

LEIBNIZ SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Greetings from the Leibniz Society of North America and best wishes for a happy holiday season. Here is the Newsletter for 1992.

A.P.A. ADDRESSES, ESSAY COMPETITION RESULTS:

Donald Rutherford to address the Society at the Washington, D.C., A.P.A. Meetings: — On December 28, 1992, Professor Donald Rutherford of Emory University will deliver a paper entitled, "*The Status of Corporeal Substance in Leibniz's Later Philosophy*," at the Leibniz Society session of the Eastern Division Meetings of the A.P.A. The talk will begin at 7:30 P.M. and will be held in Monroe West. The commentator will be Professor Catherine Wilson of the University of Alberta. The Society's President, Robert Sleight of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, will chair the session. The annual business meeting of the Leibniz Society of North America will be held immediately following the talk, commentary and discussion, also in Monroe West.

Leibniz Society Essay Competition Results: — There were two winners of the 1992 Leibniz Society Essay Competition. They are Michael J. Murray of Franklin and Marshall College and Donald

Rutherford of Emory University. Congratulations to them both. The respective titles of the award-winning essays are "Leibniz on Divine Foreknowledge of Future Contingents and Human Freedom" and "Leibniz and the Problem of Soul-Body Union." (See abstracts of these papers in this year's *Review*.) For details on their presentations, see below and watch for times and meeting rooms in upcoming A.P.A. publications. Please try to attend one or both sessions if possible.

Michael Murray to address the Society at the Chicago A.P.A. Meetings: — At a Leibniz Society Session associated with the Central Division Meetings, April 21-24, 1993, Professor Michael Murray of Franklin and Marshall College will read the paper, "Leibniz on Divine Foreknowledge of Future Contingents and Human Freedom." Professor Fred Freddoso of the University of Notre Dame will be the commentator. The Chair of the session will be Michael Latzer of St. Anselm College. Please see the program for further details.

Donald Rutherford to address the Society at the Bay Area A.P.A. Meetings: — At the A.P.A. Pacific Division meetings, in the San Francisco/Berkeley area from April 1-4, 1993, Professor

Donald Rutherford of Emory University will present a paper entitled, "Leibniz and the Problem of Soul-Body Union." Professor Robert M. Adams of the University of California, Los Angeles will comment. The session will be chaired by Professor Jill Buroker of California State University at San Bernardino. Please see the program for further details.

Nominations and Elections: — At the 1991 Business Meeting of the Leibniz Society of North America nominations and elections were held for the positions of Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Board Member (two slots). The results are as follows: Vice-President, Eileen O'Neill; Secretary-Treasurer, Glenn Hartz; Board Members, Catherine Wilson (second term) and Roger Ariew (second term). Congratulations to all these individuals, whose terms formally began on December 1, 1992. Special thanks are extended to the Leibniz scholars who served so well in the previous term and who have just stepped down. They are Vice-President Martha Brandt Bolton and Secretary-Treasurer David Blumenfeld. Their contributions and special efforts on behalf of the Leibniz Society of North America are very much appreciated.

The upcoming international Leibniz Congress: — The G.-W.-Leibniz-Gesellschaft e.V. Hannover has announced that, assuming financing can be assured, the Sixth International Leibniz Congress will be held from July 18 to July 23, 1994, in Hanover, Germany.

A word about the changes of the last few years in the *Leibniz Society Newsletter*, now the *Leibniz Society Newsletter and Review*: — It is hoped that members of the Leibniz Society of North America have noticed and welcomed the recent changes in the Society's annual mailing. Here is a bit of background on what has transpired. Professor Glenn Hartz of The Ohio State University at Mansfield kindly responded to a call for assistance in connection with the *Newsletter* five years ago. In the intervening period his contributions have grown steadily, beginning with the introduction of desktop publishing to the *Newsletter* and the assumption of all mailing responsibilities in 1988, and expanding last year to the complete oversight of the *Leibniz Society Review*, a project begun on his initiative. (The Editor has continued throughout with the writing of the *Newsletter*.) With this issue of the *Leibniz Society Newsletter and Review* these developments lead to the following natural change: Professor Hartz becomes Editor of the *Leibniz Society Review*; Professor Kulstad remains Editor of the *Leibniz Society Newsletter*, with the two pieces being distributed together as the *Leibniz Society Newsletter and Review*. Professor Hartz requests that all those interested in making contributions to the *Review* contact him to discuss what might be done. He is open to a variety of approaches. The Editor of the *Newsletter* adds his heartfelt thanks to Professor Hartz for his significant contributions over the past five years and his continuing contributions in connection with this annual Leibniz Society enterprise.