

INTERNATIONAL NEWS ON LEIBNIZ SCHOLARSHIP

NEWS FROM GERMANY: Herbert Breger, Leibniz-Archiv, Hannover

A second volume of papers given to the Leibniz Congress in 1994 was published in the beginning of 1995. It was given as a "Mitgliedsgabe" to the members of the Leibniz-Gesellschaft.

Leibniz: Nachgelassene Schriften physikalischen, mechanischen und technischen Inhalts, ed. Gerland, Leipzig, 1906, has been reprinted. The book contains 134 papers in the original languages (Latin, French, German) on scientific and technical matters. It will be given as a "Mitgliedsgabe" to the members of the Leibniz-Gesellschaft in 1996.

Academy Edition Update: Volume III, 4 (mathematical, scientific and technical correspondence, July 1683-1690) has appeared. Volume VII, 2 (mathematical papers, algebra, 1672-1676) is in print. Volume I, 15 (general, political and historical correspondence, January - September 1698) has recently been given to the publisher. Volume VI, 4 (philosophical papers, 1677-1690) shall be sent to the publisher next year; this volume will consist of three or even four parts, each of them being as large as one volume of usual size.

Conferences:

The symposium "**Leibniz lecteur de Hobbes**" will be held in Paris, 18-20 January 1996. It is organized by Michel Fichant and Yves Charles Zarka.

Several activities are planned on the occasion of the **350th anniversary of Leibniz's birth**. The conference in Leipzig in April 1996 has already been announced in last year's *Review*. The Leibniz-Editionsstelle in Potsdam (working on series IV of the Academy edition), the Forschungsinstitut für Europäische Aufklärung and the Einstein-Forum in Potsdam are organizing a **conference in Potsdam 4-6 July 1996**; one of the papers will be given by **Patrick Riley**. The City of Berlin will celebrate the anniversary with two lectures given by **Hans Poser** and **Kurt-Victor Selge** in the castle of Charlottenburg where Leibniz had often held discussions with Queen Sophie Charlotte of Prussia. The City of Hannover, the State of Niedersachsen, and the Leibniz-Gesellschaft will celebrate the anniversary in Hannover with a lecture given by **Hans-Peter Schneider**. Furthermore, there will be a conference

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in Wolfenbüttel, organized by the Leibniz-Gesellschaft and the Herzog-August-Bibliothek in Wolfenbüttel; it will be devoted to the topic “**Leibniz und Niedersachsen.**” Finally, several activities (exhibitions etc.) are planned by various institutions in Hannover.

Two special issues of *Studia Leibnitiana* have been published: Susanne Edel, *Die individuelle Substanz bei Böhme und Leibniz* (Sonderheft 23) and Martine de Gaudemar (ed), *La notion de la nature chez Leibniz* (Sonderheft 24).

NEWS FROM CANADA: François Duchesneau, University of Montreal

Under the provisional title “**Towards a Leibnizian History of Philosophy,**” edited by **Graeme Hunter** (University of Ottawa), a number of Leibniz scholars will look at different aspects of the history of philosophy Leibniz would have written, had he written one. Contributors are Antoine Côté, Graeme Hunter, Yuen-Ting Lai, Michael Latzer, Tom Lennon, Robert McRae.

François Duchesneau (University of Montreal) has been awarded a Killam research fellowship (Canada Council), providing two years release time to work on “**Leibniz’s Theory of Knowledge.**”

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA: Udo Thiel, Australian National University, Canberra

Edward Khamara (Monash University) has now finished his book manuscript on Leibniz, entitled *Space, Time and Theology: Problems from the Leibniz-Newton Controversy*.

Phil Dowe (University of Tasmania) is working on a paper, “**Leibniz on Causation.**” The paper is concerned with the Discourse period, and develops some criticisms of R. C. Sleigh’s *Leibniz and Arnauld*, chapter 7.

Bruce Langtry (University of Melbourne) announces the following papers, which “have an obvious bearing on what Leibniz said” even though they do not explicitly discuss him. “God and the Best,” forthcoming in *Faith and Philosophy* 13 (1996); “Are There Maximal Worlds?” will form part of an eventual book; currently