

News from the Leibniz-Gesellschaft
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Academy Edition Update:

Three volumes appeared in December 2011:

Volume IV, 7 (Political Writings from the end of 1697 until the beginning of 1699),

Volume III, 7 (Mathematical, Scientific and Technical Correspondence, July 1696 – December 1698) and

Volume I, 22 (General, Political and Historical Correspondence, January – December 1703).

Volumes II, 3 (Philosophical Correspondence, 1695 – 1700) and **I, 21** (General Correspondence, April – December 1702) will appear in 2012. As of November 1, 2011, Michael Kempe is the new head of the Leibniz Archives.

A meeting of the Leibniz-Gesellschaft took place on November 25, 2011. Wenchao Li was elected secretary of the Gesellschaft; he replaces Wolfgang Dittrich. Herbert Breger was elected as a member of the board and continues editing *Studia Leibnitiana*.

As a special issue of *Studia Leibnitiana* appeared Paul Rateau (ed.): *Lectures et interprétations des “Essais de théodicée” de G. W. Leibniz*.

The IXth International Leibniz Congress took place from 26 September to 1 October 2011 in Hannover. There were approximately 180 papers; the speakers came from 27 countries. Quite a number of papers were devoted to philosophy of nature. The Japanese and Chinese delegations were particularly strong. The number of young researchers was striking. Three volumes with the papers given to the Congress were available during the Congress. A fourth volume with further papers will appear in 2012 and will be given as a donation to those members who paid their membership fee.

Immediately before the Congress, an international doctorate school took place in Hannover; organizers were the Leibniz Endowed Professorship (Prof. Wenchao Li) and the Leibniz-Gesellschaft. 15 young researchers from Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Japan, Poland, Spain, and the USA discussed their doctoral projects for one week under the supervision of Prof. Ursula Goldenbaum (Atlanta)

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and Arnaud Pelletier (Hanover). The participants considered their meeting very successful.

Nora Gädeke organized on behalf of the Leibniz-Gesellschaft a study trip to Bad Pyrmont where Leibniz had met Czar Peter and the physician Seipp who later visited Leibniz when he was on his deathbed. In addition to the regular programme of lectures, the Leibniz-Gesellschaft organized three lectures in June and July 2011 on Leibniz and Russia as a commemoration of Leibniz's meeting with Czar Peter in 1711.

On December 9-10, 2011 an international conference "Komma und Kathedrale" on Leibniz editions will take place in Hanover. Organizers are the Leibniz Endowed Professorship and the Leibniz-Gesellschaft. The speakers are from the USA, France, Italy, Russia, Japan and Germany.

On June 1-2, 2012, there will be an international conference on philosophy of language in Hanover, organized by the Leibniz Endowed Professorship and the Leibniz-Gesellschaft in honour of Hans Poser's 75th birthday.

(We wish to express our gratitude to Dr. Breger for his service as head of the Leibniz Archives. In particular, beginning in 1993, he has faithfully contributed this "News" section to the Review each year. Thank you so much. – Ed.)