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This semi-annual Newsletter will give a summary of literature, book reviews and abstracts of recent publications concerning Pythagoras and Pythagoreans. Interesting internetsites, work in progress and conferences are included. We will be very pleased to receive information of books and (journal, internet) articles to keep our lists up to date.

Nico Bader - Chairman of the Pythagoras Foundation.

“We are sure it will be an important source on information for researchers and students, and a precious way to disseminate the pythagorean teachings and works related to them, and also to bring admirers and friends from around the world together”.

Rosala Garzuze – President Instituto Neo Pitagórico..

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Introduction.

We continue the very valuable work of the founders of the 'Stichting Pythagoras', Johan van der Meulen en Gerard van der Horst.

We are very grateful to Gerard van der Horst for kindly having contributed to this first Newsletter.

Johan van der Meulen died September 15th, 2000. We do miss him very much.

Nice words about our library we received from Ronald Strong. Thank you very much.

From Rosala Garzuze we received an email congratulating Stichting Pythagoras for its first outcoming Newsletter. He will send us an short article as a contribution to the next Newsletter.

Reactions to the idea of this Newsletter have been heartwarming and very encouraging.

The next Newsletter will be issued June 2004. Contributions are very much appreciated.

We wish you all the best for the new year,

Nico Bader

Pythagoras Foundation Library Information.

The Library collects all publications concerning Pythagoras and Pythagoreans.

The library is a lending library; also copies of articles can be ordered. Copy costs and postage will be calculated.

The Foundation is a non-profit organisation; our Newsletter is free. Donations are very welcome.

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The work on a bibliography of books and journal articles concerning Pythagoras and Pythagoreans is progressing. We have found up till now 650 books (Pythagoras in title or subtitle) published in the 20th century. In the next Newsletter we will give more details about these books (publication year, language etc).

The next step will be to find the books published before 1900, in order to add them to the bibliography of the library. This is rather complicated due to the fact that they are not so easily accessible.

We nearly finished a classification system for our library. This will be published in a forthcoming Newsletter.

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The PYTHAGOREAN LIBRARY of the Stichting Pythagoras

To commemorate the 2500th Anniversary of the Founding of the School of Pythagoras on Samos B.C. 545 a number of organizations came together for the First World Congress of Pythagorean Organizations, held in Brussels in July-August 1955.

In Brussels 9 resolutions were adopted on the first congress, among them;

Nr. 5 be it resolved that a "Corpus Pythagoricum" be collected or compiled and published.

Nr. 6 to consider the advisability of founding as an international learned Society a Pythagorean Academy.

Nr. 8 that there is hereby formed a World Association of Pythagorean Organizations.

Nr. 9 to produce a Pythagorean Quarterly Review, to keep members in touch with each other.

Of these four resolutions at least two have been executed.

WUPO has been established and Prof. Garzuze published a regular Bulletin for the members of WUPO. Nr. 1 was published in 1965 and nr. 18 I received in 1990.

After the first worldcongress another 3 meetings took place, 2nd congress London 1958, 3rd congress Amsterdam 1961 and 4th congress Paris 1964.

The third World Congress of Pythagorean Organizations held in Amsterdam was presided by Dr. Reinhard Schubert from Recklinghausen, Germany. He suggested the theme "Was wissen wir von Pythagoras".

In the preparation of this meeting Johan van der Meulen and I visited the University Library to get more information about Pythagorean publications and we discovered that more usefull information could be found in articles and books on other subjects than in books bearing the name of Pythagoras in the title. This made us enthousiastic to go on collecting bibliographical information after the meeting was over and so we invented our Pythagorean A B C, this means a bibliography with;

A Titles of articles on Pythagoras

B Books with a pythagorean title

C Chapters with Pythagoras information in other books.

On the 1964 meeting in Paris WUPO was officially founded, and directors and departments appointed.

Hobert Huson - President of Honor - USA

Rosala Garzuze - President - Brasil

Leslie Ralph - Treasurer - England

Ronald Strong - General Secretary - England

Jean Mallinger - Pyth. Initiation Dept. - Belgium

Gerard van der Horst - History and Archeol. Dept. - Holland

Anthony Hallas - Pythagorean Philosophy Dept. - Greece

Fee Helles - Arts and Psych. Somatic. Education - France

An independent Pythagorean Library was not mentioned, but several private libraries contained a considerable quantity of Pythagorean information, among them:

The privat library of Col. Hobart Huson - Refugio Texas

Of the Instituto Neo-Pitagorico - Curitiba Brasil

The library of O.R.A. - Icking Germany.

