2022 Commission Activities Report

GENERAL

Commission Name

HaPoC - Commission for the History and Philosophy of Computing

Website URL

`hapoc.org`

The website is currently under reconstruction. The information from the previous website is being progressively transferred to the new one.

Names and Affiliation of Officers

- Arianna Borrelli (TU Berlin and RWTH Aachen), President Elect

- Felice Cardone (Università di Torino)

- Liesbeth De Mol (CNRS, Université de Lille)

- Juan Luis Gastaldi (ETH Zürich), President

- Edward A. Lee (University of California at Berkeley)

- Simone Martini (Università di Bologna)

- Giuseppe Primiero (Università di Milano), Former President

- Viola Schiaffonati (Politecnico di Milano)

- Henri Stephanou (Paris-I Sorbonne/CNRS), Treasurer

- Máté Szabó (University of Oxford)

Frequency of Business meetings in the past year

In 2022, the HaPoC Council held two plenary meetings: one in March, the second one in November. Both meetings took place virtually. Many other virtual meetings, email exchanges and discussions on the Zulip group chat between different members of the Council took place regularly during the year.

Sub-committees

Not applicable.

Membership number of the Commission

There are currently 143 registered website users. Participation to HaPoC activities does not require any formal affiliation.

We are currently phasing out the membership section of our website to evaluate a more social approach with our Zulip server: `hapoc.zulipchat.com`

Changes made in the governance, statutes or organization structure:

We have registered HAPOC as an Association in France, which allowed us to host our finances in a properly labelled bank account.

ACTIVITIES

Workshops and Symposia

- The **5th Workshop on the History and Philosophy of Programming (HaPoP5)** took place in Lille on June 13th 2022, organized by Liesbeth De Mol and Tomas Petricek. The Workshop was held in hybrid mode with about 40 participants

- Special Session on "Computing Language", organized by Liesbeth de Mol and Giuseppe Primiero (HaPoC Council) at the conference **Computability in Europe 2022** (Swansea, 11-15 July, held in hybrid mode). The symposium was integrated by Troy Astarte, Maël Pégny, Jacopo Tagliabue and Juan Luis Gastaldi.

- Three-part Panel on "Computing Politics in late 20th and early 21st century," organized by Arianna Borrelli and Liesbeth De Mol (HaPoC Council) at the **Biannual Conference of the European Society for History of Science (ESHS22)** held in Brussels, 7-10 September 2022. HaPoC sponsored the event with three grants (Rudolf Seising (260 EUR), Daniel Trusilo (260 EUR), Jakob Tschandl (145 EUR). The panel had a highly interdisciplinary character, involving historians of science and of technology, general historians, and philosophers and led to lively discussions and exchanges. A proposal for publication of the proceedings is in preparation

Publications

- A significant amount of work has been dedicated to the publication of the **Post-Proceedings of HaPoC-6**, and a publication developed from the HaPoC Symposium at **DHST21** (Prague/virtual mode), to appear in 2023 (see "Publications" section under "Future Plans")

Outreach

The HaPoC Commission maintains an updated bibliography of current publications in the area of the History and Philosophy of Computing, open to contributions by the HaPoC registered members. The bibliography is accessible in the "Publications" section of the HaPoC website.

Other Activities Supported

- Summer School ***Logic for the AI Spring***, Lake Como School of Advanced Studies, Como, September 2022, organised by Tommaso Flaminio (Ramón y Cajal researcher, Artificial Intelligence Research Institute (IIIACSIC), Barcelona); Hykel Hosni (Full professor, Università degli studi di Milano); Giuseppe Primiero(Associate professor, Università degli studi di Milano and HaPoC Council). The event was supported with a HaPoC Grant to encourage the participation of early career scholars (250 EUR: Noemi Lubomirsky , Universidad Nacional de La Plata. Argentina; 250 EUR: Ane Marie Doh, University of St. Andrews, UK)

- **"Imagining AI. Minds, manuscripts and machines,"** pop-up exhibition and event series, September 9-25 2022, Weston Library, Oxford, co-organized by Máté Szabo (HaPoC Council). HaPoC contributed to this event with a grant (250 EUR) for the transportation (from Hungary and back) of the "Szeged cybernetic ladybug," whose workings were demonstrated on the open day of the exhibit. The event brought in over 700 visitors.

Grants Recipients

- For the ESHS22 HaPoC Panel, `https://eshsbrussels2022.com/overview/`:

Name	Costs	Purpose
Rudolf Seising	260EUR	Paper
Daniel Trusilo	260EUR	Paper
Jakob Tschandl	145EUR	Paper

- For the Summer School *Logic for the AI Spring* `https://lais.lakecomoschool.org`:

Name & Affiliation	Costs	Purpose
Noemi Lubomirsky, Universidad Nacional de La Plata, Argentina	250EUR	Registration
Ane Marie Doh, University of St. Andrews, UK	250EUR	Registration

total: 1165EUR