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SUPPLEMENT TO NEWSLETTER #5, 2007 – 08

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This supplement to the most recent newsletter contains decisions by the Executive and Program Committees regarding paper deadlines and length, etc., for our upcoming conference at Villanova, September 25 - 28. The newsletter supplement is both attached and included directly in this email.

I. ABSTRACT

All papers and commentaries should contain a short abstract at the beginning. Commentaries should make clear at the beginning which paper or papers are the subject of the commentary.

If you have already submitted a paper without an abstract, please send me a revision that includes an abstract. The original paper will be posted now, and then replaced by the paper with abstract when it arrives.

I had planned to mention the abstract requirement in the previous newsletter but neglected to do so. I am sorry for the inconvenience this may cause some of you who have already submitted.

II. DEADLINES

The deadlines for papers and commentaries, announced some months ago, are as follows:

Principal Papers:	August 20
Commentaries:	September 15

Those who attend the conference are normally expected to submit a paper or commentary and **those who attend are expected to have read them in advance**. Late papers thus cause a problem for the ability of participants to be prepared, and this problem seems to have become worse in recent years

The Executive Committee has decided to enforce these deadlines, as follows:

In general papers and commentaries that come in after the deadline will be posted on the web but not included in the program. Such papers may or may not be discussed, depending upon whether they are brought up in the discussion.

Since this policy has been announced rather late, some discretion will be exercised regarding late papers, which may be placed on the program due to illness, or other good reasons for delay. In the future, deadlines will be firmly enforced.

In any case, those whose papers are posted but do not appear on the program are certainly welcome to attend the conference and hope for the best. The normal expectation that all who attend will have submitted a paper or commentary will have been satisfied..

III. PAPER LENGTH

Guidelines on paper length have been previously announced, as follows:

Principal papers: **5,500 words (about 20 pages).**

Commentaries: **2,200 words (about 8 pages).**

Once again, it is difficult for participants to prepare adequately for the conference if papers are very long. Recent conferences have included some very long papers and this has become, increasingly, a problem. Papers and commentaries are thus expected to satisfy length guidelines.

Again, the Program Committee and I will exercise some discretion about paper length, but if your paper exceeds length guidelines, you are likely to receive a request to shorten it.

As with late paper and commentaries, those of excessive length that do not get shortened will be posted on the web but not included in the program. Such papers may get discussed and those whose papers do not end up on the program are still welcome to participate.

[Note the idea that all participants should write a paper or commentary is an “expectation”, not a “requirement”. The conference format depends on most people having written, but it does not demand 100% participation. Local arrangers, for example, are typically excused.]

IV. FAIRNESS TO PAPERS

Each session will begin with the moderator giving a brief summary of each paper and commentary in that session. It is typically the case that some papers and commentaries receive a great deal of discussion, some much less, some hardly any. For good reasons or bad, some papers connect with people’s interest and others do not. The Executive Committee does not believe that there is much to be done about this, Moderators, however, will be urged to do all that is reasonable to give every paper and commentary an opportunity to be discussed.

V. SCHEDULE

The conference will start in the evening on Thursday, September 25, probably at 7 or 7:30 pm. There will be two sessions on Friday (morning and afternoon) and two on Saturday. The banquet will be on Saturday night. There will be a Sunday morning session will have two parts: the first will be reports on each session from “rapporteurs” who have volunteered to give us a quick summary of the discussion. This is an AMINTAPHIL tradition that brings a kind of closure to our discussion.

We will then have a Business Meeting. Since we know where we are meeting in 2010 (RIT), the main subject will be the topic for that meeting. There is almost certain to be some discussion about the issues raised in this supplementary newsletter: deadlines, length guidelines and related matters.

The Sunday session will be completed no later than noon.

VI HOTEL AND REGISTRATION

Hotel and Registration information were included in the last two newsletters and can also be found on the web site at <http://www.philosophy.utah.edu/AMINTAPHIL/2008conf.htm>. Payment can be by check or credit card.

Access to papers requires a log-in and password, which is the same for all, as follows:

Log-In:	Amphil
Password:	AM2008

In addition, Sally Scholz, who is arranging the conference at Villanova, needs the following information from you as soon as possible:

1. If you need parking on campus, please contact Sally (sally.scholz@villanova.edu) as soon as possible. Parking is free but guest permits need to be obtained prior to the conference and will be available when you arrive.
2. If you think you will be using the shuttle between the hotel and campus, please let Sally know by email. An approximate number of users is needed in order to arrange appropriate vehicle size and number of trips.