News from the Leibniz-Gesellschaft

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Academy Edition Update: Volume VIII, 1 (Scientific, Technical and Medical Writings) has appeared. Volume IV, 7 (Political Writings from the end of 1697 until the beginning of 1699) will appear in 2011. Volumes I, 21 (General, Political and Historical Correspondence, April - December 1702) and III, 7 (Mathematical, Scientific and Technical Correspondence, July 1696 - December 1698) as well as volume I, 22 (General, Political and Historical Correspondence, January - December 1703) will be sent to the publisher in 2011. Volume II, 3 (Philosophical Correspondence, 1695 - 1700) is fairly advanced and will be sent to the publisher in 2011 or 2012.

A meeting of the Leibniz-Gesellschaft took place on November 19, 2010. The report of the secretary Dr. Dittrich is to be found on the homepage of the Leibniz-Gesellschaft (http://www.gottfried-wilhelm-leibniz-gesellschaft.de/Mitgliederversammlung/Berichte/index.html). (Please note that the Society has moved to a new Website, namely http://www.gottfried-wilhelm-leibniz-gesellschaft.de.)

The book Rolf Wernstedt: Leibniz in der Gegenwart. Beiträge zu Aktualisierungspotentialen Leibnizschen Denkens, 2010 was given as a donation to those members who paid their membership fees. The book includes papers and lectures given by the president of the Leibniz-Gesellschaft as well as a paper authored by Gerhard Schröder, former chancellor of the federal Republic of Germany.


The IXth International Leibniz Congress will take place from September 26 to October 1, 2011 at the Leibniz University Hannover. Please note the change of the dates! A first circular to the participants can be found at http://www.gottfried-
wilhelm-leibniz-gesellschaft.de/Veranstaltungen/Kongress/. A second circular will be sent to the persons who want to give a paper to the Congress. Further information on the above-mentioned website or via kongress@leibnizgesellschaft.de. The papers for the Congress are to be sent to kongress@leibnizgesellschaft.de by the 1st of May, 2011.

The Leibniz University Hannover established a Leibniz Endowed Chair; since July 1st, 2010 the chair is held by Prof. Dr. Wenchao Li. Prof. Li started at once quite a number of activities (see http://www.uni hannover.de/de/universitaet/leibniz/stiftungsprofessur/). In particular, Prof. Li and the Leibniz-Gesellschaft are organizing an international school for Ph.D. candidates doing research on Leibniz. The school will be under the direction of Prof. Dr. Michel Fichant and Prof. Dr. Ursula Goldenbaum and will take place September 21 - 25, 2011 in Hannover.

An international conference on reality in Leibniz’s thought will be organized by Dr. Pelletier and will take place in Hannover, March 25 - 26, 2011. Another international conference on “Analysis as a Method: Leibniz and his predecessors” is planned by the Leibniz Endowed Chair and is to take place in Hannover on May, 27, 2011.

The papers given to two conferences of last year (namely on the reception of the Théodicée and on Leibniz in the period of National socialism in Germany) will be published in Studia Leibnitiana.

After the retirement of Prof. Dr. Martin Schneider the new director of the Leibniz-Forschungsstelle Münster Privatdozent Dr. Stephan Meier-Oeser took this position beginning on November 1, 2010. Prof. Schneider continues to give support to the Leibniz-Forschungsstelle with respect to the editing of volume II, 3.

Dr. Gädeke and Prof. Dr. Wellmer organized on behalf of the Leibniz-Gesellschaft study trips to Celle and to the Hartz mountains respectively. Both study trips gave more detailed information about places where Leibniz had been active. In addition to the regular programme of lectures, the Leibniz-Gesellschaft organized three lectures in June 2010 on theodicy.

The two new Leibniz Societies in Japan and Italy are very active. For example, the Societas Leibnitiana Japonica published the first issue of the Studia leibnitiana Japonica.