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SPT 2007 Conference

**SPT 2007 Biennial Meeting
8-11 July, 2007
Charleston, South Carolina**

Preparations for the summer 2007 Biennial meeting are in high gear! The meeting will open with a reception on Sunday evening July 8th at the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston South Carolina and conclude on Wednesday July 11th with a banquet (included in your registration). All sessions and events will be at the Francis Marion, which is conveniently located in historic Charleston near many wonderful eating and drinking establishments, historic sights and museums, and attractions such as the South Carolina Aquarium, USS Yorktown aircraft carrier, and short boat excursions to Fort Sumter (where the US Civil War began in earnest). Full conference information, including hotel and registration info and the most updated version of the full program, can be found on the www.spt.org website. Early registration closes on 8 June.

The hotel is holding a block of rooms for us at a special rate of (\$109 + tax) also until 8 June. You may make your reservations by phone or online. If you phone, (843) 722-0600 or in the US only (877) 756-2121, please ask the operator for the SPT ROOM BLOCK. Reservations must be guaranteed and accompanied by a first night deposit or guaranteed with a credit card.

To make reservations at the Francis Marion Hotel on line:

1. go to: <http://www.francismarioncharleston.com/>
2. click on "Reservations"
3. enter the dates of your stay (conference is July 8-11, 2007--meaning check out on the 12th)
4. IMPORTANT: in the Group Code Field type "Philosophy"
5. click on the "Check Availability" button
6. rest is self-explanatory!

Note: The group code must be entered to qualify for special room rates (before 8 June).

We currently have a program of some 95 papers featuring speakers from 17 different countries. Our theme this year is Globalization and Technology, and a large number of the papers address this theme in many different ways. At the same time, subjects which have traditionally been presented at SPT are also well represented: from applied ethics, the epistemology of engineering and technology, the phenomenology of technology and technology and politics. There will certainly be something for everyone at this conference!

If you have specific questions or run into any problems accessing the website, please contact either Ann Johnson, conference chair at annj@sc.edu. We hope to see you in Charleston!

Call for proposals 2009 SPT conference

The next biennial SPT conference after the upcoming meeting in Charleston is scheduled to take place in Europe in 2009. The board of the SPT would like to make a decision about the location of the 2009 conference during its meeting in Charleston. The board invites everyone interested in organizing this conference to submit a proposal before the end of June 2007. Proposals should specify location, (approximate) date, facilities, topic, possibilities for funding, past experience in organizing and hosting conferences etc., and are to be submitted to the secretary of the society, John Sullins (john.sullins@sonoma.edu).

The board will also consider seriously proposals for organizing the next 2009 SPT conference in Aisa or Australia.

Peter Kroes,
President SPT

Calls for Papers

ScienceFutures: THE SWISS STS MEETING 2008

February 6-9, 2008, ETH Zurich and University of Zurich, Switzerland

A joint event of the Centre for the History of Knowledge (ETH Zurich and University of Zurich) and The Swiss Association for the Studies of Science, Technology and Society (STS-CH)

Organizers:

Kijan Espahangizi, Michael Hagner, Martina Merz, Barbara Orland, Marianne Sommer, Daniel Speich, Jakob Tanner

The Swiss STS Meeting 2008 is the fourth academic event of its kind, tailored to the interests of junior scholars, in particular Ph.D. students, in science and technology studies.

The topic ScienceFutures aims at the role of science and technology in the social shaping of utopias, visions and temporal expectations. While in early modern thought utopia was the site of happiness removed in space, it increasingly became a good place in the future in the modern belief in technical and scientific progress. However, in the aftermath of the traumatic outgrowths of totalitarianism, the utility of prospective thinking remained fundamentally questionable. Where do we stand today? In how far are 'a

flattening of the world' and a 'democratization of science' creating unprecedented possibilities and problems?

Thinking the unfamiliar, not to mention to communicate and realize the unknown, is laden with difficulties. The necessity of translation is associated with questions regarding the formal and representational. How do the scientists and engineers, the science fiction writers, and cultural theorists deal with these problems? How do they convey the strange, the other, and still make sense? What kinds of aesthetics and which rationalities are at work in these epistemologies of the future?

The meeting encourages scholars to engage with science futures, including social, cultural, political, and economic implications in a cross-disciplinary as well as syn- and diachronic fashion.

