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## EASST Council Elections 2014

The role of the EASST Council is described in the EASST Constitution which can be found on the website at <http://easst.net/about-easst/easst-constitution/>. There are 8 regular members (one of whom will be a student representative) plus a separately elected president. The term of office is 4 years.

Our thanks for the contributions of the 2 members whose terms come to an end at the end of 2014 and who are eligible to stand for re-election. Details of the current council appear at <http://easst.net/about-easst/easst-council-members/>. Continuing members of the Council have another 2 years to serve.

The Council is also able to co-opt up to 4 members for specific tasks, for example relating to EASST Review, Science & Technology Studies journal and conference organisation.

**Nominations for Council Members (alphabetical order). You can vote for up to 2 candidates.**

Candidate Name	Personal Statement
<b>Krzysztof Abriszewski</b>	<p>Vice-chair of the Institute of Philosophy, Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń, Poland.</p> <p>The organizational input I would like to offer would be the wide idea of extending STS to the areas where it's poorly represented currently: I would like to improve organizational and scientific presence of STS in Eastern Europe, to integrate cooperation (east-west; north-south etc.), to increase networking and cooperation within Central and Eastern Europe, especially having in mind similar history of political changes and transformations of science, also to stimulate the cooperation between East and South - EASST 2014 conference in Toruń proved that we share a lot of common interests.</p> <p>All of this can be translated in various actions aimed at improving scientific and organizational potential of East European scholars (especially, young ones). Typically, STS is not a separate academic area in the East European countries, so it needs more presence and visibility: by organizing local and regional conferences and seminars that would create and enforce scientific communities, by organizing summer schools, and workshops for students; by organizing scientific exchanges - using for example Erasmus+ programme. It could be a good idea to create a regional scientific society closely cooperating with EASST, or at least back up (or create) similar national societies.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Continued)</b></p>

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	<p>One more important thing would be to improve the Internet presence and visibility of STS in and from Eastern Europe.</p> <p>Recent EASST conference in Toruń was a good and important step in that direction, that created a certain potentiality. My aim would be to develop this, and to benefit from many contacts created during those three conference days.</p>
<b>Attila Bruni</b>	<p>I am a Professor at the department of Sociology and Social Research of the Trento University (Italy), where I teach Sociology of Technological Phenomena and Sociology of Organizations.</p> <p>I am also part of the board of <i>Tecnoscienza. Italian Journal of Science and Technology Studies</i> (<a href="http://www.tecnoscienza.net">www.tecnoscienza.net</a>) and in the previous years (2010-2012) I have been president of the Italian Society on Science and Technology Studies (STS Italia – <a href="http://www.stsitalia.org">www.stsitalia.org</a>) and the local organizer of the EASST010 conference.</p> <p>I was elected in 2011 as an EASST council member and during these three years I had the chance to familiarise with EASST main issues. On the basis of this experience, I would like to continue to contribute to EASST activities by joining its board. In particular, two points for me are crucial for EASST next years:</p> <p>1) strengthening the STS-community around Europe. EASST has been successful in organizing conferences in Italy and in Poland, but this is not enough in order to get a permanent and full participation by 'Mediterranean' and 'Eastern' scholars. In more general terms, I think EASST should try to find new ways (apart from the traditional ones, such conferences, EASST review, sponsorships, awards) for promoting new memberships, collaborations and its 'image' as well;</p> <p>2) conferences are a key-moment for EASST and I think it is time for EASST to seriously consider the opportunity of having a more structured activity for the non-conference year. This could be a summer school, a series of thematic workshops, a 'phd colloquium' or something we have not imagined yet.</p>

