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President's Report

All eyes are now focused on the 2019 ISH meeting, to take place in Oslo, Norway, 7-12 July. The well-designed [meeting website](#) (with its sleek logo) has gone live and the [Call for Papers](#) is widely circulated. The local organizers, headed by Ageliki Lefkaditou, have put together what promises to be yet another wonderful ISH conference experience.

The Program Co-chairs, Edna Suarez and Sophia Efstathiou, assisted by the Program Committee, have done a super job designing exciting new ways to present scholarship at the meeting, including diverse format sessions in addition to traditional sessions. They have worked hand-in-hand with the Membership Development Committee to facilitate our first Interdisciplinary Organized Session Prize, which will be awarded to the session that best facilitates collaboration between philosophers, historians, and those studying social aspects of topics in biology. Review the stipulations so that as you begin to think about organizing a session you might create one that qualifies for the prize!

Costs for attending any conference are always a concern, but note that the options for accommodation near the Blindern campus of the University of Norway and the registration fees are quite reasonable, particularly for Scandinavia. Postdocs and independent scholars, moreover, will have the opportunity to apply for travel subsidies for the first time. In short, ISH Oslo promises to be yet one more stellar ISH meeting, and I look forward to seeing you there (and perhaps in Utrecht a week later, when the History of Science Society holds its first international meeting in The Netherlands, 24-27 July).

Given that the main function of ISH is to bring us together every two years to learn about our scholarly activities through presentations and social functions, the Site Selection Committee has been continuing to look for venues to host both the 2021 and 2023 meetings. Please take a look at the [Call for Proposals](#) to consider whether this might be something you would be interested in. Not only can this draw attention to your institution and provide certain career advantages, but it might not be as much work as it might seem, particularly since the Society is considering ways to help with organizational planning. Reach out should you have any questions!

Meetings, however, are not the only items of business for ISH officers, committee chairs, and members. Since the Spring Newsletter, there have been many activities to report.

First, ISH was well represented at the early November joint HSS/PSA meeting in Seattle, Washington. Bernie Lightman (HSS), Tom Misa (SHOT), and I moderated a Flashtalks session where graduate students had 5 minutes to present their topic followed by 5 minutes of fielding questions. It was a great experience for students and the audience, and will be repeated. For the second time, PSA invited ISH to sponsor a session, and the Executive Committee, having put out a call for proposals, selected "Dealing with Diversity: Perspectives from the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology," organized by Andrew Buskell and Helen Anne Curry (University of Cambridge). Given that it appears PSA and HSS will continue joint meetings in the future, we may wish to highlight this opportunity for our members to appear on the highly competitive PSA program.

Second, ISH sponsored two very successful Off-Year Workshops in 2018, which are highlighted in this Newsletter. It is not too early to begin thinking about the next workshops to be held in 2020, especially for those engaging in collaborative research projects.

Third, I remind you that we will be holding elections in the Spring to fill leadership positions. I cannot stress enough how important it is for ISH, with no institutional affiliation or salaried executive officer, to have so many members who generously volunteer their time to carry out the society's many functions. If you might be interested in running for an office or serving on a committee, please see the report by the Nominations Committee. You will be joining a great group of very dedicated and selfless individuals!

Finally, Council will be addressing a number of important matters of business at its July meetings. Two of the most important are: (1) making sure ISH is compliant with the European Union's new data privacy laws, and (2) developing an explicit policy concerning harassment or misbehavior at our meetings. If you have any views about these or other issues you believe the Society should address, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Marsha Richmond
President

In full speed for the 2019 ISHPSSB Meeting in Oslo



It has been a busy time since Spring 2018 and we are getting genuinely excited for ISHPSSB 2019 in Oslo! We are happy to see that the interest for this meeting is great and we will do our best to make it a great experience for all of us.

Our meeting has received generous funding from the Research Council of Norway, UiO:Life Science, and The Science Studies Colloquium (UiO). We are now confident that we will follow the high standards set by all previous meetings within reasonable costs for the participants.