Session and Abstract Submission

The conference invites submissions for organized sessions or individual papers that approach the topic of ScienceFutures. It will be possible to submit session and individual abstracts electronically on the conference website at <http://www.zgw.ethz.ch/sts.html>, which is under construction. Sessions will be 105 minutes and should not exceed three presentations of maximum twenty minutes each. If five or six speakers address similar topics, two sessions may be submitted. The deadline for submissions is July 15, 2007, and abstracts should not exceed 500 words. Closer to the event, the website will also offer the possibility to post ideas for sessions as well as important information on the program development, travel possibilities, and locality.

Enquiries may be addressed to sts08@wiss.gess.ethz.ch

Conferences, Workshops, and Lectures

ECAP'07: European Computing and Philosophy Conference

June 21-23, 2007, University of Twente, Enschede, The Netherlands.

The fifth European Conference on Computing and Philosophy (ECAP) will be held on the campus of the University of Twente, Enschede, The Netherlands. E-CAP is the European conference on Computing and Philosophy, the European affiliate of the International Association for Computing and Philosophy (IACAP, president: Luciano Floridi). The conference will deal with all aspects of the "computational turn" that is occurring through the interaction of the disciplines of philosophy and computing. The conference is interdisciplinary, and includes presentations by scholars from philosophy, computer science, social science and related disciplines.

keynote speakers

Jeroen van den Hoven (Delft University of Technology, the Netherlands)

Giovanni Boniolo (University of Padua, Italy)

Mark Bedau (Reed College, USA and ProtoLife and the European Center for Living Technology, Italy)

panels

The Future of Artificial Intelligence.
IT, Cultural Diversity and Technoscience.

research tracks

- Philosophy of Computer Science, Chairs: Amnon Eden, Raymond Turner
- Computer-based Learning and Teaching Strategies and Resources & The Impact of Distance Learning on the Teaching of Philosophy and Computing, Chairs: Gordana Dodig-Crnkovic, Jules Pieters
- Philosophy of Information and Information Technology, Chair: Patrick Allo
- Ontology, Chair: Lars-Göran Johansson
- Computational and Post-Computational Approaches to the Mind, Chair: Susan Stuart
- Information and Computing Ethics, Chair: Alison Adam
- Intersections, Chair: Chris Dobbyn (UK)
- IT and Globalization, Chairs: May Thorseth, Johnny Søraker
- IT, Cultural Diversity and Technoscience Studies, Chairs: Christina Björkman and Jutta Weber
- Philosophy and Ethics of Robotics, Chair: Gianmarco Veruggio

A full description of the tracks and tentative program can be found at the website:
<http://www.utwente.nl/ecap07/programme/>

registration

Registration fee (After May 1): € 210,-

On-site registration (After June 10): €240

Please use the registration form on our Website: <http://www.utwente.nl/ecap07/registration/>

Program Chair: Philip Brey

Local organization: Johnny Hartz Søraker and Katinka Waelbers, ECAP07@gw.utwente.nl

E-CAP conferences are organized under the supervision of the International Association for Computing and Philosophy (IACAP). Website: <http://ia-cap.org/>.

More information: www.utwente.nl/ecap07

MINDS, BODIES, MACHINES CONFERENCE

London, 6-7 July 2007

This interdisciplinary conference, convened by Birkbeck's Centre for Nineteenth-Century Studies, University of London, in partnership with the Department of English, University of Melbourne, and software developers Constraint Technologies International (CTI), will take place on 6-7 July 2007 at Birkbeck College, Malet Street, Bloomsbury.

The two-day conference will explore the relationship between minds, bodies and machines in the long nineteenth century. Recent research on the Enlightenment's frontier technologies has established that era's preoccupation with developing machinery that could simulate the cognitive and physiological

processes of human beings. According to some critics, however, these Promethean ambitions were shelved during the nineteenth century, when the android as artefact was relocated to the realm of the imagination, where it became a threatening figure. According to this reading, the android as scientific project and a figure of possibility only re-emerges in our own era. The aim of this conference is to test this claim by exploring the continuities and discontinuities in the imagining of the human/machine interface in the nineteenth and twenty-first centuries.

