the aesthetic and the technical. It also engages process and practice, object and structure, economy and politics, human agency and the agency of designed things. Design is viewed with

status in its own right — it is neither subordinated to the arts or sciences. Design Philosophy Papers has both an ephemeral form as an online journal (free) and a permanent form as The DPP Collection (subscription). The journal can be found at: [www.desphilosophy.com](http://www.desphilosophy.com)

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## Philosophy of Technology Around the World

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In this edition of Philosophy of Technology Around the World, Anthonie Meijers and Marc de Vries will introduce a major new research project at the intersection of epistemology and philosophy of technology at Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands. The project will be carried out by members of the department of philosophy and ethics of technology at Eindhoven. I myself will introduce a new international master program with a strong focus in philosophy of technology, which is a joint enterprise of the Universities of Twente (NL), Lancaster (UK), TU Delft (NL) and the Royal Institute of Technology (Sweden). Anticipating the next SPT conference in Delft, the Netherlands in 2005, forthcoming columns of Philosophy of Technology Around the World will pay special attention to developments in philosophy of technology in the Netherlands. (Don't think that's my bias as a Dutchman; I do this by request of the president of the SPT!) Your submissions for this column about programs and developments in philosophy of technology in other countries remain welcome, of course.

*Philip Brey*



## Norms in Knowledge

### *New Research Project at Eindhoven University of Technology*

*by Anthonie Meijers and Marc de Vries*

Recently, a proposal for funding a philosophical research project on the normative aspects of technological knowledge at the Eindhoven University of Technology, the Netherlands, has been approved by NWO, the Dutch organization for scientific research. The four-year project period will start in September 2003.

Most studies in epistemology and the philosophy of science typically focus on the analysis of descriptive knowledge. There is also some interest in the literature in knowledge by acquaintance, 'knowing how' and implicit knowledge. The research programme 'Norms in Knowledge' aims at extending the scope of epistemology by focusing on a topic largely ignored so far: those forms of knowledge that have a (non-moral) normative dimension.

A clear example is technological knowledge. Our conception of technological knowledge is much richer than the combination of descriptive knowledge and know-how alone. The design, production, and operation of a

technical artifact such as a computer hard disk indeed require descriptive knowledge of the relevant physical processes and properties (rotation of the disk, friction in the bearings, heat transfer to the case, the currents in the coil, the magnetization of the disk surface, etc.). But, they also require prescriptive knowledge for making the disk (for example, procedures for the order of assembly), for using the disk, and for testing its reliability and integrity. And, there is functional knowledge involved: knowledge of the function of the disk in the assembly called a computer and knowledge of the functions of the disk parts.

Functional knowledge is different from descriptive knowledge for several reasons. One is that it specifies what an artifact is supposed to do, as opposed to what it actually does. Thus, even a broken hard disk in a computer can be said to have the function of a hard disk. Unlike descriptive knowledge, many of these forms of technological knowledge have a specific normative dimension. In philosophical analyses of knowledge, normativity is usually conceived as epistemic normativity (truth, coherence, justification). With respect to technological knowledge,



however, normativity seems to have a different nature and scope. A testing procedure or an operational guideline, which are examples of prescriptive knowledge, specify what an agent has to do in order to attain a desired result. Functional knowledge, another species of technological knowledge, allows for a normative evaluation of the artifact itself ("this computer disk is functioning well or badly," "this disk is better than that one"). This type of normativity is not so much related to theoretical rationality but, rather, to practical rationality.

#### *Programmatic Approach and Coherence*

The programme consists of two projects. In the first project, the normative dimension of prescriptive knowledge will be studied in the context of artifacts. In the second project, the focus will be on the normativity in functional knowledge of artifacts. The two projects reflect the state of the art in the field. Very little work, if any, has been done on the nature of prescriptive knowledge, and the first project (Ph.D.) is, therefore, explorative. It aims at the development of a taxonomy and a conceptualization of the various types of prescriptive

knowledge, and of its normativity. The second project builds upon theories of artifact functions that have been developed recently such as the pluralist theory of function by Preston (1998), and the intentionalist theory by Houkes and Vermaas. The latter theory is partly based on Michael Bratman's work.

Project 2 is intended to bring out the normativity of function ascriptions more explicitly by exploring ways in which to formalize functional knowledge. This is a challenging task and requires an experienced researcher (Postdoc). Formalization is, in this context, not an aim in itself. Rather, it is a method with which to refine our notion of normativity in functional knowledge. The two projects both contribute to the central aim of the programme: to bring out the normative elements in knowledge by analyzing and conceptualizing the normative dimensions of two forms of knowledge – namely, prescriptive and functional knowledge.

