

EPSA Steering Committee Elections, Athens 2011

List of candidates, provided by the Nomination Committee (NC):

Martin Carrier (Speaker), Jan Faye, Carl Hoefler, Berna Kilinc, Stathis Psillos

PRESIDENCY (1 eligible position)

Friedrich Stadler (University of Vienna, AUT)

VICE-PRESIDENCY (1 eligible position)

Theo Kuipers (University of Groningen, NL)

Miklos Redei (London School of Economics, UK)

STEERING COMMITTEE (8 eligible positions)

Hanne Andersen (Aarhus University, DK)

Dennis Dieks (Utrecht University, NL)

Steven French (University of Leeds, GB)

Robin Hendry (Durham University, GB)

Theo Kuipers (University of Groningen, NL)

Federico Laudisa (University of Milan-Bicocca, I)

Hannes Leitgeb (LMU Munich, D)

Demetris Portides (University of Cyprus, CY)

Kristina Rolin (University of Tampere and Aalto University, FIN)

Stéphanie Ruphy (Université de Provence, F)

PRESIDENCY

Friedrich Stadler (University of Vienna, AUT)

In 2006 I joined the initiating group, which founded EPSA, with pleasure and confidence. I hoped to jointly enhance such a challenging as well as necessary project in Europe with the inception of the Association in 2007, since then based in Vienna.

In the meantime we have experienced two successful conferences in Madrid 2007 and in Amsterdam 2009 and succeeded in the publication of our *European Journal for Philosophy of Science* (EJPS) with Springer. The proceedings of the Madrid conference are available with 2 volumes (ed. by *Mauricio Suárez, Mauro Dorato, Miklós Rédei*) and the proceedings of the Amsterdam conference (ed. by *Henk de Regt, Samir Okasha, Stephan Hartmann*) are to be published soon. I am sure that EPSA11 here in Athens will be another manifestation of this innovative track. I am pleased that our next conference EPSA13 has been scheduled in the meantime in Helsinki, where a rich expertise and excellent scholarly environment will be no doubt given. Meanwhile, the official Call for EPSA 2015 was running till the end of September.

We attracted a lot of philosophers (varying between 200 – 300 paying and non-paying members) from all over Europe and intensified the collaboration with the ESF-Research Networking Program “The Philosophy of Science in a European Perspective” (PSE), which is still running to 2013. This year we sponsored the 1st EPSA lecture at the 14th Congress of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science (DLMPS) in Nancy, of which EPSA became an international member.

These promising achievements as well as demanding tasks require a permanent teamwork within the Steering Committee (SC), which convened last year in Vienna, and the interaction with our members. Therefore, we have re-launched the Website and released the related *Newsletter* as an electronic periodical, in addition to a *Folder* for advertisement and information. In the meantime we have arrived at a new stage of further development with the need for sustaining and stabilizing our scholarly profile and at the same time supporting and initiating the cooperation with national and international organizations. Especially, we realized an agreement with our American sister organization the *Philosophy of Science Association* (PSA) regarding a double membership for both associations. In Europe first positive contacts were initiated towards the *European Society for the History of Science* (ESHS) in order to approach a similar model of cooperation like the PSA-HSS arrangement.

With Springer we signed a contract for the membership management in the context of the publication of our journal, *The European Journal for Philosophy of Science* (EJPS), which is already on the market with 1 volumes in 2 issues since the beginning of this year. It is clear that we have to further support this ambitious journal project and its editorial team headed by *Carl Hofer* and *Mauro Dorato*.

Another stepping-point was the adaptation of the constitution, made necessary by the concrete work and new requirements, particularly the amendment regarding the establishment of the Nomination Committee (NC), which had to work really hard in order to provide the Assembly the required list of candidates for the elections. (Thanks for this demanding job go to its speaker *Martin Carrier* and the other members *Jan Faye, Carl Hofer, Berna Kilinc, Stathis Psillos*). An evaluation of this procedure proved the necessity of another addendum of the statutes, which is on the agenda of the next Assembly.