The conference organisers – Hilary Fraser (Birkbeck), Deirdre Coleman (Melbourne) and Paul Hyland (CTI) – invite proposals for papers that examine the intersection of minds, bodies and machines during the long nineteenth century. Topics include: the virtual and the real; technologies of the sublime; evolution and machines; techniques of communication; technologies of travel; medical technology; miniaturisation; self-reproduction; and spiritualism.

The conference programme will include plenary addresses, seminars and workshops. Confirmed speakers include: Dr Caroline Arscott, Professor Jay Clayton, Professor Steven Connor, Professor Iain McCalman, Professor Peter Otto, Professor Kevin Warwick and Dr Elizabeth Wilson. A selection of papers arising from this conference will be published in the online journal *19: Interdisciplinary Studies in the Long Nineteenth Century*.

More information: <http://www.mindsbodiesmachines.org/conferences.html>

CEPE 2007

Seventh International Computer Ethics Conference

July 12-14 2007, University of San Diego, USA

The 2007 Computer Ethics: Philosophical Enquiry (CEPE) conference is the seventh in a series of international conferences that date back to 1997. The 2007 conference will be held over three days on the University of San Diego campus in beautiful southern California. The theme for the 2007 event is not limited and thus open to all aspects of computer and information technology ethics. More information: <http://cepe2007.sandiego.edu>

THE FUTURE OF IDENTITY IN THE INFORMATION SOCIETY

Third International Summer School, organized by IFIP WG 9.2, 9.6/11.7, 11.6, in cooperation with FIDIS Network of Excellence

Karlstad University, Sweden, 6th – 10th August 2007

The increasing diversity of Information Communication Technologies and their equally diverse range of uses in personal, professional and official capacities raise challenging questions of identity in a variety of contexts. Each communication exchange contains an identifier which may, or may not, be intended by the parties involved. What constitutes an identity, how do new technologies affect identity, how do we manage identities in a globally networked information society?

The theme of this Summer School will be on Identity Management in relation to current and future technologies in a variety of contexts. IFIP takes a holistic approach to technology. FIDIS supports

interdisciplinary exchange. So participants' contributions combining technical, social, ethical or legal perspectives are welcome. Topics of interest include: identity management, security, profiling and customer relation management, advanced identity documents, ID related crime, RFID, tracking technologies, biometrics, privacy, anonymity and pseudonymity, surveillance, data retention, knowledge management, impact on social exclusion/digital divide/cultural issues.

All sessions will start with an introduction by an invited speaker, followed by parallel workshops in the morning and afternoon. The workshops will consist of short presentations based on the contributions that have been submitted by the participants, followed by active discussion. The aim of the Summer School is to encourage a stimulating discourse between all participants – be they new researchers or experienced academics.

More information: <http://www.cs.kau.se/IFIP-summer-school>

CONTENTIOUS "PROGRESS" IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

8th ESA Conference, SSTNET, Glasgow, 3- 6 September, 2007

Fuelled by public and private investments in research and development, the speed of innovation has accelerated and also the pressure has increased to market innovations as early as possible. The ambivalent implications of this kind of "progress" have become a public issue. Risks inherent in scientific and technological innovations but also the vulnerability of modern society through potential misuse of high-tech achievements in areas such as ICT, biotechnology, nanotechnology, or energy machinery are on the agenda. Many risks have a global dimension. They affect also those who do not participate in the high-tech innovation journey. This is why assessing science and technology is no longer or can no longer be a technocratic exercise of circles of experts. Questions of governance of modern science and technology but also moral and ethical issues related to innovation and "progress" have moved to the center of public debate. This debate is driven mainly by civil society organizations which, however, often have to struggle gaining public attention.

More about SSTNET on the network's website at <http://sstnet.iscte.pt/SST-Site.htm>

SUSTAINABLE TRANSFORMATIONS: TECHNOLOGY AND ITS ENVIRONMENTS

October 4-6, 2007, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, Indiana

The theme of the 31st Annual Humanities and Technology Conference reflects the contemporary interest in the multiple interfaces of technologies and their environments. HTA invites individual papers and session proposals addressing the conference theme from the viewpoints of the humanities, the sciences, and engineering. In addition to the conference theme, papers on all other aspects of the interactions of technology, science, and the humanities are welcome.

Next to innovations explicitly designed to protect the environment, modern technology creates new environments and alters existing ones, both natural and human-made. Whether it be with respect to

aging, privacy, healthcare, education, transportation, or communication, new technologies keep redefining our environments for us.

