

UFO-Observations (pp. 66–74)

All observations in this issue are photographic cases. On 29 December 2016, a man saw a point source of light at Wallmenroth which shone alternatively in green, blue, and red. He managed to photograph it, and it can be shown to have been the star Sirius. The translucent funnel-shaped object photographed by a man on 29 November 2016 at a pagan sanctuary near Barby is clearly only a lens flare. On 27 February 2017, a man saw a strange light at Garching and managed to take a picture of it – it is only the planet Venus, turned into a crescent by the movement of the photographer's hand. An object with coloured, blinking lights was observed over Riedenburg on 8 December 2016. The witness report about the time and direction of this object perfectly coincides with a helicopter search, at the very region, for a missing person, and films of the helicopter used, flying by night, are almost identical with the snap he took. Finally, on 20 April 2017, a woman filmed a video while driving, over the dam, to the Baltic island of Fehmarn. She later discovered a strange spot moving with the direction of her travel. This is assumed to be a drop of water or a smudge on the lens of her camera.

First Conference of the “German Cooperation Initiative UFO Research” (pp. 75–81)

On 24 June 2017, the 70th anniversary of Arnold's UFO sighting, the first conference of the “German Cooperation Initiative UFO Research” took place near Fulda. There we talks by Jörg Kiefer on UFOs and radar (most civilian and military radars are not prone to register UFOs, as they serve different reasons), Rafal Nowicki on a photo case from Zdany in Poland (the UFO here looks like an object made from two bowls), André Kramer on social and psychological implications of abductions, Bernd Dohmen (a pseudonym) on Hessdalen research who stated that there are proven unidentified lights over that valley in Norway, and Marius Kettmann on the 1990 sighting of light balls over the Baltic at Greifswald which he thinks are still unexplained.

UFO-Research and Anomalistics (pp. 82–92)

Can UFO research be counted as a discipline of scientific anomalistics even though anomalous characteristics of UFO cases and scientific anomalies cannot be directly linked? The author thinks this question has to be answered in the positive and explains why.

Brief Notes (p. 92)

A brief review of news reports on the GEP in German media.

Reviews (pp. 93–96)

No English language books are reviewed in this issue.