Some of the common themes of the two projects are the scope, the character, and the sources of the normativity involved in both types of knowledge, as well as their interrelations. The normativity related

to the functional knowledge of artifacts generally has three sources: (i) the intentionality of the designer(s), (ii) the means-ends relationship and practical rationality, and (iii) the intentionality of the user(s). They ground normative distinctions such as those between the proper and the accidental functions of artifacts, between their proper use, rational use, and irrational use, and between the well or badly functioning of artifacts (both on a token and a type level). The focus on normativity also helps to understand relationships between functional knowledge and prescriptive knowledge. For example, knowledge of the proper function of an artifact contributes to the justification of the guidelines with respect to its (proper) use. These relationships and common themes will be explored systematically in the programme.

#### *In summary*

The programme Norms in Knowledge is aimed at analyzing the norms inherent in certain types of knowledge, and, more specifically, in prescriptive and functional knowledge – an area of research which has been largely ignored by classical epistemologists. It is of an interdisciplinary nature in that it brings together in novel ways

epistemology, theory of normativity, theory of action, and theory of practical rationality. It benefits from national and international co-operation, and its results are important for philosophy and, more generally, for those disciplines in which descriptive and functional knowledge play an important role. This applies particularly to technological disciplines since the programme is designed to contribute to the analysis of the concept of technological knowledge.

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A more complete description of the project and of the two sub-projects is available.





## Master of Arts in Philosophy of Science, Technology and Society

by Philip Brey

In September 2004, the University of Twente in the Netherlands will start a unique international master program called Philosophy of Science, Technology and Society. The program is a two-year Master of Arts program intended for students with a bachelor's degree (or equivalent degree) in science or engineering (or equivalent). Students with a degree in other fields but with a significant background in science or technology will also be considered. No previous knowledge of philosophy is required. The international program is the result of a collaborative effort of philosophy units at four different institutions: the University of Twente, Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands, The University of Lancaster in Great Britain, and the Royal Institute of Technology in Sweden. Also participating is the science and technology studies (STS) unit at the University of Twente.

Technology and applied science will constitute the major focus of the program. Students are acquainted with philosophical and other theories on the nature of technology, the

relation between engineering science and natural science, and the role of technology in society and culture. Students also learn how to analyze and reflect on technology and its social impacts.

The first year of the program is taught at the University of Twente, and combines philosophical basics with a specialization in philosophy of technology and engineering science. This program is taught by Twente staff with contributions from the three other participating institutions. Near the end of the first year, students choose whether to continue with a philosophical specialization or with a multidisciplinary specialization in science and technology studies (offered by the Twente department of STS) that focuses on the history and sociology of science and technology. Those students who continue with a philosophical specialization are free to spend their second year, or portions thereof, at any of the four participating institutions, as long as they undertake a focused and approved specialization program. The institutions will make use of web-based collaborative work spaces and e-learning to support some activities in the second year.



The program will include specializations in philosophy and ethics of information technology, biotechnology, medical technology and environmental technology; philosophy of engineering science; engineering ethics; philosophy of technological risks; philosophy of technology, society and culture.

For more information on the program, please contact the program director, Dr. Philip Brey (p.a.e.brey@utwente.nl).

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## Membership and Dues

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### **SPT Membership**

SPT welcomes as members persons from all countries whose professional interests include philosophically significant considerations of technology. Membership is open to those who have an advanced degree (typically but not necessarily in philosophy), to those who are in a technological field, and to students whose work is in keeping with the interests of the Society. Dues are \$20US per year, which includes a subscription to the SPT Newsletter (dues for students are \$15US, and gratis for people in developing nations).

### **Ways to pay your dues**

Payment of SPT dues is being handled by the Philosophy Documentation Center. Dues can be paid by cheque, money order or credit card (VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER). Payments by any of these methods can be sent to the address below. Credit card payments can also be made by fax or over the phone via the numbers below. (For credit card payments include card number and expiration date).

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## IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

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### THIS IS THE LAST PAPER EDITION OF THE SPT NEWSLETTER

Because virtually all members of SPT have access to Internet and e-mail facilities, and because of the costs and efforts to produce a paper edition of the SPT newsletter in addition to the webversion, SPT has decided that this issue is the last one that will appear both in print and on the SPT website.

As soon as a new issue of the newsletter is online, you will receive an e-mail message about this. *If you have not received such a message recently about the appearance of the current issue, please send an e-mail message to the newsletter editor in order to be included in the distribution list.*

Not all people have access to the Internet, and there are probably people who prefer to keep receiving the newsletter in print. *These people can send a message to the newsletter editor, who will make sure that they receive a print of the web edition of the newsletter in the future.* Depending on how many people wish to make use of this service, SPT might charge you a small amount for this. You will be informed about this before you confirm your subscription to this service.

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