

NEWS

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

available as Melbourne University Philosophy Department Preprint Series 9/95; and "Some Internal Theodicies and the Objection From Alternative Goods," *International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion* 34 (1993), 29-39.

The Australian Society For the History of Philosophy announces a **Conference to mark the Quatercentenary of Descartes' Birth**. Theme: *Descartes' Natural Philosophy*, at University of Sydney, 9-12 April 1996. The main themes of the conference will be Descartes' account of physiology, optics, mathematics, harmonic theory, mechanics, cosmology, cognition and the nature of the mind. Papers are invited on any of these or on related themes, including the background to Descartes' work in natural philosophy and the way in which it was taken up in the 17th and 18th centuries. Abstracts (c.200 words) should reach the conference organiser by 1 November 1995. Conference organiser: Dr Stephen Gaukroger, TM Philosophy, University of Sydney, NSW 2006, Australia. (Stephen.Gaukroger@philosophy.su.edu.au)

**NEWS FROM ITALY: Antonio Lamarra and Roberto Palaia,
Lessico Intellettuale Europeo,
Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Roma**

Recent works on Leibniz include: E. Pasini, *Il reale e l'immaginario*, Torino: Sonda, 1993. Translations or editions of Leibniz's works: G.W. Leibniz, *Scritti di Logica*, edited by F. Barone, Bari: Laterza, 1992; *G.W. Leibniz, L'armonia delle lingue* (anthology of Leibniz' linguistic writings, also unpublished), ed. by S. Gensini, Bari: Laterza, 1995.

The Study Center 'Lessico Intellettuale Europeo' of the Italian National Council of Research (CNR) is going to organize a conference on 'Unity and Multiplicity in the Philosophical and Scientific Thought of Leibniz', in Rome (3-5 October 1996).

Works in progress at Lessico Intellettuale Europeo: a volume on Leibniz's *Monadology* and its translations in the XVIIIth Century, Indexes and contrastive concordances, will be published in the first half of next year, by A. Lamarra, P. Pimpinella, G. Tognon. A volume containing all Leibniz's papers in the learned reviews of his time (*Acta Eruditorum*, *Journal des Sçavans*, etc.) will presumably be published in 1997, by A. Lamarra and R. Palaia.