In the case of an election for EPSA Presidency for the next and last two years my most important aims would thus be – mainly continuing and improving the previous activities with new initiatives:

- to strengthen the scientific and institutional cooperation in the field of philosophy of science in Europe and to further European philosophy of science – thereby continuing the flourishing exchange with non-European colleagues (like PSA, HOPOS etc.).
- to improve the organization of the biennial conferences with advice and expertise aiming at the extension of the accepted papers, but only on the basis of scholarly excellence
- to facilitate the work of the *EJPS* in close connection with the SC's expertise
- to increase the number of members and to attract the younger generation of researchers, especially the still under-represented female philosophers, thereby widening the European geographical balance.
- to professionalize the administration at the headquarter and to improve the overall visibility with the Website and Internet-performance, preferably with the *Newsletter*
- to foster continuity and high quality through permanent work flow with members of the SC, the EPSA and the editors of *EJPS*
- to optimize the membership policy in connection with the projected transfer to Springer
- to reinforce and enhance the networking with national and international associations

Generally, philosophy of science should deal more closely with the sciences proper (covering the natural, social, and cultural sciences), ideally from a systematic and historical perspective.

A personal remark: actually, I had already declared my decision to the NC not to run again for presidency, but most recent unexpected events and the repeated invitation of the NC resulted in the revision of my withdrawal, which I had indicated earlier in the case of urgency. Given this serious situation, I am prepared to serve again with full engagement in the case of a convincing election.

Friedrich (Fritz) Stadler is Professor for History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Vienna (Joint Appointment). He is founder, Director and Chair of the Institut Wiener Kreis/Institute Vienna Circle. He was Visiting Professor at the University of Minnesota, Humboldt University Berlin, and Research Fellow at the Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies, University of Helsinki. Co-Chair of HOPOS 2000 in Vienna and Member of the PC of HOPOS 2010 in Budapest. Organizer of the “Vienna International Summer University - Scientific World Conceptions” since 2001.

He is author of two books (on Mach and the Vienna Circle) and around 90 articles in 5 languages. Editor and co-editor of 30 books and editor of 3 related book series. Editor and Co-editor of *Moritz Schlick-Edition*, *Ernst Mach-Edition*, Project leader of “The Banishment and Return of Philosophy of Science”, and “History of Science and/or Philosophy of Science?”.

He is a member of the SC of EPSA since 2007, of the ESF-Programme “The Philosophy of Science in a European Perspective”. He was a member of the ESF/ERIH Panel “History and Philosophy of Science”, Assessor and Senior Advisor of the IUHPS/DLMPS. Since 2005 he is a Board Member of the Austrian Science Fund (FWF). Journal Referee: *JGPS*, *Synthese*, *Science in Context*, *Erkenntnis*, *HOPOS*, *SHPS* etc.

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VICE-PRESIDENCY

Theo Kuipers (University of Groningen, NL)

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Biographical Note

I (1947) studied mathematics and philosophy in Eindhoven and Amsterdam. I am emeritus professor of philosophy of science of the University of Groningen. A synthesis of my work on confirmation, empirical progress, and truth approximation, entitled *From Instrumentalism to Constructive Realism*, appeared in 2000. A twin synthesis of my work on the structure of theories, research programs, explanation, reduction, and computational discovery and evaluation, entitled *Structures in Science*, appeared in 2001. In 2005 there appeared two volumes of *Essays in Debate with Theo Kuipers*, with in total 34 essays related to the two books.

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My administrative experience covers many years of being Head of the Faculty of Philosophy and membership of the board of the Humanities section of the National Science Foundation (NWO) and of the scientific committee of the Netherlands Institute of Advanced Study (NIAS).

Research interests

My research interests cover in particular formal approaches in general philosophy of science, comparative philosophy of science, philosophy of design research, computational philosophy of science, research ethics.

The Future Development of EPSA

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- Interaction (competition or cooperation) between related philosophy of science research programs and between philosophy of science and science should be promoted.
- Formal, empirical and historical methods should all get attention.

