

Liliane BODSON et Roland LIBOIS : « CONTRIBUTIONS À L'HISTOIRE DE LA DOMESTICATION » (*Journée d'étude, Université de Liège, 2 mars 1991*), 1992, 106 pp. Liège : Université de Liège (Colloques d'histoire des connaissances zoologiques 3).

Since 1989, a working group sponsored by the Belgian National Science Foundation (NFWO/FNRS) convenes each year to study and discuss the history of zoological knowledge. Last year the colloquium focused on the history of domestication. Several lectures were given of which the titles follow : Ethno-veterinary Medicine in the Tibetan Himalayas (A. von den Driesch) ; Domestication animale et animaux domestiques prétendument oubliés (A. Gautier) ; Le cheval dans le Proche Orient ancien (domestication, entretien, soins) (H. Limet) ; Medieval Ferrets and Rabbits in the Castle of Laarne (East-Flanders, Belgium). A Contribution to the History of a Predator and its Prey (D. Van Damme and A. Ervynck) ; Approches linguistiques de la domestication : les noms des rapaces en fauconnerie et en zoologie (B. Callebaut) ; Utilisation de singes capucins comme aide aux personnes ayant une déficience physique (M. Mercier). As the reader can see for himself, the fare at this third symposium was quite varied and perhaps even too diverse to serve exactly the purpose of the meeting, but the initiative to bring together scholars of the so-called alpha and beta disciplines is recommendable. The present volume, third in the series published by the working group, contains the papers read, summaries in English and French of these and the discussions following each presentation. It closes with a description of a computer programme presented by L. Bodson, the driving force behind the working group and its enthusiastic president. It deals with a data bank for the inventory of the knowledge and popular traditions concerning the herpetofauna in French speaking European countries. The book can be ordered from Institut de Zoologie, U.L., quai Ed. Van Beneden 22, B-4020 Liège 2.

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