

I will survey the recent introduction of *very-well-poised hypergeometric series* in the context of the values of the Riemann zeta function at integers : the proofs of the irrationality of  $\zeta(2)$ , of  $\zeta(3)$ , of infinitely many of the numbers  $\zeta(2n + 1)$ , etc, can all be obtain by a careful study of such series.

I will then give a few details of the proof of an important part of the so-called "Denominators Conjecture" (a joint work with C. Krattenthaler) for these series, whose complete proof could implies that least one amonsgt  $\zeta(5)$ ,  $\zeta(7)$  and  $\zeta(9)$  is irrational.