The meeting's website is online, including the [Call for Papers](#) and submission instructions, as well as much valuable information for planning your trip. We have given emphasis on following the main guidelines for universal design and we hope to have minimized any accessibility issues. However, we welcome all feedback and suggestions that may improve the website's usability. So please, do not hesitate to contact us!

We are happy with the great collaboration with the Program Committee with regard to the selection of keynote speakers and other highlights of the program that we will announce soon. But we are also quite proud of our decision to work with Funky Fresh Foods for the meeting's catering. They specialize in organic, vegan, and raw food, and with them we would like to take part in the movement for a fairer and environmentally aware eating culture.

Finally, the website offers several travelling suggestions for shorter or longer tours. Since many participants will also be travelling to Utrecht for the HSS conference, we would be very happy to provide more information about tourism options, if needed. We will be adding suggestions on the website, but we welcome any inquiries through the contact email (ishpssb2019@tekniskmuseum.no). Norway is an amazing country and we really want to help everyone with making the best out of this trip to the north of Europe.

We are looking forward to seeing you all in Oslo!

Ageliki Lefkadiou,

on behalf of the Local Organizing Committee

Call for Abstracts: ISHPSSB 2019 Biennial Meeting

We invite submissions for the next International Society for the History, Philosophy and Social Studies of Biology biennial meeting, which will take place in Oslo, Norway, 7–12 July 2019.

The Council, Local Organizing, and Program Committees are working to put together an exciting program inspired by socially relevant work on biology and the life sciences and featuring Keynote Lectures by [Fern Wickson](#) and [Gísli Pálsson](#). We are building on the strengths of local communities of scholars in the social studies of science, biomedical sciences, science communication, and museum studies, and exploring new and established topics through engaging and innovative formats. We especially encourage historians, sociologists, and biologists to join us and feel at home here, while preserving our society as a great venue for philosophers to meet.

In order to encourage interdisciplinary exchange, the ISHPSSB Council has created an INTERDISCIPLINARY ORGANIZED SESSION PRIZE. Candidate sessions are expected to stand out as a fruitful combination of approaches or methodologies from several of the ISHPSSB disciplines, and especially through contributions from the social studies and history of the life sciences. The prize will be awarded to the organizer and all participants of an organized session. Organizers can self-nominate by identifying their submission as an "Interdisciplinary Organized Session" upon online submission.

It is our goal that ISHPSSB be the place where natural scientists, social scientists, and humanities scholars meet to learn and discuss challenging contemporary subjects around the life sciences. We further want to encourage our members to think of connections between our more traditional subjects and other practices, including relations between art practices and the life sciences, and how they challenge us to rethink

our work in the social studies of science and the history and philosophy of science. With these purposes in mind, we introduce the possibility of experimenting with novel formats in a new Mixed Media and Posters Session, alongside traditional Organized and Individual Papers Sessions.

Organized Sessions

We encourage participants to submit organized sessions. Submissions of this type will benefit from a policy of rolling acceptance. The earlier you submit an organized session, the earlier you will hear from us about acceptance, and the more leeway you will have as to the scheduling of your session and your trip. You may use the [ISHPSSB 2019 Open Organized Session Submission Form](#) to post ideas for organized sessions and to coordinate with others looking to do so.

These activities are submitted by one organizer, who must also participate in the session. All sessions will have exactly 90 minutes. There are two different types of Organized Sessions:

- a) Traditional Session
- b) Diverse Format Session

The organizer can either invite the other participants directly, in order to submit a closed proposal; or use the [ISHPSSB 2019 Open Organized Session Submission Form](#) to post an Open Organized Session proposal (including title and 250–500 word abstract of the open session), inviting other participants to make contact before submitting a proposal. The ISHPSSB 2019 Open Session Board for reviewing Open Organized Sessions will open as open sessions submissions come in.

a) Traditional Session: (90 minutes)

Each Traditional Session proposal should include three speakers and a Chair, who can be one of the speakers but need not be. Each speaker will have 25 minutes total (including discussion). This submission format requires a session title and a 250–500 word session abstract; titles and 250–500 word abstracts for each talk; and the names, affiliations, and email address for all participants. It is possible to submit a double Organized Session, with the same title, six speakers, with two 90 minutes slots.

