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"La *Vita Hesychii* ou *Vita Menagiana* d'Aristote (= VH), faisait partie de l'*Onomatologos e pinax ton en paideia onomaston* d'Hésychius de Milet (VI s.), histoire de la littérature limitée, à ce qu'il semble, aux auteurs païens, et perdue dans son intégralité.  
Je voudrais proposer une nouvelle édition de ce court texte, dont l'importance pour la reconstruction de la biographie d'Aristote et de la liste de ses œuvres est indéniable. J'ai commencé à travailler sur la VH en marge de mon édition du texte grec des *Vies et doctrines des philosophes illustres* de Diogène Laërce (en particulier de la *Vie d'Aristote* au livre V 1-35), et en prévision d'un volume consacré à la tradition biographique antique d'Aristote dans lequel je rééditerai, entre autre, les *Vies* anciennes (grecques et latines) du Stagirite accompagnées d'apparets, d'une traduction et de notes de commentaire." p. 87

**C) The Catalogue attributed to Ptolemy el-Garib (I century) and transmitted in two Arabic version by Ibn al-Qifti (ca. 1172-1248) and Ibn Abi Usaibia (1203-1270).**

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Two volumes: I edited by Gustav Flügel (1871); II: edited by Johannes Rödiger, August Müller (1872); written in the 10th century.

On Ptolemy el-Garib see vol. I pp. 246-252.

"We learn from the writer's own words that he has before him the Vita of Ptolemy-el-Garib; he gives us the title of it and says in (14) that his own notes are a brief epitome. Our conclusion is that before 950 there was in circulation in Baghdad an Arabic summary of Ptolemy's *Vita*, including a full translation of the Will. Since an-Nadim presents his classification of Aristotle's writings in roughly the same form as al-Yaqubi (...), Baumstark concluded that he had not seen the Arabic translation of Ptolemy's catalogue. But this is a weak argument, for he might have found Ptolemy's catalogue too detailed and technical and have preferred the classification based on the traditional prolegomena. Moreover we observe that, unlike al-Kindi and al-Yaqubi, an-Nadim regarded the *De anima* as one of the physical treatises." Düring, 1957 cit., p. 195.

(14) About him [Aristotle] numerous stories are circulated of which we only have mentioned the essentials.

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Verzeichniss der Aristotelischen Schriften aus dem Buche des Ptolomaeus an Gallus (first edition of Ptolemy's Catalog) pp. 19-22.
3. ———, ed. 1884. *Ibn Abi Usaibi'a. Uyun al-anba fi tabaqat al-atibba (Lives of the Physicians)*. Königsberg.  
Vol. I pp. 54-69 (contains the *Vita Aristotelis* by Usaibi'a and the Catalogue by Ptolemy el-Garib) written 1245-1246.  
"Comments on Ptolemy's Catalogue. P. Moraux's valuable book, *Les Listes anciennes des ouvrages d'Aristote*, Louvain 1951, deals at length with Ptolemy's catalogue and gives full references to the earlier literature. I have learnt much from his discussion of the complicated problems, but I do not always agree with his conclusions; see my paper "Ariston or Hermippus?", in: *Classica et mediaevalia*, 17, 1956, pp. 11-21. M. Plezia *De Andronici Rhodii studii aristotelicis* closely follows Baumstark but contributes many good observations.  
My translation of the catalogue is based on Usaibia, but I have added al-Qifti's readings (...)  
A full critical apparatus is found in Steinschneider's edition, in the Berlin Academy edition of Aristotle, tom. V, pp. 1469-73. (...) Baumstark *Syrisch-arabische Biographieen des Aristoteles* gives a complete translation of the two versions of the catalogue, pp. 61-70, profuse comments and a bold reconstruction of the original catalogue of Andronicus, built on Littig's book on Andronicus. I am sceptical of these airy constructions. In my edition I have added ten sub-titles (Published works, etc.) to distinguish the sections of the catalogue." (Düring, *Aristotle in the Ancient Biographical Tradition*, 1957 cit., pp. 241-242)
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Syrische texte herausgegeben, übersetzt und untersucht von Dr. A. Baumstark.  
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Reprint: Aachen, Scientia Verlag, 1975.  
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Contains the Catalogue by Ptolemy el-Garib; Latin translation of the Catalogue by Moritz Steinschneider in: Aristotle *Opera Omnia* vol. V, Berlin, 1870, p. 1469.  
"*s. v. Ptolemy-el-Garib*:  
'This scholar was during his lifetime a philosopher in the country of the Greeks, and he is not identical with the author of the *Almagest*. He was a friend of Aristotle whom he loved and defended from his enemies, and he transmitted his doctrines to

everybody who was eager to acquire knowledge about them from him. On account of this he was a highly reputed and honoured scholar during his lifetime.