By 1974 our bibliographical work had grown to an extant that we had to think about ways to preserve it for the future, we had collected hundreds of titles of Pythagorean articles and Books on cards with bibliographical information, together with a collection of books.

To provide an official legal basis for this private enterprise Johan van der Meulen and I founded the Stiching Pythagoras.

To keep the departments of WUPO and other interested people informed about our bibliographical work I started the publication of a Newsletter in 1964. From 1964 till 1988 I wrote 10 Newsletters but finished the publication because response faded away as several departments had dissolved, some of them by the death of their head and response became to small to justify time and money.

The work on the bibliography however was continued by me till 1995 when Nico Bader took over my task and I am sure that the work will be successfully continued by Nico Bader and Marie-Anne.

Gerard van der Horst.

The Pythagorean Library in Holland - A Tribute

I first heard about the new Pythagorean Library when organising the Second World Congress of Pythagorean Organisations in London, 1958. This followed the highly successful First World Congress which celebrated the 2500th anniversary of the founding of the Pythagorean School on Samos BC545 when I proposed the changing of the name of the town Tigani on Samos, which meant "Frying Pan", to "Pythagoron" in honour of the Master's birth. The Royal Greek Government officially invited the Congress to hold its sessions in Greece and indicated that it would honour the occasion by the issuance of a commemorative postage stamp; in fact there were five stamps in all.

I remember the interest taken by the contemporary International representatives of that time in the original World Congress in Greece - they were all very enthusiastic and came from many countries. In fact, over twenty-five were represented. Among those included were Prof. Rozala Garzuze of Brazil, Col. Hobart Huson of USA, Mdm Suzanne d'Oliveira, Dr Charles Muller, Camille Gayard all of France, Dr. Jean Mallinger of Belgium, David Stokes of Canada, Prof. Dario Galli and Vincenzo Caparelli of Italy, Prof. George Sakellariou, Dean of the School of Philosophy and Hellenic Studies in Greece, Dr. Josef Peller and Dr. Joseph Heinsch of Germany, Prince Antonio Manuel de Guadan of Spain, and many more.

It was a very grand affair and the Government, many years later, unofficially invited us to return to Samos to celebrate the event. Needless to say, many that were there had passed on to the Isles of the Blessed.

It was during this time of the Second World Congress in London that two Dutch Pythagoreans (Gerard van der Horst and Johan van der Meulen) first broached the subject of the Library to me.

It all began in a humble attic room in The Hague. Around the time of the Congress there was a strong growth of interest in the esoteric wisdom. New knowledge was coming to the fore and ancient fragments and archaeological finds were being rediscovered. Gerard was particularly interested in the iconographical records showing the figure of Pythagoras on early coins. He wrote pamphlets about these coins bearing the head of Pythagoras.

Books such as "The Life of Pythagoras" by Iamblichus, and many more we take for granted today, were unobtainable then. There were no computers, only poor copying machines which were dreadful by our modern standards today. For example, there was only one copy of the "The Pythagorean Source Book" available in the country, but now it is in every Pythagorean's Library. It was like gold dust in those days but the Dutch Library wanted these rare books to be available to everyone. The atmosphere was full of changes. A new energy was encouraging people to search the ancient Wisdom to find answers; to get back to the purity of origins. This was the great ideal perpetuating the quest. Manuscripts, books and photographs came from many sources and were given to the Library, Individuals generously gave many valuable books to further the ideal of the Library.

It was a very vibrant time, full of magic and promise for the future of the Pythagorean Fraternity.

My good friend Leslie Ralph supported me throughout the following Conventions and we became quite a team. One event in Paris, I forget the year, but I remember a group of us flying together from an antiquated grass runway in Lympe, Kent and somehow, all our documents ended up in New York - nothing changes!

Gerard and I were very good friends, and he would come over to my home in England to share our latest literary finds for the Library, discussing stamps and projects for the future, Once he took a complete printing press back with him, it was very old and must have weighed half a ton.

The First Congress which specialised in particular branches of the Pythagoric field of interest, and these flourished for quite some time. And then disaster of the worst kind struck - apathy. The great ideas faded as the years went past, enthusiasm waned in the outer world whilst everything flourished in the Initiatic traditions of the Pythagorean Order. What happened was that information concerning the esoteric and Pythagorean mysteries came to light, this was much more important to many of us than the structuring of a private but semi-public library. As a result, we heard less and less about the Library until everything went silent. It lasted about twenty five years or more and then nothing was heard from Holland. It was forgotten. Lost.

