

NEWS FROM GERMANY
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Academy Edition Update: The proof-reading of volume VII, 2 (mathematical papers, algebra, 1672-1676) has been finished; the volume will appear in December 1996. The manuscript of volume I, 15 (general, political and historical correspondence, January-September 1698) was finished last year, but then the publisher wanted an unusual amount of money to print it. After difficult negotiations, the publisher very recently agreed to print the volume without any financial support. So the proofs of this volume are expected soon. The final editing of volume I, 16 (general, political and historical correspondence, october 1698-april 1699) is nearly finished. Volume VI, 4 (philosophical papers, 1677-1690) shall be sent to the publisher next year; this volume will consist of three or four parts, each of them being as large as one volume of usual size.

Conferences: In Altdorf (where Leibniz took his doctorate) a conference was held on the occasion of the 350th anniversary of Leibniz's birth, 20-23 June 1996. Michel Fichant and Yves-Charles Zarka organised a conference "Leibniz lecteur de Hobbes" in Paris, 27-29 June 1996. The Lessico Intellettuale held a conference "Unità e molteplicità nel pensiero filosofico e scientifico di Leibniz" in Rome, 3-5 October 1996. In Woburn (Great Britain) a conference, "The Young Leibniz and his Philosophy (1646-76)," took place 18-20 October 1996.

In addition to the activities on the occasion of the 350th anniversary which were announced in last year's *Review*, a "Leibniz walk" was held in Hannover. Actors of the theatre of Hannover gave short public performances at various places of Leibniz's life (the Leibniz House, the Leine castle, his grave, etc.). They spoke texts which mostly were taken from Leibniz's correspondence. Several hundreds of spectators listened and followed the actors from place to place.

The second volume of the "Leibniz-Bibliographie" (edited by Albert Heinekamp with the help of Marlen Mertens) has been published. It contains the secondary literature from 1981 to 1990. Members of the Leibniz-Gesellschaft can buy it at a reduced price. A special issue of *Studia Leibnitiana* has been published: Alexander Wiehart-Howaldt: *Essenz, Perfektion, Existenz. Zur Rationalität und dem systematischen Ort der Leibnizschen Theologia Naturalis* (Sonderheft 25).