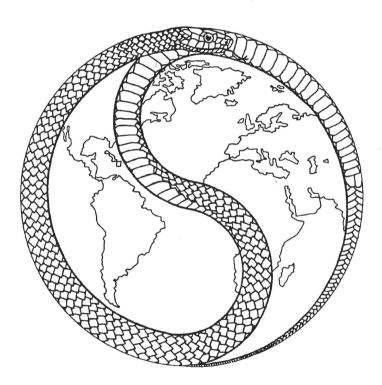
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### SOCIETY NEWS

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Dear members,

It is a pleasure to be able to tell you that our Society has ended her tenth year with a new name - the European Snake Society - and as you can see we start 1991 with a newly designed edition of *Litteratura Serpentium*. For a long time many of us wished for a better quality of paper and a more professional lay-out. Due to a somewhat bigger size of the magazine and the use of a smaller print, we were able to cut down the expense of paper without having to make any concessions regarding the contents. So, you have the same amount of text. Furthermore, the colour photographs will come out much better and more striking. Fortunately all this was possible without increasing the membership fee.

To make payment of membership fees a little easier and less costly for some of our members, (new) members in England can pay via Mr. C. Mattison (see inside of cover) and for members in Germany we opened a bank account there (see inside of cover).

For now, I wish you much pleasure reading our magazine and also success with your hobby.

P.B. Stoel, Chairman European Snake Society.

## **SNAKE DAY**

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On 20 October 1990 we organised already for the tenth time a Snake Day. Like last year it was held at the Veterinarian Department of the State University of Utrecht.

First of all we would like to thank the Board of the University for letting us have the building at our disposal. Furthermore, we would like to express our gratitude to all the other people who helped us on that day. Without their assistance it would not be possible to organise such an event.

Although the announcement of the Snake Day appeared rather late in *Litteratura* Serpentium, the number of people who attended the day - also from abroad - was overwhelming.

On account of last year's experience the 'venomous snake section' was moved to a more spacious room.

Unfortunately, the planned lecture of Kevin Hingley had to be cancelled, instead we found Wolfgang Grossmann prepared to give a very interesting lecture.

All in all, we can look back on a very successful Snake Day on which many people not only were able to get all sorts of information but also got the opportunity to come into contact with other snake keepers.

We hope to organise a Snake Day again next year (19 October 1991) and we would like to invite you already to come and visit this day.

G. Gomes, Secretary European Snake Society.