

Report on the activities of the DLMPST commission on the Philosophy of Technology and Engineering Sciences (2015 – 2018)

The last four years the DLMPST commission on the Philosophy of Technology and Engineering Sciences undertook the following activities.

1. Scientific Advisory Board

The Technology Commission have set-up a list of established philosophers of science with a substantial DLMPST history and important philosophers of technologies, who are all willing to provide the commission with advice about scientific events and ways how to make philosophy of science and technology converge. The following fifteen highly respected philosophers not only welcomed the initiative and acknowledged the need for a closer collaboration between both types of philosophers but also confirmed their willingness to contribute to that cause.

As from 2018, the members of the Scientific Advisory Board of Technology Commission are:

- **Mieke Boon**; professor in the Philosophy of Science in Practice, University of Twente
- **Hasok Chang**; Hans Rausing Professor, University of Cambridge
- **Igor Douven**; French National Centre for Scientific Research Paris, France
- **Sven Ove Hansson**; professor KTH, Division of Philosophy
- **Stephan Hartmann**; Chair and Head of the Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy
- **Vincent Hendricks**; professor of Formal Philosophy and CIBS Director (CIBS), University of Copenhagen,
- **Wybo Houkes**; associate professor and Chair of the Philosophy & Ethics group, Eindhoven University
- **Bas C. van Fraassen**; emeritus professor Philosophy Department; San Francisco State University
- **Maarten Franssen**; associate professor Ethics & Philosophy section, Delft University of Technology
- **Peter Kroes**; emeritus professor Ethics & Philosophy section, Delft University of Technology
- **Nancy J. Nersessian**; Regents' Professor of Cognitive Science (Emerita) Georgia Institute of Technology
- **Ilkka Niiniluoto**; professor emeritus and former rector of the University of Helsinki
- **Ibo van de Poel**; Anthoni van Leeuwenhoek Professor, head of the VTI department, Delft University of Technology.
- **Léna Soler**; maitre de conférence, Université de Lorraine, France.
- **Susan Sterrett**; Curtis D. Gridley Distinguished Professor, Wichita State University, USA.

2. Website and e-mail address

In addition the Commission started to set up a website, which is still in its infancies and at the moment is only used to announce upcoming events. It can be found at:

<https://www.tudelft.nl/tbm/dlmpst-technology-commission/>

The Commission plans to elaborate the website as soon as possible. In the meantime it has its own e-mail address as well: clmpst.tech@gmail.com

3. Collaboration existing organizations

Next the mass of the commission has to be increased. The most efficient way to achieve this is, is to look for collaboration with the two existing philosophy of technology organizations. The most pertinent are: The *forum on Philosophy, Engineering and Technology* (fPET) and the *Society for Philosophy and Technology* (SPT). As the organisational structures of the fPET and SPT are somewhat ephemeral, it has been necessary to approach them via personal networks. Unfortunately, this has not resulted in concrete plan thus far. More extensive follow-ups are on their way.

4. Academic Means-End Knowledge (AMEK) Workshop Prague

Finally, the Commission organized its second DLMPST-symposium during the 16th Congress of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science and Technology (CLMPST 2019); Czech Technical University, Prague, Czechia; 5–10 August 2019. It's subject, supported by the advisers, is "Academic Means-End Knowledge in Engineering, Medicine and the other Practical Sciences".

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