Miklós Rédei (London School of Economics, UK)

Redei studied physics and philosophy at Loránd Eötvös University in Budapest, Hungary, receiving his PhD in philosophy from Eötvös University in 1982. Currently he is Reader in the Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method in the London School of Economics. His research interests concern foundational and philosophical problems of modern physics and related more general issues in philosophy of science such as the interpretation of probability and theories of probabilistic causation. He is the author of the book “Quantum Logic in Algebraic Approach” (Kluwer, 1998), editor of “John von Neumann: Selected Letters” (American Mathematical Society, 2005) and co-editor of the two volumes of the proceedings of the first EPSA conference in Madrid 2007. He has had a number of visiting positions in the USA and in Europe, including visiting Fellowship in the Center for Philosophy of Science in Pittsburgh and in the Dibner Institute for the History of Science and Technology (Boston, MIT). He was chair of the European Science Foundation (ESF) Network "Foundational and Philosophical Problems of Modern Physics" (2003-2005) and is co-chair of “The Philosophy of Science in a European Perspective” ESF Networking Programme (2008-20013). He is a founding member of EPSA and has served on its Steering Committee since 2007. Personal webpage: <http://phil.elte.hu/redei/>

Statement:

“EPSA can and should play an important role in strengthening an intellectual climate (especially in Europe) in which sciences flourish and in which philosophy of science is acknowledged as a crucial component. To do this, my efforts as VP would aim at (i) an increase in cultivating ties to scientists to get active scientists involved in EPSA activities (ii) broadening the EPSA membership basis in all age categories both geographically and by reaching out beyond philosophers of science proper (iii) finding ways of lobbying with EU-level organizations in order to make EPSA more visible and to secure better funding for projects in philosophy of science.”

STEERING COMMITTEE

Hanne Andersen (Aarhus University, DK)

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Biographical note and philosophical profile

I am currently head of the Centre for Science Studies at Aarhus University, and I have previously been employed at the Department for Medical Philosophy at the University of Copenhagen and at the Royal Danish School of Educational Studies. During my career I have spent time at the Fachgruppe Philosophie at Universität Konstanz (1994-1996), at the Max-Planck-Institut für Wissenschaftsgeschichte in Berlin (1996) and at the Center for Philosophy of Science at the University of Pittsburgh (2008).

My primary research interests lie within general philosophy of science where I have worked on Kuhn's philosophy of science, scientific change, scientific concepts, and scientific. Among my publications in these areas are the monographs *On Kuhn* (Wadsworth 2001) and *The Cognitive Structure of Scientific Revolutions* (co-authored together with Peter Barker and Xiang Chen, Cambridge University Press 2006). I am currently working on the philosophy of interdisciplinarity and on social epistemology. I am participating in the ESF research network "[The Philosophy of Science in a European Perspective](#)" where I am co-leader of Team B: "The life sciences" together with team leader Marcel Weber, and I am head of the research group "[Philosophy of Contemporary Science in Practice](#)" which is funded by the Danish Research Council for the Humanities.

My positions have always been at departments that provide courses in philosophy of science for science and medicine students, and I have a strong interest in collaborating with practicing scientists in making philosophy of science useful and relevant to the sciences. Further, I have been involved in national collaborations on graduate education where I have been particularly interested in junior scholars' career options.

Ideas for EPSA

As a member of the Steering Committee I would like to work for furthering contact between philosophers of science in Europe and promoting international exchange across Europe, including international collaboration on graduate education, but at the same time I would also like to work for an increased collaboration between the EPSA and other closely related organizations such as [PSA](#), [SPSP](#) and [HOPOS](#).

Dennis Dieks (Utrecht University, NL)

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Biographical note and philosophical profile

I studied theoretical physics at the University of Amsterdam and then turned to the foundations of physics and, more generally, the philosophy of the natural sciences. I defended a dissertation on these subjects in 1981, and since then published numerous papers on the interpretation and foundations of quantum mechanics, the philosophy of space and time, probability, and the analysis of scientific understanding. In addition I have edited several books. I am one of the editors of *Studies in the History and Philosophy of Modern Physics* (Elsevier) and an associated editor of *Foundations of Physics* (Springer). Since 1993 I am a professor for the Philosophy and Foundations of the Natural Sciences at Utrecht University (The Netherlands); in 2009 I was elected a member of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences. I have served on many committees and boards, am a “team leader” of the ESF programme “The philosophy of science in a European perspective”, and the director of the Utrecht Institute for the History and Foundations of Science.

Ideas for EPSA

If elected to the EPSA SC, I would see it as one of my responsibilities that the philosophy of the natural sciences remains represented in EPSA’s activities at a high quality level. Further, I think EPSA should take initiatives to stimulate European research cooperation, perhaps in collaboration with the European Science Foundation. In particular, an effort should be made to involve scholars from countries that have been less prominent in the past. Encouraging young researchers would be another point on my agenda, perhaps by creating a prize programme and by putting up waivers at EPSA conferences. Care should be taken that Europe does not drop behind what is going on overseas.