This conference invites contributions that explore, for example:

- developments in environmental technology, as well as the political, social, and economic challenges they pose
- the destruction and/or creation through technology of natural, human made, or virtual environments of all kinds
- aesthetic and artistic reactions to the destruction or creation of new environments
- the sustainability of natural or virtual environments
- human adaptations to technological environments
- philosophical and ethical dimensions of technological environments
- the ecology of environments.

Andreas Michel, HTA Conference Chair, Humanities and Social Sciences, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, 5500 Wabash Ave, Terre Haute, IN 47803

More information: <http://www.rose-hulman.edu/hta2007>

ICT, TRANSPARENCY AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY CONFERENCE

The Universidade Católica Portuguesa and Carnegie Mellon University are very happy to announce the conference "ICT, Transparency and Corporate Responsibility: Social and Ethical Considerations in the Global Economy" that will take place at the Universidade Católica Portuguesa in Lisbon, November 7-9, 2007.

Featured keynote addresses and presenters include:

- Pradeep Khosla
- Deborah G. Johnson
- Patricia H. Werhane
- Jody Westby

In the last few decades, recurrent scandals in the industrial and financial sectors across the globe have challenged the public's trust in business and threatened to undermine public confidence. While there is no 'silver bullet' that will prevent corruption, fraud, and malfeasance, transparency is now acknowledged to be an important component in the business practices of contemporary firms. Transparency is important because it assures various stakeholders and the public that a firm is operating with fair practices. Transparency has also been recognized as an important ethical value in business. Indeed, Kaptein (2004) has recently showed that the most cited ethics principles in the codes of conduct of multinational companies have to do with transparency, honesty and fairness with the respective frequencies of 55, 50 and 45 percent. Additional confirmation of the importance of transparency for global citizenry is found in looking at the protests and boycotts organized by consumers' associations around the world. These activities pressure companies, in particular multinational corporations (e.g. Nike, Nestle'), to provide

detailed information on how they conduct their business and generate profits. Transparency is also recognized as an important ethical concern that affects the relationship between a firms' management and their employees (e.g. Pagano, 2004).

In the 21st century transparency cannot be disconnected from information and communication technologies (ICT). ICT is now so much a part of business that it seems reasonable to say that firms don't just use and provide information, they are their information technology (Johnson, 2005). ICT makes possible a level of transparency that was never before possible. Using ICT, corporations can make huge quantities of information available to all their stakeholders. And, because of ICT, consumers, contractors, shareholders, and other stakeholders can access this information at their fingertips. In principle, ICT could allow firms to become naked corporations (Tapscott and Ricoll, 2003) or completely transparent institutions, i.e. organizations that share all kinds of information concerning their business activities requested by the society (Vaccaro and Madsen, 2006). In other words, ICT can support firms to become open systems that interact in multiple ways with the external environment (Kling and Jewett, 1994).

Although transparency can be considered as an ethical virtue that can be adopted easily by organizations to approach and resolve issues of social responsibility, there are various trade-offs that limit the public disclosure of information. For example, privacy and security are two important ethical concerns that can affect the transparency of an organization.

The Conference houses submissions that focus on any aspect of the nexus of transparency in business, social responsibility, and the role of ICT. However, two main streams will be emphasized: the first is related to the concept of "transparency" as it applies to social organizations of various kinds including governmental, as well as business, profit and non-profit; the second is related to the impact of ICT on organizational transparency. A list of possible topic includes:

- Ethical concerns related to transparency in business organizations.
- Transparency and ethics related issues in the framework of accountability processes in higher education and scientific systems.
- Case studies of transparent business practices and their use of ICT tools.
- Ethical concerns related to transparency in other types of organizations (e.g. NGOs, educational, health, and humanitarian).
- Relationships and conflicts between the transparency and other ethical values (e.g. privacy).
- Philosophical justifications and criticisms of the value of transparency.
- Transparency metrics: How to measure it?
- Transparency and business performance: enhancement or obstacle?
- The impact of ICT on transparency in business organizations.
- The impact of ICT on transparency in other social organizations (e.g. NGOs, educational, health and humanitarian)
- Wiki, Blogs and so on: social and ethical issues.
- The Digital Divide: does transparency matter?