I expect you can imagine how I felt when I received a letter from a Dutchman, Wouter Bleijenberg saying that he had heard of this Library and wanted to reactivate it. Eventually he got in touch with the records and books and found them in the fortunate care of Nico Bader, one who we are now indebted for resuscitating its valuable collection of books and manuscripts. Contact was made with Martin Erler of Germany, a leading authority on Pythagoric matters, and further correspondence resulted in finding that Gerard is still in the lands of the living and the whole project is coming alive again, thanks to the encouraging vitality of Nico and Wouter. Unfortunately, Johan did not survive to experience this resurgence but we like to think that he is aware from a spiritual vantage point. I believe there are over three thousand books and manuscripts now and a great archive of knowledge for the researcher seeking the records of early and contemporary Pythagorean philosophy, These all have to be cared for, catalogued and stored, all of this is a costly procedure but well worth contributing towards in every way possible.

We convey all our Good Wishes to Holland for the success of the Library and hope that this venture will have world-wide interest because there is an interest in the teachings of the Pythagorean fraternity in almost every country in the world today. It is inevitable that changes will take place since goodness always prevails in the hearts of all good people and the Fraternity has always contributed this.

So we might well ask ourselves, "What is it that draws us so close to this ancient School? Could it be its purity of thought, its high ethical ideals, its love of humanity and its perennial message of spiritual unfoldment or could it be a hidden recollection from a distant past, of its Initiatic traditions?

Ronald Strong

Note to this article: Johan van der Meulen asked Nico Bader in 1996 to continue the work in the Foundation. They worked together for four years. Marie-Anne de Roode.

Pythagoras in the media.

Nasa brings music of space to concert hall

By Louise Jury, Arts Correspondent

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Pythagoras first wrote about the music of the spheres in the 6th century BC. But Nasa has made the idea an audible reality by commissioning new music incorporating the genuine whistles, hisses and chirps of outer space.

Article Length: 234 words (approx.)

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Musical roots may lie in human voice

NewScientist.com news service; 06 August 03

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<http://www.newscientist.com/>

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Experience the Pythagoras Secrets

If people want very much, they can work wonders. People of great intellect mentioned it already in the old times. But people's inertness and sloth don't let them consider these statements carefully. What we see in the result: people gape at artists performing wonders of memory to us; magicians or prophets predict what may happen in the future and even exert some influence upon these events. Do you think that mere mortals cannot do so as well? They can, certainly on condition that they want it very much.

Over 2,500 years ago great Pythagoras, who is widely known as a mathematician, created a system of exercises that could help people develop phenomenal abilities. All over the world Pythagoras is also known as a great antiquity mystic, the founder of the Pythagorean school which was later eliminated by its enemies. However, this fact prevented the teaching of the wise Greek from oblivion: in Ancient Rome, Cicero and Julius Caesar used his psychotechnology methods to achieve success and to dominate over other people. Later, the founder of the Jesuit Order, Ignatius of Loyola, Leonardo da Vinci, Napoleon and other famous figures of the past admitted they knew the Pythagorean secret teaching and actively applied it in the real life.

In Russia, where esoteric teachings were prohibited for a very long period, the Pythagorean psychotechnology was revived in the early 1990s. Anton Braider mentioned the teaching in his book "Elimination of Secret Orders in Russia". The author wrote, in the old archives he had managed to discover hand-written memoirs of Moscow's famous economist and philosopher Vladimir Manuilov. The professor had to escape from "the red terror" in the 1920s and settled in Siberia, he died there in the early 1930s. As it turned out, the professor was a member of the Spirit Order society for a rather long period; there he studied several methods developed by Pythagoras.

Some of the methods are mentioned in the memoirs where it's also emphasized that the great Greek said: "It was not me who created everything I am teaching now; I am just one of the thousands of followers of the wise men from the lost Atlantis. Their knowledge was collected by Egypt pagan priests and Crete czars."

A great deal of the Pythagorean teaching is lost once and for all, some things are not understood that is why cannot be realized in practice. But there is one exercise from the Manuilov memoirs that is easy for anyone.

If you wish to have absolute memory and penetrate into the secrets of your previous life, it's not obligatory to go to extrasensory people. Persistence is the only thing you need for it.

