

SPT newsletter

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1. President's column

Dear SPT members!

We have important news: The days for the next SPT conference are set. We look forward to see you all in Lisbon in July 2013.

Anyone following the news knows that social and ethical issues concerning technology are debated on a daily basis. In addition to Fukushima we have had discussions about the effects on financial markets of automatic trading, about unmanned military aircraft, exportation of electronic waste, etc. Surprisingly many of these issues concern information technology. Therefore it is most timely that the Lisbon conference is arranged in cooperation with CEPE 2013 (Computer Ethics Philosophical Enquiry). The two conferences follow directly after each other. I hope that as many as possible will take the opportunity to participate in both conferences.

I would like to say "thanks a lot" to Katinka Waelbers for her many years of excellent work as a webmaster and newsletter editor and "very welcome" to Karin Edvardsson Björnberg who now takes over these tasks. Please visit our website www.spt.org (under reconstruction) and tell us what you want us to improve, and please send news to Karin (spt@spt.org) that may be of interest for this newsletter.

We send this issue of the newsletter not only to members but also to non-members who took part in our latest conference. To make sure that you receive all information from SPT, please become a member if you have not already done so.

Sven Ove Hansson, President of the SPT

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2. Techné: cfp

Techné: Research in Philosophy & Technology, the official journal of the Society for Philosophy and Technology, announces editorial staff changes. The staff now consists of:

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Techné continues to welcome all philosophical perspectives and styles. The editorial stance of *Techné* is ideologically neutral. There is, however, a unifying theme: a focus on technology, particular technologies, modern or traditional, worldwide, or on social and ethical problems associated with particular technologies. *Techné* aims at being the platform for presenting novel developments and results in academic research on this theme. We therefore seek rigorous, seminal, interesting, creative work and eagerly solicit work from those in fields outside philosophy as long as they offer philosophical perspective.

Submissions will be blind refereed by at least two readers. It is our expectation that authors will be provided with critiques, where in the judgment of the editors they are deemed helpful. We also seek to have a turn-around time of three months, although this is subject to the cooperation of our referees. We construe philosophy of technology broadly, and we are dedicated to fostering the highest standards in what is becoming a diverse field of study. We welcome proposals for special issues as well as manuscripts for regular publication.

We hope you will consider submitting your work to *Techné*. Submissions and questions can be directed by email to technejournal@gmail.com.

Our publication is accessible to all SPT members and subscribers through the Philosophy Documentation Center at:
<http://secure.pdcnet.org/techné>

3. Techné special issue

Techné: Research in Philosophy and Technology is pleased to announce the publication of a special issue on Dissection and Simulation, edited by Robert Rosenberger of Georgia Tech. This issue serves to unite dialogue between philosophy of technology and philosophy of education; *Techné* features contributions from Norm Friesen, Albert Borgmann, Don Ihde, Estrid Sorensen, Darin Barney, Robert Rosenberger within this edition.

Please check out Volume 15, Number 3 of *Techné* online at: <http://secure.pdcnet.org/techné>

4. Conferences, workshops and lectures

18th Biennial International Conference of the SPT, 4-6 July, 2013, University of Lisbon (ICS-UL) and Technical University of Lisbon

The 18th Biennial International Conference of the SPT, "Technology in the Age of Information", will take place in Lisbon on July 4-6, 2013. It will be combined with the 5th Computer Ethics Philosophical Enquiry (CEPE), on July 1-3, and there will be a joint event on the 3rd in the form of a corporate workshop, "Connecting technology and responsibility".

The Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon (ICS-UL) and SOCIUS of the School of Economics and Management of the Technical University of Lisbon organize the SPT conference. Our local organizers for the SPT conference are José Luis Garcia and Helena Jerónimo.

Please book the dates of these important events!

5. Recent publications of interest

Special issue of *Techné: Phenomenology and Classroom Computer Simulation*, Issue 15(3), 2011. Guest Editor: Robert Rosenberger. Contributors: Norm Friesen, Albert Borgmann, Don Ihde, Estrid Sørensen, Darin Barney, and Robert Rosenberger.

6. Job announcements

The Department of Philosophy of the University of Twente in the Netherlands is looking for an Assistant Professor (full-time, tenure track) in Applied Ethics and/or Political Philosophy with a (future) emphasis on technology.

The same Department is also looking for an Assistant Professor (full-time, tenure track) in Philosophy of Technology with a (future) emphasis on philosophical anthropology and human-technology relations.

See: www.utwente.nl/vacatures/en

In both cases, the application should include a CV, a letter of application (including a summary of your teaching evaluations), a summary and table of contents of your dissertation (or your full dissertation), a writing sample, and contact information for 3 or more references and should be sent before September 24. Applications should be uploaded via www.utwente.nl/vacatures/en.

7. SPT Facebook group

There is an SPT Facebook group at: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/205835046119933/>

Come and join us!

8. Membership and dues

The Society for Philosophy and Technology is an independent international organization that encourages, supports and facilitates philosophically significant considerations of technology. Founded in 1976, the Society is

dedicated to the pluralistic exploration of technology, and welcomes a variety of philosophical and other disciplinary approaches in both its conferences and its publications.

The Society publishes *Techné: Research in Philosophy and Technology* (a scholarly journal), the proceedings of its international conferences, and the quarterly SPT Newsletter.

Membership in the Society for Philosophy and Technology is open to individuals whose work is in keeping with the interests of the Society – including those who have an advanced degree (typically but not necessarily in philosophy), those who work in a technical field, and students whose work includes philosophically significant considerations of technology.

More information about SPT and its activities is available at the Society for Philosophy and Technology website, www.spt.org.

All membership levels include online access to available issues of *Techné*.

Individual – Regular membership	
Online (Single user licence)	\$65.00
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Dues can also 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 telephone via the numbers below. (For credit card payments, include card number and expiration date). All payments should be made to “Society for Philosophy and Technology.” Please do not forget to mention your name, affiliation, address, country and email.

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