Academy Edition Update: Volume IV, 6 (political writings, 1695-1697) appeared in May 2008, Volume VII, 5 (infinitesimal calculus 1674-1676) in August, and Volume VII, 4 (infinitesimal mathematics 1670-1673) in November 2008. These volumes are also available on the web. Volume II, 2 (philosophical correspondence, 1686-1694) was sent to the publishing house in November 2008; it will be available on the web in December 2008. Furthermore, the internet presentation, including various means for conducting research, has been supplemented. Inter alia quite a number of Leibniz’s letters of 1716 have been put on the internet. A change in the organizational structure took place: Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Künne (Academy of Göttingen) became chairman of the Academy committee for the Leibniz edition.

A meeting of the Leibniz-Gesellschaft took place on November 21, 2008. The report of the secretary Dr. Dittrich can be found on the homepage of the Leibniz-Gesellschaft (http://www.gwlb.de/Leibniz/Gesellschaft/Mitgliederversammlung/Berichte/index.html). Dr. Hartmut Rudolph was elected to the steering committee of the Leibniz-Gesellschaft; Prof. Dr. Wenchao Li was elected to the Scientific Committee of the Leibniz-Gesellschaft.

The Leibniz-Gesellschaft and the Leibniz University Hannover organized a conference in Hannover on the relevance of Leibniz for today on November 14th, 2008. Speakers were Hans Poser, Ursula Goldenbaum, Enrico Pasini, Dominik Perler, Volker Peckhaus. The Leibniz University Hannover intends to establish a Leibniz professorship; in the beginning it will be devoted to philosophy.

Eberhard Knobloch’s 65th birthday was celebrated by a conference in Berlin on November 6th, 2008.

The special issue of Studia Leibnitiana, Cook/Rudolph/Schulte (eds.): Leibniz und das Judentum was given as a donation to those members who paid their membership fee in 2008. The book Dascal (ed.): Leibniz -what kind of rationalist? will be given as a donation to the members in 2009. The volume Mark Kulstad/Mogens Laerke/ David Snyder (eds.): The Philosophy of the Young Leibniz (Studia Leibnitiana Sonderhefti) will appear soon.