Every morning and evening you must recollect all events of the past day, every minute detail of it and all actions you have done. Moreover, you should evaluate your actions over the day. To do it, you can ask yourself the following questions: "What have I done today? What should I have done but failed? Which of my actions are to be censured and make me repent? Which of them make me happy?"

When you cope with the one-day method of consciousness examination, start gradually submerging into the past, try to recollect what happened yesterday, the day before yesterday, and so on. If you have character enough to do it every day, you are sure to be a success: your memory will be as strong as that of the most powerful computer with a vast data base.

If you continue such training regularly in a month or two you will have your attention always active. This very method is used for training special service agents.

Proceeding with the training for a very long period, you will be able to immediately recollect events of any period in your life right up to the moment of your birth. It won't be a problem for you to learn large texts and poems by heart, to remember numbers, sets of different items, color spectra, melodies, etc. And this is not a wonder at all: in the old times when people had no written language they could remember endless volumes of myths and legends by heart, and that wasn't a miracle for anyone.
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Wer kennt ihn nicht: Pythagoras von Samos, nach dem einer der wichtigsten Sätze der Mathematik benannt ist ($a^2 + b^2 = c^2$)? Pythagoras, der die Zahlenhaftigkeit der musikalischen Konsonanzen entdeckt und sie auf den Kosmos übertragen haben soll ("Sphärenharmonie")? Der, wie es scheint, Vegetarismus und die Wiedergeburt der Seele gelehrt hat? Vielfältig und anregend sind die Assoziationen, die der klingende Name weckt.

Und doch: was wissen wir eigentlich über ihn, den griechischen Weisen des 6. und frühen 5. Jahrhunderts v. Chr.? Soweit antike Schriften über Pythagoras' Leben und Lehre ganz erhalten geblieben sind, stammen sie erst aus späterer Zeit (3./4. Jh. n. Chr.) und neigen in der Regel dazu, den Schulgründer legendenhaft zu verklären. Die älteren, verstreuten Nachrichten wiederum sind z. T. verwirrend widersprüchlich.

Um durch das Dickicht der Überlieferung zum historischen Kern der faszinierenden Figur vorzustossen, gilt es, zusätzlich zur philologischen Auswertung der Texte auch das geistes- und kulturgeschichtliche Umfeld zu berücksichtigen (Entstehung der griechischen Naturphilosophie im 6. Jh. v. Chr.; hohes Zivilisationsniveau auf Samos und in Unteritalien, wo Pythagoras seit etwa 520 v. Chr. wirkte). Außerdem erweist sich auch moderne soziologische Begrifflichkeit als hilfreich (Pythagoras - Begründer einer politisch-religiösen Lebensgemeinschaft und einflußreicher Ratgeber in Kroton - als Charismatiker im Sinne Max Webers).

Die vorliegende Einführung versucht, durch Verbindung dieser Ansätze zu einem wissenschaftlich fundierten Pythagoras-Bild zu gelangen. Sie enthält u. a. auch ein Kapitel über die Entstehung des Wortes "Philosophie" (nach antiker Überlieferung eine Prägung des Pythagoras) und schließt mit einem Ausblick auf Pythagoras' Nachwirkung, die über Platon und die frühe Neuzeit (Reuchlin, Kopernikus und Kepler) bis in die Gegenwart reicht (Hans Kaysers 'Harmonikaler Pythagoreismus'). Das Buch richtet sich auch an interessierte Laien.

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Interesting Internetsites.

Vishwa P. **Adluri**; Bibliographies of Presocratics; Parmenides, Empedocles and Heraclitus and new Presocratics. Join a philosophical dialogue.
<http://www.presocratics.org/>

Brett A. **Bradley**; Pythagoreanism, Orphism, Eleusian Mysteries, Isis, Apollonius of Tyana, Vegetarianism, Esoteric Verse, Web Rings;
<http://users.ucom.net/~vegan/>

N.S. **Gill** is a Latinist and a lifelong student of ancient history.
Ancient/Classical History. Your Guide to one of hundreds of sites
<http://ancienthistory.about.com/>

William **Harris**; Prof.Em. Middlebury College
The Pythagorean Counsels A detailed study with translation of the long neglected "Counsels" from the Pythagorean monastic world, with new interpretations.
<http://community.middlebury.edu/~harris/Philosophy/PythagoreanCounsels.html>