When you are ready to submit your session, [follow this link](#).

b) Diverse Format Session (90 minutes)

Each Diverse Format Session should have at least two participants, including a chair who may be one of the participants. These sessions allow a variety of formats and may be organized as roundtables, panels, dialogues, theater games, performance lectures, longer talks, lightning talks, commentaries, films, etc. This submission format requires a session title and 250–500 word abstract, as well as the names, affiliations, and email address for all participants. Additional information relevant to the particular format (for example, short bios in the case of panels) can also be included in the information submitted by the session organizer.

When you are ready to submit your session, [follow this link](#).

Individual Papers (oral presentations)

Individuals may also submit a paper proposal, which requires a paper title and 250–500 word abstract, the presenter's name, affiliation and email address. Full names, affiliation, and email address of co-authors (if any) are also required. The submission should be made by the person who will present the paper at the meeting. The paper presentation must be no more than 20 minutes in length, with an additional 10 minutes for discussion. Individual Paper submissions will be grouped by the Program Committee and scheduled into 90 minutes sessions. Individuals may submit only one Individual Paper. Before submitting your individual paper, please check the [ISHPSSB 2019 Open Session Board](#) to see if there might be a proposal for an Organized Session that your contribution fits with.

When you are ready to submit your individual paper, [follow this link](#).

Mixed Media and Poster Presentation

Participants can submit a poster or experiment with presenting via mixed media formats. Examples include the presentation of short films (3–5 minutes) or other multimedia works, including artistic performance-based formats (such as performance lectures), lab work, or games. Any special technical arrangements required should be specified in the proposal. The Program and Local Organizing Committees will do our best to cope with technical and/or space requirements as relevant,

but it is expected that each presenter will provide any additional equipment needed beyond standard presentation materials.

The submission for the Mixed Media and Poster Session requires a title and 250–500 word abstract, plus the participant’s name, affiliation and email address; it should also include the specification of technical and/or space requirements. Full names, affiliation and email of co-authors (if any) is also required. Individuals are allowed only one submission for the Mixed Media and Poster Presentation.

When you are ready to submit a proposal for the Mixed Media and Poster Session, [follow this link](#).

Submission Requirements and Rules

One submission is allowed per participant (as either a speaker, co-author, commentator, roundtable participant, mixed media or poster author), besides chairing one session.

All individuals submitting Individual Paper proposals are encouraged to check open sessions notices posted on the [ISHPSSB 2019 Open Session Board](#); this will help both speakers and program-co-chairs to organize a more cohesive conference. Diversity and inclusion are valued by the ISHPSSB community. We especially encourage session organizers to attend to considerations of participant diversity, in terms of discipline as well as geography, gender, race/ethnicity, and career stage.

We invite presentations that address historical, philosophical, social, and/or cultural aspects of the life sciences. Interdisciplinary approaches and papers tackling educational issues in the history, philosophy, and social studies of the life sciences are also welcome. Contributions to the study of other sciences are outside the scope of this conference.

Due to the international scope of the conference, papers will be presented in English, independent of the nationality of the speaker.

ISHPSSB 2019 Conference Deadlines

- 5 NOVEMBER 2018–18 JANUARY 2019: Suggestion of Open Sessions on the ISHPSSB 2019 Open Session Board.
- 5 NOVEMBER 2018–18 JANUARY 2019: Submission

of Organized Sessions, with rolling notification of acceptance.

- 18 JANUARY 2019: Deadline for all other submission formats.
- EARLY MARCH 2019: Final notification of acceptance for all formats
- 28 JUNE 2019: Final program posted online
- REGISTRATION (for both participants and guests):
 - BEFORE 3 MAY 2019: Early registration (reduced fee payment)
 - 4 MAY–7 JUNE 2019: Late registration (full fee payment)

Note: Graduate Students as well as Postdoctoral Fellows and Independent Scholars are eligible to apply for Travel Grants supported by ISHPSSB and the US National Science Foundation (grant no. 1656206). Acceptance notifications will include information about how to apply for these awards.

