

## Re: Mileva Maric Einstein

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"Bill Hobba" <[bhobba@rubbish.net.au](mailto:bhobba@rubbish.net.au)> wrote in message  
news:bi6Mc.12795\$K53.12307@news-server.bigpond.net.au...

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> "Harry" <[harald.vanlintel@epfl.ch](mailto:harald.vanlintel@epfl.ch)> wrote in message

> news:4100c9ae\$1@epflnews.epfl.ch...

>>>> *Did Poincare at the 1911 Solvay conference show no*

>>>> *understanding of relativity, the theory that Einstein supposedly*  
> *stole*

>>>> *from*

>>>> *him – Yes.*

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>>>> *Wow! I never heard that rumour – and I doubt it because I know from*

> *his*

>>>> *writings that he understood it better than Lorentz. Do you have a*

>>> *reference?*

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>>> *It is no rumor – see page 170 – Pais – Subtle is the Lord. Einstein*

> *meet*

>>> *Poincare for the first time at the Solvay conference of 1911 and is it*

>>> *reported that Poincare showed little of no understanding of*

*relativity.*

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>>> *BTW Harry I highly recommend the above source for the true facts about*

>>> *Einstein. It is not just the authors view – the extensive*

*bibliography*

> *it*

>>> *is based on is amazing.*

>>>

>>> *Thanks*

>>> *Bill*

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>> *I don't have the book, so please give me the reference it provides so I*

> *can*

>> *look it up – if it has such a reference!*

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- > *The reference that supports it is E12 but for some reason does not actually*
- > *appear in the bibliography.*
- >
- >> *"it is reported" is definitely a rumour – except if you can specify who*
- >> *reported it and on what basis, so we can judge for ourselves how likely it*
- >> *is to be correct.*
- >
- > *Come on Harry – Pias is a reputable source and he quotes Einstein as*
- > *actually saying it. I am sure Pias can back it up.*

If according to Pias Einstein made a bad remark about Poincare then the contents of that remark must be correct?!  
Come on!

- >> *However, for your information, I reported in my above*
- >> *message to you that he obviously understood it quite well, and I even*
- >> *reported how I know it and I can not only give you the references but even*
- >> *send some of them to you.*
- >
- > *Well it seems Einstein did not agree with you.*

Fine. It's OK if you state that Einstein claimed so according to an unknown source of Pias.

- >> *Bill, I highly recommend you to stop spreading rumours and stick to the*
- >> *original sources.*
- >>
- >
- > *Quoting from a standard source by a reputable researcher in the area is not*
- > *spreading rumors.*

Of course it can be. If you quote a rumour spread by CNN or BBC as if it is a verified fact then it is still propagating a rumour.

- >> *Such books as you refer to are mainly useful for the included sources –*
- >> *and only by reading these sources.*
- >
- > *I agree that it would be better if the reference Pias gave in support*
- > *actually appeared in the bibliography but it is obvious much greater weight*
- > *must be given to such sources than the innuendo being peddled by*
- > *Australopithecus Afarensis who, has been documented by Dirk, is obviously*
- > *anti Jewish.*

In my experience "reputable" sources are not so much better than doubtful sources that they can be relied upon. Thus now I give almost \*no\* weight to second hand sources.

Harald