Steven French (University of Leeds, GB)

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Biographical Note

After completing my PhD with Michael Redhead at the University of London I worked in Brazil (State University of Campinas) and the USA (Southeast Missouri State University) before moving to Leeds, UK. here at the University of Leeds I have been Head of the Division of History and Philosophy of Science (twice) and was Head of the Dept. of Philosophy for three years before taking research leave supported by the Leverhulme Trust. I have also been President of the British Society for the Philosophy of Science and have just taken over as co-editor of the *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* (with Michela Massimi of UCL). I am also Editor-in-Chief of the Palgrave-Macmillan series *New Directions in Philosophy of Science*.

Research Interests

My research interests cover the nature of models and representation in science, the defence and articulation of structural realism, the applicability of mathematics, as well as the foundations of quantum mechanics and the relationship between metaphysics and science in general.

Ideas for EPSA

I have served for the past 2 years on the Standing Committee, where I found the discussions to be collegial and productive and would like to serve for a further 2 years in order to offer both continuity and to continue to support the Association. I am particularly keen to see stronger links developed with national philosophy of science associations and to establish the EPSA Biennial Conference as a core venue for new and innovative work in the philosophy of science.

Robin Hendry (Durham University, GB)

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Biographical note and philosophical profile

I studied for a BSc in Chemistry and the Philosophy of Science at King's College London and the London School of Economics, and then stayed on to do a PhD at the LSE, supervised by Elie Zahar. I was initially interested in problems in quantum chemistry but my thesis mostly concerned Imre Lakatos' views on heuristics, the historical development of quantum theory, scientific realism and models in physics and chemistry. My first lectureship was at the University of Edinburgh, after which I came to Durham in 1994. Since then I have turned back to chemistry, working primarily on foundational issues such as the nature of the chemical bond, chemical substances, and their significance for general metaphysical issues in science like unity and natural kinds. I have published a number of articles on these topics, and have nearly finished a book, *The Metaphysics of Chemistry*, to be published by Oxford University Press. I have also recently completed the editing (with Paul Needham and Andrea Woody) of the *Handbook of the Philosophy of Chemistry*, coming out shortly with Elsevier. For a number of years (1996-1999) I served on the Committee of the British Society for the Philosophy of Science, and then as its Honorary Secretary (1999-2003).

Ideas for EPSA

If elected to the Steering Committee I would support the Association continuing to build up its biennial conferences as the premier European meeting place for philosophy of science. But I would also like to see the Association supporting philosophy of science more generally through conference grants and financial support for graduate students, whether in the form of travel money or studentships. I would also like to see the Association giving consideration to how it might build up its financial reserves to support this.

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Federico Laudisa (University of Milan-Bicocca, I)

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Biographical note

Born in Torino, Italy, in 1965. I have studied philosophy at the Department of Philosophy of the University of Florence (Italy), where I graduated in 1989 with a dissertation in quantum logic, under the supervision of Prof. M.L. Dalla Chiara. At the same Department I completed in 1995 my PhD, with a dissertation on “Causation, Realism and Locality in the Foundations of Quantum Mechanics”. After several fellowships in Italy and abroad (Post-doc Fellowship of the University of Florence, Joint NATO and National Research Council Fellowship, Research Fellowship of the University of Florence, Research Fellowship of the University of Padua), I have become in 2001 associate professor of Logic and Philosophy of Science at the Department of Human Sciences of the University of Milan-Bicocca, Milan, Italy.

Short academic profile

The large part of my scientific career has been devoted to the investigations in the area of the foundations of physics in general, and in the area of the foundations of quantum mechanics in particular. In this latter field I have published papers in philosophy of science journals (*British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *Philosophy of Science*, *Studies in History and Philosophy of Modern Physics*) in history of science journals (*Rivista di Storia della Scienza*, *Physis*) and physics journals (*International Journal of Theoretical Physics*, *Foundations of Physics*, *Foundations of Physics Letters*). In more recent years, I devoted part of my research to topics like the philosophy and epistemology of David Hume, the philosophical writings of Albert Einstein and the foundations and philosophy of cognitive sciences, with a special attention to the role of modeling in cognitive sciences and the relations between cognitive sciences and neurosciences (see the above webpage for details).