Research Links: *Pythagoras*. **Malaspina** great books;
<http://www.malaspina.edu/~mcneil/pythagor1.htm>

MacTutor History of Mathematics archive. University of St Andrews Scotland
<http://www-groups.cs.st-and.ac.uk/~history/PictDisplay/Pythagoras.html>

A Bequest Unearthed Phoenicia -- Encyclopedia Phoeniciiana; materials from Salim George **Khalaf**
<http://phoenicia.org/>

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<http://smphillips.8m.com/html/articles.html>

Pythagoras. Wiskundetijdschrift voor jongeren. Math. Inst. Univ. Leiden.(in Dutch)
<http://www.pythagoras.nu/mmmcms/public/>

Christoph **Riedweg**, [author of; *Pythagoras: Leben – Lehre – Nachwirkung*. (2002)]
Professor für Klassische Philologie (Gräzistik);
<http://www.unizh.ch/klphs/Personen/Riedweg.php>

Pythagoras and the pythagorean theory of numbers.
Zu diesem Thema wurde die folgende Arbeit für die Fakultät des Studium Fundamentale der Universität Witten-Herdecke verfaßt: Die Zahlen – Idee und Wirklichkeit in der antiken griechischen Philosophie. Geschrieben von Ruben **Stelzner**
http://www.zahlenbedeutung.de/text_englisch.html

Jeroen **Vuurboom**; History of the Western Vegetarianism (in Dutch).
<http://www.xs4all.ch/~jeroenvu/gwv/pythagoras.htm>

Wikipedia is a multilingual project to create a complete and accurate free content encyclopedia.
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pythagoras>

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http://www.ceu.hu/sun/sun_2003/CV/leonid_zhmud_2003.htm

Newsgroups.

Pythagorean · Pythagorean Mailing List (300 members)

This list is for pythagoreans and those interested in learning more about the wisdom of Pythagoras. Suitable topics for discussion will include, but are not limited to, Pythagoras, pythagoreanism, pagan, paganism, neopaganism, neopagan, vegan and veganism, vegetarian and vegetarianism, animal rights, bloodless sacrifice, Orphism, Orphic, orpheus, hellene, hellenism, Hellenic Paganism, Perrenial wisdom, philosophy, philosopher, esotericism, esoteric, spirituality, monotheism, polytheism, panentheism, pantheism, deism, sacred geometry, tetractys, tetraktys, Apollonius of Tyana, Philostratus, Iamblichus, god, eleusis, eleusian, eleusinian, demeter, persephone, kore, hekate, helios, apollo, golden verses, isis, osiris, horus, pre-socratic, mystery, mysteries, mystic, mysticism, golden tablets, reincarnation, karma, mason, masonic, freemason, freemasonry, scottish rite, albert pike, proserpine, secret society, mystery school, peace, self actualization
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Pythagorean/>

Philosophy-Ancient · Discussion of Greek Philosophy before Plato. (96 members)

This is a list for the discussion of early Greek philosophy.
Particular figures of interest are: Heraclitus, Parmenides, Thales, Anaximander, Empedocles, the Sophists (Gorgias and Protagoras), Anaxagoras, Zeno, and Pythagoras.
Methods of reading include: interpretation of fragments, some light discussion of significant Greek words central to pre-Socratic philosophy, how these thinkers have influenced the doctrines of philosophers from Plato and Aristotle to Nietzsche and Heidegger, the striking similarity to the eastern thinking that arose at relatively the same time ... and whatever else is brought to the table by the members. this is an unregulated list- any ideas of topics for discussion will be read and considered by the members of the list.
Highly recommended for discussion is the Kirk and Raven text, and reading is informed by both the analytic and continental traditions.
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Philosophy-Ancient/>

Orphism. (66 members)

Groups is dedicated to Orpheus and Orphism, the study and continuance of ancient pagan religion. Likely topics will include the Orphic Rhapsodies and theogony, Thomas Taylor, ML West, the Orphic Poems, Guthrie, Kerényi, Pythagoras, Pythagorean, pythagoreanism, paganism, hymns, lyre, dionysus, vegetarian, vegetarianism, vegan, veganism, bloodless sacrifice, greek religion, cult, philosophy, philosopher, mythology, demeter, bacchus, bakchos, anthropogony, apollo, apollonius, apollonios, argonaut, chronos, cornford, cista mystica, danaids, orphic egg, eleusis, elysium, gold plates, hekate, hellene, hellenic, hellenism, helios, homer, homeric, hieroi logoi, hyperborean, julian, kern, maenads, meatless, mithra, mithras, mithraism, neopythagoreanism, muses, ouranos, phanes, plato, rohde, tetraktys, theogonies, theologia, theologoi, thrace, thracia, underworld, eurydice, zagreus, zeus
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Orphism/>

