

3rd PHEADE (Philosophy of Engineering and Artifact in the Digital Era) international conference
Bukovina, Romania - October 13-16

The 2011 edition's theme is: *From Natural to Artifact. Trends and challenges in/of the philosophy of information*

Organizer:

Romanian Society for Philosophy Engineering and Technoethics (ROSPHET/SFRIT)

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Partners:

IACAP	Romanian Academy
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Objectives of the conference

The Philosophy of Information became one of the most dynamic philosophical approaches of the 21 century, because information "is a much cruder and more fundamental concept than that of knowledge on which philosophers have concentrated so much..." (Michael Dummett, 1993).

The philosophical study of information "evolves out of the analytic movement, but does not seem to belong to it. It attempts to expand the frontier of philosophical research, not by putting together pre-existing topics, and thus reordering the philosophical scenario, but by enclosing new areas of philosophical inquiry - which have been struggling to be recognized and may not yet found room in the traditional philosophical syllabus - and by providing innovative methodologies to address traditional problems from new perspectives" (Luciano Floridi, 2008).

This is why the philosophy of information, as a brand new branch of the philosophical research, "promises to be one of the most exciting and fruitful areas of philosophical research of our time" and to establish a fruitful and full of sense dialogue with the science of information and the theology of information, in the Knowledge Society, just before the Singularity Era.

Submissions of presentations, papers and posters are invited to not exclusively relate to the following tracks:

Information, complexity and semiosis - debating the nature of information

Philosophy of information vs science and/or theology of information

The information turn in philosophy: trends and challenges (open problems)

Information, intelligence, artifacts (robots): toward the "robot(ic) sophia"?

Guidelines

*Extended abstracts (1000-1200 words) are to be submitted by **June 15 2011**.*

*Double-blind review's result (acceptance/rejection) will be sent until **June 30 2011***

*Registration no later than **July 15**.*

The conference working language is English.

Accepted papers will be published in the conference's *Proceedings*.

Organizers run discussions with several leading publishing houses about an edited title, too - a thematic special selection that will be published as a separate book. The ROSPHET & the partners will select the best 3 papers, the author(s) of which will be announced and awarded during the Conference Dinner.

Papers that are not presented at the conference will *not* be published.

The extended abstracts have to be submitted as a MS Word file, together with a 300-500 words of bio note.

This file should be sent electronically to: pheade2011@yahoo.com OR pheade2011@gmail.com OR viorel_guliciuc@yahoo.com

Registration Fees - in euros [30% reduced - due to the sponsors financial support]

	Early-bird fee* (before 31 March 2011)	Normal fee*
ROSPHET (SRFIT) / ECAP / IACAP members	150	220
Non-members	210	250
Students (PhD or MA) daily fee	20	25
ROSPHET (SRFIT) / ECAP / IACAP members \ (for the gala dinner, an extra 25 euros will be charged)	40	50
Daily for non-members	30	50

* the fees indicated do not include accommodation.

The registration fees include:

- Attendance at the conference
- Conference material with final program, book of abstracts and proceedings
- Welcome reception, lunches and dinners (including gala dinner), coffee/tea and refreshments, lunch

The student registration fee includes:

- Attendance at the conference
- Conference material with final program, book of abstracts and proceedings
- Coffee/tea and refreshments, lunch

The daily registration fee includes:

- Attendance at the conference
- Conference material with final program, book of abstracts and proceedings
- Coffee/tea and refreshments, lunch

Accommodation (paid by the participants) will be offered in hotels of at least 3*.

A special social program = 1 day trip to visit some famous UNESCO World Heritage Moldavian Medieval Painted Monasteries and a spectacular North Romanian lake of a hydroelectric plant, will be offered for free, only for the registered participants, in the very first day of the conference.

Keyspeakers – Luciano Floridi, Lorenzo Magnani, Keith Miller, Raymond Turner, Diab Al-Badayneh, Yolanda Angulo