Please [follow this link](#) to the conference website.

More Information

If you have inquiries related to submissions and the program, please send an email to the ISHPSSB Oslo Program Committee: ishpsb2019@tekniskmuseum.no

Edna Suárez-Díaz and Sophia Efstathiou
Program Co-chairs

2018 ISHPSSB Off-Year Workshops

5th EASPLS: Interdisciplinarity in the Life Sciences and Their Philosophy

The 5th European Advanced Seminar in the Philosophy of the Life Sciences took place at the Konrad Lorenz Institute for Evolution and Cognition Research (KLI) in Klosterneuburg, Austria, in



4th EASPLS workshop participants

September 2018. Directed by Sabina Leonelli and Thomas Reydon and organized by Isabella Sarto-Jackson, the event was devoted to the topic of interdisciplinarity in the life sciences and their philosophy. Other members of the senior faculty who participated included Guido Caniglia, John Dupré, Rick Gawne, Daniel Nicholson, Philippe Huneman, Maël Lemoine, Kepa Ruiz Mirazo, Gerd Müller, Thomas Pradeu, and Marcel Weber, from the following EASPLS partner institutions: University of Exeter; University of Hannover; University of Geneva; University of Paris-1 Sorbonne; University of the Basque Country; University of Bordeaux; and the KLI. In addition, the EASPLS welcomed Giovanni Boniolo from the University of Ferrara who is also one of the founding fathers of EASPLS and Gry Oftedal from the University of Oslo as keynote speakers.

Altogether, 54 participants from PhD students to postdocs and advanced researchers (from 14 different countries and 3 continents) assembled to discuss and interact for five days in the tranquil and inspiring atmosphere of the host institute that is perched between the river Danube and the foothills of the Vienna Woods.

The format included short individual presentations by selected participants, talks by senior faculty and commentaries of junior researchers, as well as moderated round table discussions. There was ample time for discussions to which all participants vividly contributed. For the first time in this event series, the senior faculty also organized a professional development panel that was very well received by the participants.

The program was organized in order to address the issue of interdisciplinarity from a wide variety of perspectives. By means of examples several speakers explicitly articulated challenges and caveats concerning interdisciplinary work. At the same time, procedures and strategies about how interdisciplinary endeavors can be integrated in projects and in research networks were discussed. Senior scholars shared their personal experiences from interdisciplinary working environments in different research fields including evolutionary biology, ecology, developmental biology, and the biomedical sciences. These reports proved very valuable for young philosophers, historians, and scientists to learn about rewards and risks when following an interdisciplinary research trajectory.

On behalf of the PhD students and early postdocs who were able to participate in the EASPLS 2018 because of the generous travel grants provided by ISHPSSB, we would like to express our gratitude to ISHPSSB and the ISHPSSB Off-Year Workshop Committee to have selected the 5th EASPLS for funding. We look forward to the 6th EASPLS, which will take place in September 2020 at the KLI in Klosterneuburg and will be directed by Marcel Weber (University of Geneva) and Guido Caniglia (KLI).

Isabella Sarto-Jackson

Local Organizer

Regeneration Across Complex Living Systems: From Regenerating Microbiomes to Ecosystems Resiliency

In October 2018, an ISHPSSB Off-Year Workshop, “Regeneration Across Complex Living Systems: From Regenerating Microbiomes to Ecosystems Resiliency,” took place at the Marine Biological Laboratory (MBL) in Woods Hole, Massachusetts. The Workshop convened scholars from three continents to discuss regeneration across complex living systems from an interdisciplinary perspective, drawing a total participation of about twenty-five individuals including scientists from the MBL. On Monday, October 22nd, the nine speakers delivered their papers in three panels, which were loosely clustered around the levels of cells and microbes, organisms, and ecosystems. The talks ranged from a report of cutting-edge imaging technologies for assessing nerve regeneration in octopodi; to an anthropological analysis of the tension between axolotl limb regeneration and the organism’s collapsing natural habitat; to assessments of microbiome and ecosystem regeneration through both intellectual histories and present-day applications.

