

2022- Report on the activities of the DLMPST commission on the Philosophy of Technology and Engineering Sciences (CoPhiTES)

Report on activities realized

The commission maintains the website (cophites.org), including updates in its statement, board, officers, and logo.

The commission has created an extensive database of scholars potentially interested in the activities of the commission. These scholars will be contacted to be members of CoPhiTES and to postulate themselves for different officer roles in the commission.

The commission has set up a permanent email address for contacting: contact@cophites.org

There has been agreement on the future composition of the commission, to be presented in the CLMPST 2023 in Buenos Aires. The first CoPhiTES council 2023 – 2027 will consist of the following:

- President: Juan M. Durán
- Vice-President: To be designated
- Treasurer: To be designated
- Five Councilors: to be designated

Bylaws:

In 2022, the commission finalized its bylaws, which were discussed with the Secretary General of the DLMPST/IUHPST. These bylaws will be presented in the CLMPST 2023 in Buenos Aires. The bylaws will determine and state the identity of the commission, its composition, and regulate its activities. They will also install the governance structure. Finally, the bylaws should also determine the financial structure of the commission, allocating a stable stream of budget for, e.g., the website, student awards, and conferences.

CLMPST 2023 – Buenos Aires:

The commission is organizing at least two symposia at the upcoming CLMPST 2023 in Buenos Aires. Let it be noted that at the time of submitting this report, the deadline for submission of symposia is still open, and it is difficult to determine the total number of symposia and participants. The current state is the following:

- Symposium “Technology and values in an uncertain world.”
- Symposium “Philosophy of science for machine learning.”

Symposia offer financial support to students in the form of a Best Paper Student Award.

Plans

Contact with other Organizations:

The commission still wants to strengthen its relations with the fPET, the SPT, the IAS University van Amsterdam, and other bodies. In 2019, connections were established with Diane P. Michelfelder of the first and Pieter Vermaas of the second organization.

CoPhiTES conference:

The commission plans to support regular workshops, preferably two years after the CLMPST general conference. The event will take place at diverse venues and will be hosted by CoPhiTES members. Topics, guest talks, and submissions must be within the commission's scope. The commission will assist financially, but more funding will need to be secured by the hosting institution. The first CoPhiTES conference will take place in TU Delft in 2025.

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