More information: <http://www.cmu.edu/transparency2007>

re:place 2007 - The Second International Conference on the Histories of Media, Art, Science and Technology

Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin, 15-18 November 2007

re:place 2007, the Second International Conference on the Histories of Media, Art, Science and Technology, will take place in Berlin from 15 - 18 November 2007 as a project of Kulturprojekte Berlin GmbH in cooperation with Haus der Kulturen der Welt. This conference is a sequel to 'Refresh!', the first in this series, chaired by Oliver Grau and produced by the Database of Virtual Art, Leonardo, and Banff New Media Institute, and held at the Banff Center in Canada in September 2005, which brought together several hundred artists, scientists, researchers, curators and theoreticians of different disciplines.

re:place 2007 will be an international forum for the presentation and the discussion of exemplary approaches to the rapport between art, media, science and technology. With the title, 're:place', it proposes a thematic focus on locatedness and the migration of knowledge and knowledge production in the interdisciplinary contexts of art, historiography, science and technology.

The re:place 2007 conference will be devoted to examining the manifold connections between art, science and technology, connections which have come into view more sharply through the growing attention to media art and its histories over the past years. It will address historical contexts and artistic explorations of new technologies as well as the historical and contemporary research into the mutual influences between artistic work, scientific research and technological developments. This research concerns such diverse fields as cybernetics, artificial intelligence, robotics, nano-technology, and bio-technology, as well as investigations in the humanities including art history, visual culture, musicology, comparative literature, media archaeology, media theory, science studies, and sociology.

More information: <http://tamtam.mi2.hr/replace>

Recent publications of interest

Philosophy of Technology: 5 Questions

edited by by Jan Kyrre Berg Olsen and Evan Selinger
Automatic Press / VIP, 2007

Philosophy of Technology is a collection of short interviews based on 5 questions presented to some of the most influential and prominent scholars in this field. We hear their views on technology, its aim, scope, use, the future, and how their work fits in these respects.

Contributors: Joseph Agassi, Albert Borgmann, Mario Bunge, Harry Collins, Paul Durbin, Andrew Feenberg, Joan H. Fujimura, Peter Galison, Allan Hanson, Donna J. Haraway, N. Katherine Hayles, Don Ihde, Ian C. Jarvie, Bruno Latour, Bill McKibben, Carl Mitcham, Andrew Pickering, Daniel Sarewitz, Evan Selinger, Dan A. Seni, Peter Singer, Susan Leigh Star, Isabelle Stengers, Lucy Suchman

"Olsen and Selinger have given us a stunningly lucid presentation of the behind-the-scenes thinking that goes into the published work of twenty-two of the top philosophers of technology. Their book is a must-read for anyone interested in the present and prospects of our technological milieu." - *Larry A. Hickman, Center for Dewey Studies Southern Illinois University Carbondale*

More information: <http://www.philosophytechnology.com>

NanoEthics

Springer has launched a new peer-reviewed journal called *NanoEthics: Ethics for Technologies that Converge at the Nanoscale*. Supported by an international editorial board, the journal provides a multidisciplinary forum for exploration of ethical issues related to nanotechnology.

NanoEthics: Ethics for Technologies that Converge at the Nanoscale will contain a philosophically and scientifically rigorous examination of both the ethical and societal considerations as well as the public and policy concerns inherent in nanotechnology research and development. With the central focus on ethical issues, topics will include, among others, environmental and health aspects, social and economic consequences, threats to culture and tradition and to political and economic stability. The journal will be of interest to researchers, scholars and students; scientific and technological policymakers as well as decision-makers in corporations involved in nanotechnology.

Editor-in-Chief professor John Weckert of the Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics, part of Charles Sturt University, ANU and the University of Melbourne: "New technologies are necessary to help solve many of today's problems, but they must be the right technologies and equally important, used in the right way. Nanotechnology seems to offer enormous potential benefits, but scientists, philosophers, social scientists and lawyers, among others, need to collaborate in order to maximize these benefits and minimize potential harms. NanoEthics will support this collaboration."