On Tuesday, October 23rd, the Workshop concluded with a three-hour discussion of major themes. Together, the participants grappled with the talks of the previous day in terms of the systems, processes, and results of regeneration. Some tentative conclusions were drawn for each category, including that analyses of the initial and final “states” of regenerating systems are complicated by fluctuations through time; regeneration as a process can be healing or pathological, induced or natural, and also multiply realized; and understanding the “results” of regeneration requires attention to the various timescales, from seconds to years to centuries, across which regeneration might take place. Two other

questions addressed in the discussion were whether regeneration in complex living systems requires the removal of an entity in order to take place, and whether it is possible to understand regeneration without reference to adaptation. Interested readers may still visit the [workshops's website](#).

The Workshop Coordinators are grateful for the graduate student and postdoctoral travel funding provided by the ISHPSSB, and funding from the James S. McDonnell Foundation which made the workshop possible. Further information about the ongoing McDonnell Foundation Initiative at the MBL can be found [here](#).

Kate MacCord and Kathryn Maxson Jones
Workshop Coordinators

Call for Proposals to Host the 2021 and 2023 Meetings

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, colleagues in Portland have had to withdraw their proposal to host ISHPSSB for our July 2021 conference. The Site Selection Committee therefore cordially invites members to propose potential sites for the July 2021 conference as well as for the July 2023 conference.

Our tradition of alternating between different sides of the Atlantic would suggest that the 2021 meeting should be held in the Americas and the 2023 meeting in Europe. For 2021, since the last meeting took place in South America, proposals from colleagues in the USA and Canada would be particularly welcome. For the 2023 meeting, we would be especially glad for proposals from colleagues in Central and Eastern Europe, as ISH has never met there. But it has also been several years (2009) since we've had an ISH meeting in Australia, and there are of course a fair few continents where we have never met. Proposals for sites beyond Europe will be welcome as well as proposals for European venues.

Initial expressions of interest for hosting the 2021 and 2023 conferences should be emailed to the Committee Chair, Greg Radick (G.M.Radick@leeds.ac.uk), by 31 January 2019. Ideally, full proposals for hosting the 2021 conference should be ready for presentation and discussion at the July 2019 conference in Oslo.

Proposers should bear in mind that the Society prefers

to meet in places that are appealing destinations, given that for many participants the meeting is a welcome occasion to combine work with some well-deserved holidays. It is also important that the site offers convenient travel infrastructure, affordable housing, and full accessibility. More detailed guidelines about hosting are available from the [ISH website](#).

Colleagues who have organized past conferences attest to how valuable it can be professionally, especially in forging new networks at their institutions and in drawing positive attention there to activity around "HPSSB." That said, Council very much appreciates that the burden on organizers is considerable, and it is currently looking at ways to lighten that burden as much as possible. If you are thinking about hosting an ISH meeting, but are concerned by the prospect of the work involved, please let me know, so that my Committee colleagues and I, along with Council members, can do what we can to ensure the experience is maximally productive and minimally disruptive for you. In the meantime, be assured that the Committee is happy to help out with all aspects of putting together a proposal and associated funding strategies, at all stages of the process.

And it is not too early to begin thinking ahead to the 2025 meeting!

Greg Radick
Chair of the Site Selection Committee

ISHPSSB David L. Hull Prize: Call for Nominations

The International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology seeks nominations for the 2019 David L. Hull Prize for History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology. This biennial prize honors extraordinary scholarship and service promoting connections among the communities represented by our Society. It was established in 2011 to commemorate the life and legacy of David Hull, who exemplified both a high standard of interdisciplinary scholarship and exemplary service that helped to build bridges among our disciplines. The next David L. Hull Prize is scheduled to be awarded at the 2019 meeting of ISHPSSB in Oslo, Norway. It consists of a Medal recognizing the recipient's contributions to scholarship and service and a \$500 travel subsidy.