Many kings and scholars are known under the name of Ptolemy. They distinguished them from one another by adding a special name, so that we can know them under this name.

In order to show his solicitude concerning Aristotle this scholar wrote a book *On the life of Aristotle, his death, and the classification of his books*.

*Comment:* The *Fihrist* says (19): "Ptolemy-el-Garib who was an adherent of Aristotle and spread knowledge about his merits; he is the author of a book *On ... books*". - Usaibia, in the introduction to his biography, says: "Thus speaks Ptolemy in his book to Gallus on the life and history of Aristotle, his Will and the list of his famous writings."

Apart from the fact that his name is mentioned several times in the biographies, this is all information we have on Ptolemy in Arabic sources. Almost identical is the title given by Elias, *In Cat. CIAG XVIII 1 p. 3.*

Al-Qifti's work is a biographic handbook with about one hundred articles on Greek authors, arranged in alphabetical order, written between 1230 and 1235. The original, now lost, was used by Usaibia, Abu-l-Farag, and Abu-l-Fida; what is left is an epitome and several extracts. Steinschneider, Lippert and Baumstark characterize the work as a compilation of earlier works, partly lost, partly extant. Steinschneider *Al-Farabi. Des arabischen Philosophen Leben und Schriften* (1869), pp. 187-191 gives a general survey of his biographical article on Aristotle; some additional notes by Baumstark *Syrisch-arabische Biographieen des Aristoteles* p. 15, and by Lippert *Studien auf dem Gebiete der griech-arab. Übersetzungslitteratur*, Braunschweig, 1894, in his comments on Mubashir. Latin translation of the catalogue by Steinschneider, in: Aristotelis *Opera Omnia*, V, Berlin 1870, p. 1469.

On the special problem of identifying our Ptolemy a great many scholars have expressed opinions; a good survey of the literature in P. Moraux, *Listes anciennes des ouvrages d'Aristote*, pp. 289-294. It was W. Christ and J. Lippert who simultaneously suggested that our Ptolemy is identical with the rather obscure Ptolemaios Chennos, writing in the last half of the first century A. D.

It is important to realize that the presentation of Ptolemy in our three sources is nothing but an elaboration of the title of his book. Everything in this note is obviously based on the book itself as the only source. Lippert interpreted the sentence "They distinguished - under this name" as implying: "and this is why Ptolemy-el-Garib also has a special name, given to him by the Greeks". Susemihl, in his review of Lippert, op. cit. (Berl. Phil. Wochenschrift 15, 15, p. 1130) added the following remark: "dass diese Bezeichnung "der Fremde" nicht erst von den Arabern herrihrt, erhellt aus der nachdrücklichen Angabe von Qifti". Unfortunately this is not so; Usaibia's statement is not at all so definite and unambiguous." Düring, *Aristotle in the Ancient Biographical Tradition*, 1957 cit., pp. 208-209

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"On trouvera ici l'*editio princeps*, fondée sur tous les témoins disponibles, dont un manuscrit jusqu'ici inconnu, d'un document antique perdu en grec et conservé en arabe. Il s'agit d'une épître adressée par un certain Ptolémée à un certain Gallus. Ce vestige est l'une de nos meilleures sources d'information et la seule qui soit interne à l'école péripatéticienne -sur la biographie d'Aristote. C'est aussi notre seul témoignage sur la première édition, dans l'Antiquité, des écrits savants du Philosophe. Instantané pris sur le vif de l'état de la philologie aristotélicienne, à Alexandrie, avant les grandes pertes libraires du III<sup>e</sup> siècle, ce texte préservé par les érudits arabes est une pièce essentielle pour reconstituer l'histoire mystérieuse du corpus d'Aristote à la période hellénistique et au début de la période romaine. C'est de lui que doit partir, on s'en apercevra à la lecture, quiconque s'intéresse à la question de savoir ce que nous lisons quand nous lisons Aristote. Le paradoxe n'est qu'apparent : un peu de philosophie éloigne de l'histoire des textes, beaucoup y ramène." (*Introduction*).

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