Few ideas for my SC term

In my SC term I would like to actively contribute to the activity of EPSA mainly by focusing on the centrality of young generations for the future of the philosophy of science in Europe. Young researchers – be they literally European or just working in Europe – should be encouraged and supported, since the prospects of the discipline (as part of the philosophical culture in Europe in general) depends on them in a serious way. To this aim, EPSA might promote smaller graduate conferences – to be held in the alternate years with respect to the plenary EPSA Conferences and dedicated explicitly to the presentations of young researchers. In the same vein, EPSA might also conceive an award for the best paper presented in each graduate conference: the winner might publish his/her paper on EJPS with due emphasis and be invited at the subsequent plenary EPSA Conference as a special speaker. These graduate conferences might be held in countries that might have problems in organizing the big EPSA plenary conference: this could by itself enhance a deeper mutual understanding of the several scientific communities spread around the continent.

Hannes Leitgeb (LMU Munich, D)

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Biographical note

I received a PhD in Mathematics and another one in philosophy, both at the University of Salzburg, where I also became an Assistant Professor at the Department of Philosophy. After spending a research year at Stanford, I became a Reader and later a Professor of Mathematical Logic and Philosophy of Mathematics at the University of Bristol. In 2010 I moved to Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich in order to hold the Chair of Logic and Philosophy of Language and to found the new Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy which presently hosts about 20-25 researchers and which is devoted to all kinds of applications of logical and mathematical methods in philosophy. Last year I was awarded an Alexander von Humboldt Professorship by the German Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, and since the beginning of 2011 I have been the Editor-in-Chief of *Erkenntnis*. Recently, a joint paper of mine with Richard Pettigrew - "An Objective Justification of Bayesianism II: The Consequences of Minimizing Inaccuracy", *Philosophy of Science* 77/2 (2010), 236-272 - was selected for the *Philosopher's Annual* 2010.

More information about the Center, and about the Humboldt Professorship can be found at <http://www.philosophie.uni-muenchen.de/lehreinheiten/logik_sprachphil/mcmp/index.html>

<<http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/ahp-2010-en.html>>

Research Interests

In the philosophy of science, my research interests are mainly in the logical reconstruction of scientific theories, logical descriptions of dynamical systems, foundations of probability, inductive logic and belief revision, the analysis of empirical content, measurement theory, structuralism in mathematics, and the history of Logical Positivism.

Ideas for EPSA

I am keen on Mathematical or Formal Philosophy, so if I were to be a member of the EPSA Steering Committee I would try to strengthen the traditional "logic of science" component of philosophy of science, but with a very broad and (hopefully) enlightened understanding of "logic", and aiming to build bridges from this to other traditions and topics in philosophy of science. On a very small scale, I once tried this out already together with Alexander Bird (Bristol) when we co-organized an ESF Exploratory Workshop on Applied Logic in the Methodology of Science <http://www.bris.ac.uk/philosophy/department/events/ESF_Workshop/index.html> which triggered also a special issue of *Studia Logica* on the same topic (edited by Leon Horsten and Igor Douven).

Demetris Portides (University of Cyprus, CY)

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Biographical note and philosophical profile

I received BSc and MSc degrees in physics, before earning a PhD in philosophy from the University of London, LSE, for a thesis on the nature and structure of scientific models. In 2003 I was appointed as lecturer and later (2007) as assistant professor of philosophy of science at the University of Cyprus, where I teach undergraduate courses in philosophy of science, history of science, logic, and British Empiricism for the department of Classics and Philosophy, and postgraduate courses in philosophy and history of science for the department of Physics. My main research interests are on the nature and structure of scientific theories and scientific models and on the relation between scientific theories and phenomena. In my work I also focus on the nature and character of the processes of idealization and abstraction as they are employed in scientific modeling, as well as on the notion of scientific representation. I have published several papers on these topics in refereed philosophy journals and collective volumes.

I have been a member of the Scientific Program Committee of the *1st and 3rd Conferences of the European Philosophy of Science Association*. I have refereed articles for *Philosophy of Science*, *European Journal for Philosophy of Science*, *Journal of Mind and Society*, *Science & Education*, *Neusis*, and *Journal of Philosophical Research*, and for several collective volumes. I am also a member of the Steering Committee of the European Science Foundation Research Networking Program: *Philosophy of Science in a European Perspective* (2008-2013).