**(More candidates follow)**

<p><b>Richard Hindmarsh</b></p>	<p>I'm Associate Professor at Griffith School of Environment, and Griffith University's Centre for Governance and Public Policy (Brisbane, Australia). I have a PhD in STS, and bring environmental politics together with STS to represent a subfield of environmental STS, a field I think needs promoting more widely in addressing escalating social and environmental problems. I'm particularly informed by STS themes of S &amp; T, environment, governance and sustainability, democracy and technology, and socio-technological systems. This is one context that informs my interest in being a Council member. Another is my interest in STS networks. In 2009, I co-founded the Asia-Pacific STS Network and was co-convenor to 2012 when we established its organisational infrastructure. With &gt;350 members from 12 Asia-Pacific countries, the APSTSN has its 4<sup>th</sup> biennial conference next year. These are experiences and skills I'd like to contribute to the smooth running of EASST of, and its garnering of global STS. I've worked closely with European, Australasian and Asian STS researchers and enjoyed these differing multicultural and geopolitical experiences. These are experiences I would also bring to EASST. I have produced 7 books, with a second STS edited volume on the Fukushima disaster underway for 2015. Journals published in include <i>Nature</i>, <i>Social Studies of Science</i>, <i>Science as Culture</i>, <i>East Asian Science</i>, <i>Technology and Society</i>, and <i>Environmental Politics</i>. Research topics include GMOs and new genetics, controversial facility siting, nuclear and renewable energy, water management, social media, and participatory governance, in global context.</p>
<p><b>Franc Mali</b></p>	<p>I am professor for sociology and epistemology of science at University of Ljubljana (Faculty of Social Sciences). I teach about epistemology of social sciences and social aspects of modern development of science and technology. I'm head of The Centre for Studies of Science at The Faculty of Social Sciences (University of Ljubljana). My research interests are ethical and policy issues of the new emerging technologies, R&amp;D evaluation, bibliometrics and the role of intermediary structures in science. I published the results of my research in <i>Science Studies</i>, <i>Nanoethics</i>, <i>Neuroethics</i>, <i>Science Communication</i>, <i>Scientometrics</i>, <i>Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology</i>, <i>Innovation-The European Journal of Social Science Research</i> and others. I have been from 1999 to 2008 the board member of SSTNET at the European Sociological Association (ESA).</p> <p>I would like to join the EASST Council as STS scholar with a lot of experiences by developing partnerships within regional STS networks. I think it is crucial to reinforce current efforts to build STS community in all parts of Europe, including in South-East European countries with small STS communities. In that sense, it would be good to foster interactions between centre and periphery through representation in EASST Council.</p> <p>I could also support the efforts of EASST to have a more impact in European</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Continued)</b></p>

	<p>R&amp;D policy-making. I strongly support the EASST Council to be pro-active in the Horizon 2020 developments. Because of my experiences in research and expert activities of former EU strategic and research programs, I could be also in help to EASST Council to reinforce this dimension of its professional activity.</p>
<p><b>Vincenzo Pavone</b></p>	<p>I am a researcher fellow at the National Research Council Spain, and my area of research is STS with a focus on the political economy of techno-science. Since 2009, I have been involved in the construction of the <a href="#">Spanish STS Network</a>, an innovative, horizontal network involving academics, architects, artists and social activists interested in STS. As it is an essential responsibility of scholars to be involved in the different institutions composing academia, I propose myself as a candidate for the EASST Council with a view of bringing in my experience as a junior scholar in STS and as a member of the Spanish STS network. The academia is suffering a global process of transformation that is increasingly marginalising the social sciences and affecting the career prospects of young scholars, especially in Southern and Eastern Europe. If elected, I would urge EASST to address these two issues as key topics for the next years, and encourage a problematization of the boundaries and of the organizational forms that an STS academic association should take (see <a href="https://unboundingsts.wordpress.com/">https://unboundingsts.wordpress.com/</a>). Marginalisation is not just an issue of resources: the <a href="#">Spanish STS Network experience</a> successfully shows how, even with limited funding, STS can make itself more relevant by seeking the active participation of concerned groups and social movements through the setting up new ways of organising discussions, meetings and workshops. Drawing from this experience, EASST could address current challenges in novel ways, which may successfully promote STS while making them socially more inclusive and relevant.</p>
<p><b>Vicky Singleton</b></p>	<p>I am a Senior Lecturer at Lancaster University, UK. I have enjoyed researching and teaching in STS since my PhD in 1992. My work is a feminist material-semiotic approach to care and policy and I have carried out ethnographic case studies in health and medicine and farming. STS has provided tools for weaving my experiences as a Registered General Nurse and a farmer's daughter through my interrogations of classifications, essentialisms and generalisations that at the same time appreciate that standards are not irrelevant. I am currently researching health policy and the production of normativities-in-practices through the materiality and politics of compassion and I am a founding member of a developing network of researchers working on 'Care in and for Policy'.</p> <p><i>What would I bring to the role of Council member in addition to my passion for STS?</i> I have an understanding of traditions within STS and at the same time I am excited by the growing heterogeneity of approaches and topics. I</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Continued)</b></p>

	<p>look forward to contributing to the development of STS as a multiple identity through relations between National groups and International organisations, including EASST. In particular I would like to learn more about how diverse approaches to STS could and do make different kinds of political interventions. I also have experience in organising events and working with colleagues across Europe.</p>
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