A complete nomination package consists of two letters of nomination, each signed by at least one member of ISHPSSB (thus there must be at least two nominators) and a current Curriculum vitae of the candidate. We would like to highlight that nominees may be at any career stage, and strongly suggest that members take into account diversity when considering nominations. The deadline for nominations is 31 JANUARY 2019. Nominations should be sent by email to the Chair of the David L. Hull Prize Committee, Ana Barahona (ana.barahona@ciencias.unam.mx).

More details, list of previous recipients, and nomination procedures: <https://www.ishpssb.org/prizes/david-l-hull-prize>

Ana Barahona

Chair of the David L. Hull Prize Committee

2019 Marjorie Grene Prize

The International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB) seeks submissions for the 2019 Marjorie Grene Prize.

This prize is intended to advance the careers of younger scholars and will be awarded to the best manuscript based on a presentation at one of the two previous ISHPSSB meetings (Montréal or São Paulo) by someone who was, at the time of presentation, a graduate student.

It was very appropriate for ISHPSSB to name this prize in Marjorie Grene's honor. Not only did her work in the history and philosophy of biology exemplify the strong spirit of interdisciplinary work fundamental to ISHPSSB, but she played a central role in bringing together diverse scholars of biology even before the formation of the Society. She was a valued mentor to many members of the Society and a long-standing inspiration to all.

The prize consists of a certificate and an award of \$500, as well as a permanent record of the award on a plaque which circulates every two years to the current winner(s). Submissions may be simultaneously considered for the Grene and the Callebaut prizes, but a paper may not be awarded both prizes.

Submissions should be in the form of a paper prepared for submission to a professional journal, with an indication of the journal in question. An electronic

copy (in Microsoft Word or PDF format), together with the required cover sheet ([MS Word version](#) | [PDF version](#)), should be emailed as one document to the Chair of the Grene Prize Committee, Soraya de Chadarevian (chadarevian@history.ucla.edu) no later than 15 FEBRUARY 2019. The winning paper will be announced at the 2019 meeting in Oslo. The committee reserves the right not to make an award or to split the award.

Soraya de Chadarevian

Chair of the Marjorie Grene and Werner Callebaut Prize Committee

2019 Werner Callebaut Prize

The International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB) seeks submissions for the 2019 Werner Callebaut Prize.

This prize is intended to advance the careers of younger scholars working at the intersection of the fields represented by ISH and will be awarded to the best manuscript utilizing an interdisciplinary approach based on a presentation at one of the two previous ISHPSSB meetings (Montréal or São Paulo) by someone who was, at the time of presentation, a graduate student.

The prize is named in honor of Werner Callebaut, whose untimely death in 2014 inflicted a serious blow to the philosophy of biology community worldwide. Werner's mentorship and guidance benefited the intellectual and personal development of countless philosophers and scientists over the last twenty years and contributed greatly to making sure that philosophical and scientific work evolve in constructive dialogue and reciprocal respect. His work reached creatively across fields of relevance to the philosophical understanding of biology (comprising areas as far removed as economics, evolutionary biology, history, sociology and cognitive science), as well as across national cultures, languages and traditions (most notably the 'continental-analytic' divide among philosophers of science), hence making a prize focused on interdisciplinarity most appropriate, especially for ISHPSSB which explicitly encourages interdisciplinary approaches.

The prize consists of a certificate and an award of \$500, as well as a permanent record of the award on a plaque which circulates every two years to the current

winners. Submissions may be simultaneously considered for the Grene and the Callebaut prizes, but a paper may not be awarded both prizes.

Submissions should be in the form of a paper prepared for submission to a professional journal, with an indication of the journal in question, along with a brief statement detailing the interdisciplinarity represented in the manuscript. An electronic copy (in Microsoft Word or PDF format), together with the required cover sheet ([MS Word version](#) | [PDF version](#)), should be emailed as one document to the Chair of the Callebaut Prize Committee, Soraya de Chadarevian (chadarevian@history.ucla.edu) no later than 15 FEBRUARY 2019. The winning paper will be announced at the 2019 meeting in Oslo. The committee reserves the right not to make an award or to split the award.

