



# The Magazine

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## Introduction

Hello **PiBM** network members!

The summer is now coming to an end and classes are either already starting or are soon to start. Hopefully the summer allowed for a bit of relaxation, or at least a temporary escape from the onslaught of emails. As we get things going again for this academic year, we have some nice opportunities to announce for those interested in PiBM, from postdocs to professorships, as well as some interesting upcoming conferences. Since the summer tends to be a quieter time, and since we are all doing our best to get back into the swing of things, this will be a shorter newsletter.

We hope you enjoy it and we look forward to hearing from all of you as our PiBM community continues to grow.

## Jobs!

### Paris - Post-doc

A 1 year post-doc in philosophy on stem cells in the [group of Lucie Laplane](#) (IHPST, Univ. Paris 1 & Gustave Roussy) will be available in the context of an ANR project. The project aims to address what stem cells are, using evolutionary, bioinformatic, experimental, and philosophical tools. The project is highly collaborative with several scientists labs in Paris, one specialized in Evo-Devo, and the other on normal and malignant hematopoiesis.

They are hiring a philosopher to join this project. If you are interested, please contact Lucie Laplane: [lucie.laplane@univ-paris1.fr](mailto:lucie.laplane@univ-paris1.fr)

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## More jobs!

### Oregon (USA) - Assistant Professor

The **University of Oregon** is looking for someone who does work in philosophy of science (broadly construed), with strong interest in some of the areas of growth at their university. AOS: Phil of Science, AOC: History of Modern Philosophy.

They would like to highlight the following part of the ad: “We have strong interest in candidates whose research and teaching focuses on the philosophical, historical, and practical dimensions of domains of scientific inquiry connected to areas of recent and future growth at the University of Oregon including (but not limited to) biomedical engineering, microbiology, ecology, environmental science, neuroscience, cognitive science, behavioral and social sciences, as well as issues at the intersection of science and ethics (such as discussions of race and gender in genetics).”

Here is the link for all details: <https://careers.uoregon.edu/en-us/job/529424/assistant-professor-of-philosophy>. If you have any questions, you are very welcome to **contact Nicolae Morar** ([nmorar@uoregon.edu](mailto:nmorar@uoregon.edu)).

## Upcoming Conferences, Events

The **ImmunoConcept team at Bordeaux** would like to announce two upcoming events.

First, this year’s **EASPLS** (European Advanced School in the Philosophy of the Life Sciences) is being held in Bordeaux and will be starting next week (September 5-9). This year’s theme is “Dealing with complexity in the biological and biomedical sciences” and will be addressed by philosophers and scientists from a broad range of perspectives. To see the final schedule, please visit the website: <https://www.philinbiomed.org/event/easpls-bordeaux-2022/>

Secondly, as part of their PiBM seminar series, **John Dupré** will be speaking on September 12 in Bordeaux about viruses and processes. To see more details about John’s talk, as well as the upcoming talks this semester, please visit the website: <https://www.philinbiomed.org/philobio-seminar/>

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## Upcoming Conferences, Events (cont.)

### Mendel's Legacy in Science and Society

For Gregor Johann Mendel's 200th anniversary, a public symposium titled "Mendel's Legacy in Science and Society" will be hosted at the **Konrad Lorenz Institute for Evolution and Cognition Research** (KLI) to reflect on his work and legacy. The long-reaching impact of Mendel's scientific work and different interpretations of "Mendelism" go beyond the academic discipline of genetics. Our invited speakers will share their reflections on Mendel in the history of science, in the biological sciences, in the education and communication of science, as well as in medicine and society. The symposium is organized by the University of Vienna and will be hosted, in-person. It will also be available online as a live stream.

Program and registration for online or in-person participation (free of charge) at <https://www.mendel200-vienna.com/activities/mendel-symposium>

Title: Mendel's Legacy in Science and Society

Organizers: Barbara Fischer, Lynn Chiu, Philipp Mittroecker

Dates: October 13-14th, 2022

Time: 9:30-17:00 (CEST)

Location: The KLI, Martinstrasse 12, 3400 Klosterneuburg

Project website: <https://www.mendel200-vienna.com>

This symposium is funded by the INTERREG AT-CZ GJM200 project G. J. Mendel's Legacy to Science, Culture, and Humanity. For further details, please contact Dr. Lynn Chiu: [chien-hui.chiu@univie.ac.at](mailto:chien-hui.chiu@univie.ac.at)

### Comparative Biology of Aging

The second Jacques Monod conference on "Comparative Biology of Aging" promotes advances in basic and applied aging research. The conference brings together both established leaders in the fields of aging with promising young researchers and is focused on holistic approaches to understand better the mechanisms, the physiology and the "raison d'être" of aging in the tree of life.

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## Upcoming Conferences, Events (cont.)

The conference is expected to foster interactions between workers from different disciplines working on various model and non-model organisms. The mission of the Jacques Monod conference is to contribute to a novel and integrated understanding of aging by providing new insights into the evolution of life cycle, mechanisms of homeostasis, social behavior, ecology and the development of new technologies to prevent and treat age-associated diseases and environmental stresses.

The conference will take place in Roscoff (Bretagne), France, from November 21-25, 2022.

Deadline for application postponed to: September 15.

For all specific details (fees, deadlines, documents to submit, etc.), please visit the website: <https://www.insb.cnrs.fr/fr/comparative-biology-aging-1>

The total number of participants is limited to 115 and all participants are expected to attend for the whole duration of the conference. Selection is made on the basis of the affinity of potential participants with the topics of the conference.

Scientists and PhD Students interested in the meeting should deposit online before the deadline: <https://cjm2-2020.sciencesconf.org/>

## Calling any interested students!

### New Phil In Bio Med MA Program!

In case you have not heard of it, the team at **Bordeaux** started a new MA program to teach philosophy in biology and medicine and it starts this September! In case you know of any students (philosophers or scientists) who might be interested in joining in the coming years, please have them visit our site: <https://www.philinbiomed.org/teaching/>

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## Publications

Barack, D.L. et al. (2022). 'A call for more clarity around causality in neuroscience'. *Trends in Neurosciences*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tins.2022.06.003>

Pavlicev, Mihaela & Wagner, Gunter (forthcoming). 'The value of broad taxonomic comparisons in evolutionary medicine: disease is not a trait but a state of a trait!' *MedComm*.

Wakefield, J. (forthcoming, Sept. 2022). *Freud's Argument for the Oedipus Complex: A Philosophy of Science Analysis of the Case of Little Hans*. Routledge: London. <https://www.routledge.com/Freuds-Argument-for-the-Oedipus-Complex-A-Philosophy-of-Science-Analysis/Wakefield/p/book/9781032224084>

- In this close reading of Freudian theory, Jerome C. Wakefield reconstructs Freud's argument for the Oedipal theory of the psychoneuroses, placing the case of Little Hans into a philosophy-of-science context and critically rethinking the epistemological foundations of psychoanalysis.

## Looking forward...

As was mentioned in the introduction, this issue is a bit shorter than usual. Perhaps with all the various events taking place we will have more to report. Also, with the starting of the teaching year, we should have more contributions in store for the PinS in the Spotlight series.

So, please stay tuned and keep us posted. Here's to a great start of the school year!

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