

INTERNATIONAL NEWS ON LEIBNIZ SCHOLARSHIP

News from Germany: Herbert Breger, Leibniz-Archiv, Hannover

VI. International Leibniz-Congress to be held at the University of Hannover, 18-23 July, 1994: This is organized by the Gottfried-Wilhelm-Leibniz-Gesellschaft, the Leibniz Society of North America, the Sociedad Española Leibniz, and the Niedersächsische Landesbibliothek Hannover. The opening lecture will be given by Professor N. Rescher. The organizers invite all interested researchers, experts in the field, and friends to participate. Sectional contributions should be submitted by 15 December 1993. The texts of accepted contributions, bound and photocopied, will be available at the opening of the Congress. The manuscripts to be reproduced (limited to 8 typewritten pages) must be submitted no later than 1 March 1994. Precise directions for the presentation of manuscripts will be sent to contributors following registration. The registration fee is 80.— DM. Copies of the sectional contributions will be included in the conference material. Queries should be directed to the Gottfried-Wilhelm-Leibniz-Gesellschaft, Niedersächsische Landesbibliothek, Waterloostr. 8, D-30169 Hannover (Tel. Germany 511-1267 331, Fax Germany 511-1267 202)

Academy Edition Update: Volume I,14 (general, political and historical correspondence, May - December 1697) was published in June 1993. The manuscript of volume III,4 (mathematical, scientific, and technical correspondence, July 1683-1690) will be sent to the publisher very soon. In the Leibniz-Forschungsstelle Münster, the texts of the "Vorausedition" were revised; the difficult task of dating is not yet finished. It is expected that the manuscript of volume VI,4 (philosophical papers, 1677-1690) will be sent to the publisher in about one year. In Berlin (formerly GDR), Dr. Hartmut Rudolph was appointed as head of series IV (political writings). So work on that series has gained new momentum.

International Conferences: The Leibniz-Gesellschaft recently supported two conferences.

(1) In Aix-en-Provence, Dr. Martine de Gaudemar organized a conference on "La notion de la nature chez Leibniz," 13-15 October 1993. 15 papers were given; among the contributors were A. Robinet, M. Fichant, D. Berlioz, F. Nef, M. Blay, H. Hecht, and Ph. Beeley. There are plans to publish the papers.

(2) In Madrid, Prof. Quentin Racionero and Dr. Roldán Panadero organized a conference on “Leibniz. Comunicación y ética,” 10- 12 November 1993. 40 papers were given; among the contributors were G. Kalinowski, K. Lorenz, E. Olaso, M. Dascal, M. Sánchez-Masas, D. Berlioz, L. Cataldi, N. Rescher, M. Mugnai, E. Yakira, A. Robinet, M. Buhr, M. Fichant, Y. Zarka, and W. Totok.

Leibniz und Europa, edited by the late Albert Heinekamp, Isolde Hein, and the Niedersachsen foundation, was published in November 1993. There are plans to give this book (with about 200 illustrations) as a “Mitliedsgabe” to the members of the Leibniz-Gesellschaft.

News from France: Michel Fichant, Université de Paris I (editor's translation and paraphrase)

An issue of *Revue d'Histoire des sciences* devoted to Leibniz will be published in December 1993. The three main articles are “Concepts juridiques et probabilistes chez Leibniz,” by Marc Parmentier (Université de Lille III), “La caractéristique géométrique leibnizienne: travail du discernement et relations fondamentales,” by Jean-Pascal Alcantera (Institut de formation des maîtres de Saint-Etienne), and “Leibniz lecteur de Mariotte” (with notes from lectures on *Traité de la percussion ou du choc des corps* of 1673), by Michel Fichant.

Several books should appear from the *Librairie philosophique Vrin (Paris)* in December 1993 - January 1994 :

- (i) François Duchesneau (Université de Montreal), *La dynamique de Leibniz*.
- (ii) Michel Fichant, *La Réforme de la dynamique* (with the complete edition of *De corporum concursu* of 1678, accompanied by other unedited documents, by partial translations, an introduction and related commentary).
- (iii) Martine de Gaudemar (Université de Aix-en-Provence), *Existence et essence chez Leibniz*.

There is a bit of a revival of Leibniz studies in France, as is clear from the team assembled to write (under the editorship of Michel Fichant) a section, “**Bulletin Leibniz 1**” for *Archives de Philosophie*, **Juillet-Septembre 1993, Tome 56, Cahier 3**. This is a collection of book reviews of works by and about Leibniz, including recent and forthcoming volumes of the Academy edition, critical editions,