With thanks to the Konrad Lorenz Institute for Evolution and Cognition Research (KLI) for financial support for the Callebaut Prize.

Soraya de Chadarevian

Chair of the Marjorie Grene and Werner Callebaut Prize Committee

Communications Committee Report

The ISHPSSB website expansion project, led by ISHPSSB webmaster Michel Durinx, is on track to have a draft version of the new website in early 2019. The website will be expanded to integrate membership functions that had previously been managed through a third-party membership management website. Having all ISHPSSB electronic functions under a single website will simplify membership/renewal and other website functions. It will also save money for the society, as the third-party membership website is a more expensive option and the service continues increasing its prices.

Sean Valles

Chair of the Communications Committee

Education Committee Report

The ISHPSSB Education Committee has been established to foster knowledge sharing and make educational resources available. A section of the society web page has been dedicated to offer adequate [science](#)

[and science studies education resources](#). We want to encourage you to use this web page for your work and please do suggest additional content that you deem important!

Moreover, the ISHPSSB Education Committee invites dialogue and exchange of ideas between researchers, students, and teachers and wants to provide a platform for collaborations among ISHPSSB members. To this end, we plan to take up social media activities, especially Twitter, to inform young scholars about events and courses (including online courses and lectures) as well as job openings. If you are interested in supporting us in this endeavor, please contact Charbel El-Hani (charbel.elhani@gmail.com) or Isabella Sarto-Jackson (isabella.sarto-jackson@kli.ac.at).

If you have any further suggestions you would like to pass on to the committee, and we encourage you to do so, please address them to Charbel El-Hani or Isabella Sarto-Jackson.

Charbel El-Hani and Isabella Sarto-Jackson
Chairs of the Education Committee

News from the Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee calls for nominations for the following positions on the Board of Directors of the Society:

- PRESIDENT ELECT (2019-2021). The successful candidate for this position will become the Society's President at the end of the 2021 General Business meeting, serving until 2023, and then as Past President and Chair of the Nominating Committee, 2023 -2025.
- SECRETARY, for a term of two years
- TREASURER, for a term of two years
- PROGRAM OFFICER for the 2021 meeting, for a term of two years
- THREE POSITIONS FOR AT-LARGE DIRECTORS (Council Members), each for a term of four years, 2019-2023

Further information about the roles of these officers can be found in the [bylaws](#) of ISHPSSB.

Candidates for each office may be nominated by the Nominations Committee or by any two Members of The Society. Members wishing to nominate a candidate directly should seek that candidate's

permission and then write to the Chair of the Nominations Committee, Michel Morange (michel.morange@ens.fr), with the name of the candidate, the office for which they are being nominated, and the names of the two nominating members.

Michel Morange

Chair of the Nominations Committee

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If not, you may have missed information posted for members which is not included in the newsletter, such as positions announced, grant and funding opportunities, calls for papers, etc. Subscribe online by following these instructions:

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This listserv is maintained by Trevor Pearce. If you want to submit something, write to him under:
moderator@ishpssb.org

Have you renewed your membership?

ISHPSSB members typically renew their memberships when they register for the biennial meeting. Those who do not attend a meeting sometimes fail to renew. To renew your membership, go to: <http://ishpssb.onefireplace.com>.

If you experience any difficulties, please contact Rachel Ankeny at secretary@ishpssb.org

As a benefit, members receive a variety of journals at reduced rate, including ISIS and JHB.

If your membership has expired some time ago (approximately 6 months), you may be put in the “archives” of the membership database. In order to be removed from the archive, you must contact Rachel Ankeny at secretary@ishpssb.org

Credits

This newsletter was edited by David Suárez Pascal (david.suarez@ciencias.unam.mx). I thank Marsha Richmond for her help, as well as to all the members who contributed to this issue with their texts.

The logo of the society was generously contributed by Andrew Yang.