

UFO observations (pp. 2-13)

On 25 December 2012, a witness took a photo of strange lights he had already observed at the previous evenings in the same direction, near Grafschaft-Lantershofen. An astronomical check revealed that these were several bright stars near Sirius. The witness has accepted this explanation.

A bright red light resembling a fire ball was filmed on 28 January 2011 over Freiberg in Saxony. On the video, sounds of a plane are clearly audible, and a check with flight control showed that a Boeing 737-300 was flying over the town at the moment the tape was taken. The optical parameters also correspond to a plane with the landing lights switched on.

UFOs and anomalistics in Wikipedia – theory and reality (pp. 14–21)

Henriette Fiebig, a Wikipedia administrator, explains how this online encyclopaedia is structured. Generally, the people responsible agree that anomalistics are a waste of time; therefore, no in-depth information is needed, and even relevant articles can be deleted. Also, as entries can be written by anybody, without much actual and factual control, their quality tends to differ.

GEIPAN: “Our goal is to solve cases, if we can.” (pp. 22–23)

This interview with Xavier Passot, of GEIPAN, explains how this group works. Generally, there is one report per day, but 50 per cent of all cases find a conventional explanation. One third of the cases are classed as insufficient data, while some 20 per cent remain without explanation. There is no hint yet, however, that these are extra-terrestrial objects. Among the IFOs, Thai lanterns have the highest percentage at the moment.

Reviews (pp. 24–32)

No English language books are reviewed in this issue.