Contribution to EPSA

I see my contribution to EPSA as most of its members do which is encapsulated in the general aims of EPSA: to promote philosophy of science in Europe, to bring together professional philosophers of science and students and foster collaboration and exchange of ideas, and to promote efforts that aim towards the public understanding of science.

Kristina Rolin (University of Tampere and Aalto University, FIN)

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Biographical statement:

Kristina Rolin has received her PhD in philosophy at the University of Minnesota in 1996. Her main area of research is social epistemology of scientific knowledge covering such topics as the role of social values, gender ideologies, collective beliefs, and cognitive diversity in the production of scientific knowledge as well as the relationship between academic research and private sector R&D. Her interest in these topics has grown out partly of the experience she has accumulated during the last ten years as a philosopher who teaches philosophy of science in the context of business school and engineering programs (Aalto University). Currently, she is a visiting professor at the University of Tampere in Finland. Since year 2000 she has been a governing board member of the Philosophical Society of Finland (there is no separate society for philosophy of science in Finland). She has published articles in *Philosophy of Science*, *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, *Episteme*, *Perspectives on Science*, *Social Epistemology*, *Science & Education*, *Cognitive Systems Research*, and *Hypatia*.

Mission:

While I wholeheartedly endorse the suggestion that philosophy of science should strive to be socially relevant with respect to those social ends that are morally valuable, I believe that philosophy of science will succeed in being socially relevant only insofar as it remains truthful to its own end, the aim of developing an account of science as a knowledge-producing practice. This account is necessarily multi-dimensional and it should include a critical awareness of the history of philosophy of science. My own research efforts in this collective undertaking are focused on developing an empirically grounded account of the social dimensions of scientific knowledge. I believe that voluntary organizations such as EPSA will continue to attract members and create space for enthusiasm when there is transparency in procedures, respect for the diversity of the community, and a commitment to the internal goods of the practice.

The future development of EPSA:

I have served for the EPSA Steering Committee for the past two years and I would like to serve for two more years. I have also been a co-chair of the Programme Committee for EPSA 11 at Athens (with Dennis Dieks). In the next two years, I would encourage the Steering Committee to work more systematically on the format of EPSA conferences than what has been done so far. This, I think, is necessary in order to develop the main event of the association into an attractive forum for high quality work in philosophy of science. For EPSA 11, I have organized a lunch-meeting with the purpose of deliberating on whether some EPSA members want to have a women's caucus and what activities it might have. I hope to be able to continue this effort in the future. Also, I will be a member of the local organizing committee for EPSA 13 which will take place in Helsinki.

Stéphanie Ruphy (Université de Provence, F)

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Biographical note and philosophical profile

Reflecting a long interest in both science and philosophy, my qualifications include a BA in history of philosophy and a BS in aeronautical engineering as well as a PhD in astrophysics from Paris Observatory and a PhD (2004) in philosophy of science from Columbia University, under the supervision of Philip Kitcher. I'm currently Associate Professor of philosophy at the Université de Provence (France). My research interests are in general philosophy of science: I've written on reductionism, scientific classifications and natural kinds, science and values and the epistemology of computer simulations. My publications include papers in *Philosophy of Science*, *Synthese*, *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science* and *Perspectives on Science*, and I've just completed a book on scientific pluralism.

Ideas for EPSA

I've been involved (as General Secretary) in the development of a now very active Francophone philosophy of science association (the Société de philosophie des sciences (SPS), based in Paris), and I'm eager to draw on this experience to serve EPSA.

In addition to strengthening the existing, already quite successful activities of EPSA (especially the biennial conference), I would work at :

developing links with national philosophy of science organizations, in order to share information, coordinate activities and propose combined membership fees, which could be a way to increase EPSA memberships.

increasing EPSA's attractiveness among students and young researchers, for instance by offering a prize and by providing online detailed resources on where to study philosophy of science in Europe.

encouraging socially relevant work in philosophy of science and public engagement of philosophers of science. A first step could be to facilitate public engagement at the European level by providing resources on science education, research ethics and science policy.

ensuring that EPSA promotes philosophy of science from diverse standpoints, in the respect of the various traditions that characterize the philosophical study of science in Europe.

ensuring that EPSA is sensitive to women and gender problems in the field.