

News from Germany
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Dr. Gerda Utermöhlen died on 22 August 1997 at the age of 68. She was an extraordinarily valuable member of the staff of the Leibniz Archives over several decades; her impact on the editorial work of the Archives was considerable. She published the first bibliography in the first issue of *Studia Leibnitiana*. Her personal integrity and cordiality will be remembered by the many friends and colleagues who received her help.

Academy Edition Update: Volume VII, 2 (mathematical papers: algebra, 1672 - 1676) appeared in December 1996. The proofreading of volume I, 15 (general, political, and historical correspondence, january - september 1698) has nearly been finished (by Dr. Utermöhlen); the indices will soon be sent to the publisher. As for I, 16 (general, political, and historical correspondence, october 1698 - april 1699), 300 pages have been typeset. Volume IV, 4 (philosophical papers, 1677-1690) shall be sent to the publisher next year; this volume will consist of three parts (and a fourth part for the indices), each being as large as one volume of usual size.

Conferences: On the occasion of the 300th anniversary of the publication of the *Novissima Sinica*, the Philosophy Department and the Chinese Philosophy Program of the Technical University of Berlin, the Leibniz-Gesellschaft, and the Stiftung Preußische Schlösser und Gärten organized a symposium on 4-7 october 1997. 23 international specialists on Chinese philosophy and Leibniz's connections to China gave papers. The papers of the conference will be published.

Stefan Lorenz: *De mundo optimo. Studien zu Leibniz's Theodizee und ihrer Rezeption in Deutschland (1710-1791)* was published as *Studia Leibnitiana Supplementa*, vol. 31.