Preface

This volume contains the symposium papers presented at the twentieth biennial meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association held in Vancouver, British Columbia, November 2–4, 2006.

If we consider also the symposia, philosophy of biology, physics, and general philosophy of science are still dominant. However, we see a shift in general philosophy of science toward more specific topics such as causality, models, experimental philosophy, and formal epistemology. General philosophy of science comprised only 20% of all accepted Contributed Papers.

Philosophy of economics and social science, evolutionary psychology, philosophy of psychology, and the decision/game theory areas are well represented, and we see a significant growth trend with respect to past PSA meetings. Philosophy of chemistry and medicine are also significantly growing.

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