Music_Theory_Acoustics_and_Composition (78 members)

A forum for ALL AND EVERY level of musician, composer, theorist and acoustician to discuss anything from Pythagoras and Helmholtz to Hindemith and Partch. Discussion topics of the past have ranged from harmonic analysis of Mozart, harmony of the Melodic Minor scale, Polyrhythms, and the presence or lack of harmonic partials when overblowing on wind instruments. Jazz music / theory discussions are also welcome.
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Music_Theory_Acoustics_and_Composition/

Google newsgroups:

newsgroup humanities.classics:
<http://groups.google.com/groups?hl=nl&lr=&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&group=humanities.classics>
newsgroup rec.music.early:
<http://groups.google.com/groups?hl=nl&lr=&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&group=rec.music.early>
nieuwsgroep sci.philosophy.meta:
<http://groups.google.com/groups?hl=nl&lr=&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&group=sci.philosophy.meta>

Work in Progress (actual research and studies, concerning Pythagoras and the Pythagoreans)

Johan Carl Thom

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A critical text edition with introduction and detailed commentary of Cleanthes' Hymn to Zeus.

A detailed study of the history of interpretation of the Pythagorean akousmata.

<http://www.sun.ac.za/as/jct/jctcv.htm>

Christoph Riedweg

Pythagoras and the Pythagoreans, as part of "The Presocratic Philosophers. The Texts in their Transmission, edited and translated" (W. de Gruyter, Berlin-New York)

New edition of all the texts concerning Pythagoras of Samos and the early Pythagoreans. This edition is part of an international project which aims at producing a new edition of the fragments of the Presocratic philosophers.

<http://www.research-projects.unizh.ch/phil/unit64500/area265/p3616.htm>

Christoph Riedweg

Pythagoras: Live - Doctrine - History of Ideas.

Pythagorean theorem, cosmic harmony, reincarnation and vegetarianism - these are only some of the associations which the name of this legendary sage evokes. Yet what can we actually know about Pythagoras of Samos (ca. 570-480 BC)?

An attempt at grasping the historical nucleus of this multifaceted personality has to start with sifting the complex literary tradition surrounding Pythagoras, but also the general cultural atmosphere of his lifetime has to be taken into account. Categories of the modern sociology of religion prove to be quite helpful for understanding the intriguing phenomenon of this charismatic teacher and leader, who has had such a great impact on western philosophical traditions, from antiquity through middle ages to renaissance and modern times.

- Having published an introduction to Pythagoras in German, it is now planned to produce an English version for Cornell University Press.

<http://www.research-projects.unizh.ch/phil/unit64500/area265/p3614.htm>

Conferences

Interdisziplinäre Tagung zu Ehren von Prof. Dr. Dieter Bremer (München) an der Universität Regensburg Termin: 24. und 25. Oktober 2003

Vortragsblock 3: Pythagoras und die Pythagoreer

16.20 h: **Leonid Zhmud** (St. Petersburg), Überlegungen zur pythagoreischen Frage

A Symposium on Classical, Hellenistic, and Late Antique Texts in the Eighteenth Century
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Columbia University. Saturday, September 20.

Roundtable: Classical, Hellenistic, and Late Antique Science

Opening Address: **Joseph Patterson** (Columbia), Pythagoras, Aristotle, and the "Scientific Method"

Dimitri Nikulin (New School University), Newton and the Pythagoreans: Number and the Structure of Continuum

Ancient Philosophy in London; <http://www.john.sellars.btinternet.co.uk/>

2004. Thursday 17 June, 5.00 pm, ICS

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Richard Janko, Reconstructing the Strasbourg Papyrus of Empedocles

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Section 39 Yosemite A Greek Philosophy; **Carrie Galsworthy** Empedocles' Other Cosmogony

Section 44 Continental 1 Tibullus and Ovid; **Ethan Adams** Poetic Flights: The Travels of Phaethon, Daedalus, and Pythagoras in Ovid's Metamorphoses

Section 54 Yosemite A Issues of Greek Identity and Status; **Trinity Jackman** Pythagoreans and Political Communities in Sixth and Fifth Century Magna Graecia