Editorial

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With this issue, it is two years since *History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences* is being published by Springer (Müller-Wille 2014). The transition has not been an easy one for a journal that had previously placed emphasis on high-quality print publication. The editorial team, as well as authors, had to familiarize themselves with the online manuscript submission and review system Editorial Manager®. A significant delay in publication of quarterly issues of about half a year had to be caught up with in the first year. And a whole new perspective with regard to the future development of the journal had to be developed in discussions among the editorial team and editorial board. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Ties Nijssen, Christi Lue, Marielle Klijn, Catherine Koevoets, Ronald Schats and Astrid Huizer from Springer for their invaluable advice and assistance in the process. With their help, we have been able to catch up with the publication schedule again with the first issue of this year, and the present issue containing five original articles shows that the journal is thriving again.

But nothing ever stands still in the world we live in. With scholarly publications being more and more exclusively consumed online, we have decided to move on to a new publication model from next year on, known as Continuous Article Publishing (CAP). What this means is that each article, once accepted, will be published immediately within the respective quarterly issue, and hence is accessible for full citation at the earliest possible date, without having to wait for the “building” of journal issues by the editor that the traditional publication model anticipated. Quarterly issues will continue to go into print, containing articles in the order of their acceptance, and special issues with guest editors will remain an option

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by gathering articles into “topical collections” published on-line.¹ With these changes we not only hope to speed up the publication of individual contributions to the journal, but also to prepare the ground for innovative formats such as “curated” virtual collections of back content on a particular topic of wider significance for teaching and reference purposes.

The first issue that was published with Springer in August 2014 was a special issue guest-edited by Philippe Huneman and Maël Lemoine. Under the title “In vitro, In vivo, In silico: Models in Contemporary Biomedicine” it assembled papers delivered at the second European Advanced Seminar in the Philosophy of the Life Sciences, held with support from the Brocher Foundation in Hermance near Geneva in September 2012. I am glad that, with this issue, we are able to continue the tradition of publishing articles from early-career scholars. Three of the articles in this issue, those by Sune Holm, James William Edward Lowe and Gaëlle Pontarotti grew out of their contributions to the third European Advanced Seminar in the Philosophy of the Life Sciences, which took place at the Konrad Lorenz Institute in September 2014. It is especially with an eye on the demands with regard to publication record that are increasingly placed on colleagues early in their career that made moving to CAP advisable.

The publication of these three papers is also related to the inclusion of a rather unusual piece for a scholarly journal in the Notes and Comments section. In very personal terms, Giovanni Boniolo recalls his friendship with Werner Callebaut who died unexpectedly on November 6, 2014, only a few months after he had hosted the European Seminar at his home institution. Like Giovanni, I remember Werner as a personal friend, and many regular readers of HPLS will do so to. It was Werner’s exceptional ability to connect with *all* colleagues—independently of seniority, affiliation, or age and gender, for that matter—in informal but substantial ways that explains the integrative role he played in our community. We miss him not only for his incisive and highly original contributions to the philosophy and theory of biology (see Müller 2015), but as a person.

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¹ See *European Physical Journal H* at <http://link.springer.com/journal/volumesAndIssues/13129> for an example of how this works. For more information on CAP, see Thatje (2014).