

UFO OBSERVATIONS (pp. 162–165)

A man had scanned his earlier photo prints when he discovered on one, taken in 1999 at Stade harbour, a bright spot which he thought might be something unusual. The negative had long ago been lost. The most likely explanation for the image is a fault on the negative (such as a dust particle). This identification cannot be proven unless the negative is located.

Another image, snapped on 24 August 2005 at Neckargemünd, was positively shown to have been caused by the moon. The witness observed a “red inferno” behind a mountain which lasted some 45 minutes and moved slowly. She called the observatory who told her it could not have been the moon. However, the small angular space of the movement and an astronomical reconstruction which shows the full moon at exactly the site where the UFO was seen proves this was our satellite.

EXOSOCIOLOGY – ALIEN INTELLIGENCES AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF INITIAL CONTACT (pp. 166–171)

What could be the triggers, circumstances and consequences of an initial contact of humans and aliens? These and other questions are the domain of exosociology, a new scientific endeavour. This article shows exosociology’s research tasks and outlines some possible first contact scenarios and how all this could relate to UFO research.

THE KASSEL UFO MEETING 2019 (pp. 172–179)

The second research conference of the German Cooperative Initiative UFO Research, with participant groups GEP and MUFON-CES, took place on 2 November 2019, with talks about a high strangeness case from the Alsace, France, sightings by pilots, the unpublished and unidentified cases of the GEP, natural and artificial space objects, a different interpretation of Carl Feindt’s USO data using the 5-dimensional physical theory, and a moderated discussion about “72 Years of UFO research – Expectations, Results, Potentials.”

A QUESTIONNAIRE AT THE MEETING 2019 (p. 180)

After the meeting, Detlef Hoyer distributed questionnaires on how much the visitors were satisfied with the meeting. It must have been right as 80 per cent said they were satisfied, and 2/3 ranked the meeting with 4 out of 4 stars.

THE GEP IN LÜDENSCHIED MUSEUM (pp. 181–185)

Lüdenschied Museum opened an exhibition about the city’s role in the production of so-called V weapons in the Third Reich, and one room was reserved for UFO research, as that relates to rumours about Nazi flying discs (which never existed). Hans-Werner Peiniger of the GEP contributed material on UFOs, and UFOs in popular culture. The exhibition opened on 24 November 2019 and will close on 9 February 2020.

BRIEF NOTES (p. 185)

Pentagon on AATIP. The US-American Department of Defence has explicitly declared that AATIP is not a UFO programme.

BOOK REVIEWS (pp. 186–192)

No English language books are reviewed in this issue.