

News from the Leibniz-Gesellschaft
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Academy Edition Update: Since the last report three volumes appeared: Volume III, 6 (Mathematical, Scientific and Technical Correspondence 1694 - June 1696) appeared in December 2004; Volume I, 18 (General, Political and Historical Correspondence, January - August 1700) appeared in May 2005; Volume I, 19 (General, Political, and Historical Correspondence, September 1700 -May 1701) appeared in December 2005. One more volume was given to the publishing house: a completely new edition of II, 1 (Philosophical Correspondence, 1663 - 1685), which will appear in the first months of 2006 (there will be more than 400 additional pages in comparison to the first edition). Moreover, Volume I, 20 (General, Political, and Historical Correspondence, June 1701 - March 1702) is in an advanced stage; there is hope that it can be given to the publisher in 2006.

The editorial centers in Hannover, Münster and Potsdam are offering access (<http://www.leibniz-edition.de>) to 15 finished volumes (among them Volume VI, 4 and the new edition of II, 1) with the ability to search for single words; one more volume - IV, 3 - will be available in the near future. Moreover there are quite a few pages of works-in-progress available, including transcriptions of letters from the later years of Leibniz's life. The research tools - in particular the cumulative subject index and the cumulative index of letters - have been updated. A number of new concordances have been added; there are now concordances between the Academy edition on the one hand and the editions of Gerhardt (Philosophical as well as Mathematical Writings), Foucher de Careil, Couturat, Grua, and Klopp. Finally a cumulative index of names (more than 16,000 persons) has been added. The editorial center in Berlin has placed a number of texts on technology, optics, mechanics, and astronomy on the web.

The Leibniz-Gesellschaft supported the conferences in Tel Aviv/Jerusalem (30.5. - 2.6.) on Leibniz - What kind of Rationalism? and in Peking (30.7. - 1.8.2005). The conference in Peking, the first conference on Leibniz in China, was organized on the occasion of the appearance of a Chinese translation of Leibniz's *Novissima sinica*. Leibniz studies are evidently flourishing in China recently. A Chinese edition of Leibniz's works in 10 or 12 volumes has been planned.

NEWS FROM THE LEIBNIZ-GESELLSCHAFT

The preparations for the VIII. International Leibniz Congress in Hannover (24-29 of July, 2006) are going well. Two circulars have been sent to the participants. A provisional programme will soon be available on the internet at <http://www.nlb-hannover.de/Leibniz/Gesellschaft/Veranstaltungen/Kongress>. We hope to see you in Hannover!

The book *Leibniz: Frühe Schriften zum Naturrecht* (Latin texts on natural law; edited by H. Busche) was given as a donation to members who paid their dues in 2005.

Some special issues of *Studia Leibnitiana* are planned including the papers of the Houston conference in 2003, and the papers given to the conference on Leibniz and Judaism in 2004 in Potsdam.