NanoEthics will be published three times a year online and in print. The first issue includes (a.o.) the following contributions:

- Tsjalling Swierstra and Arie Rip: *Nano-ethics as NEST-ethics: Patterns of Moral Argumentation About New and Emerging Science and Technology*
- Deborah G. Johnson: *Ethics and Technology 'in the Making': An Essay on the Challenge of Nanoethics*
- Alfred Nordmann: *If and Then: A Critique of Speculative NanoEthics*
- Kristin Shrader-Frechette: *Nanotoxicology and Ethical Conditions for Informed Consent*
- Robert Sparrow: *Revolutionary and Familiar, Inevitable and Precarious: Rhetorical Contradictions in Enthusiasm for Nanotechnology*

Alternative Routes to the Sustainable City: Austin, Curitiba, and Frankfurt – by Steven A. Moore

That cities might develop "sustainably" is no longer an outlandish or incomprehensible idea. Many authors have documented how cities already committed to sustainable development have stimulated economic growth, preserved threatened ecosystems, and improved social equity. Yet oddly, no one has investigated

how it is that these well-known cities came to act as they do. Why has Austin, Texas rather than San Antonio; Curitiba, Brazil rather than Sao Paulo; or Frankfurt, Germany rather than Dusseldorf achieved so much? By listening to the stories told by the citizens of these three exemplary cities it becomes clear that these are places with a long history of public talk about social equity and environmental preservation but each has developed particular dispositions toward politics, nature, and technology. The lesson to be learned from these cities is not that a single abstract model or universal checklist of best practices will solve our problems. Rather, it is that urban futures unfold as story lines constructed by citizens practiced and skilled at imagining how they might live differently than they do.

Most of us accept the proposition that nature evolves, but only some of us accept the proposition that nature coevolves with society and technology. Readers receptive to this second proposition will find in the study of three cities each associated with the concept of sustainable development--competing story lines of our coevolution that reject universal models and lists of best practices as the only routes to the sustainable city.

Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield / Lexington, 2007

Philosophy of Technology Around the World

Master of Science Program: Philosophy of Science, Technology and Society
University of Twente, The Netherlands

The University of Twente houses a two-year international master of science program Philosophy of Science, Technology and Society (PSTS), intended for students with a bachelor's degree (or equivalent) with a major in (applied) science or engineering. PSTS is offered by the department of philosophy and the centre of Science, Technology and Society of the University of Twente in collaboration with the department of philosophy of Delft University of Technology (NL), Eindhoven University of Technology (NL), the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm (Sweden) and Lancaster University (UK).

The aim of PSTS is to enable students to perform philosophical and multidisciplinary analyses of applied science and technology and their place in society. Graduates can end up in a broad range of professions, including academic positions, R&D-positions, consultancy, policy, teaching and regular science and engineering positions. In the program, students will become thoroughly 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. They also learn how to analyze and reflect on technology and its social impacts, social and ethical controversies involving science and technology,

methodological issues in applied science and engineering and on future developments in (applied) science and technology.

Program outline

The PSTS program teaches students to think at a professional level about the place of science and technology in the contemporary world, especially regarding their implications for society, culture, and the environment. The program also focuses on more fundamental reflection on the nature of science and technology and the history of their development. Most attention, however, will be devoted to the ways in which products of (applied) science and technology change society, and to the ways in which we can or should influence such consequences. The PSTS program exhaustively discusses philosophical theories of technology, the relation between engineering science and natural science, and the role of science and technology in society and culture. Thorough training in reflection on the nature of science and technology and their social and cultural roles prepares students to conduct research within this field, using philosophical and multidisciplinary methods for analyzing issues of science, technology and society and to perform analyses of public debates and controversies. From experience, we know that the combination of a bachelor's degree in science or engineering and a master's degree in the area of PSTS opens up interesting career possibilities for students, including positions in government and policy, academic and R&D research, teaching, consultancy and engineering design.

Structure and organization

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 the Twente staff with contributions from the 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 participating institutions (Twente, Lancaster, Stockholm, Delft, Eindhoven), as long as they undertake a focused and approved specialization program. The institutions make use of web-based collaborative work spaces and e-learning to support some activities in the second year. The program includes 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 further detailed information or questions about the program and enrolment we kindly request interested partners and students to visit our website (www.psts.utwente.nl). You can always contact the program coordinator Jan van Diepen, who can be reached at jp.vandiepen@utwente.nl, and the program director Peter-Paul Verbeek (p.p.c.c.verbeek@utwente.nl).

Membership and Dues

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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