

SNAKE EXCHANGE IN OPWIJK (BELGIUM)

On Sunday September 17, 1995, the Workgroup Snakes of the Belgian society for Terraria, **TERRA**, organizes an exchange of snakes. The purpose of this is to present or to exchange the progeny among the terraria devotees.

This exchange will take place in the cultural centre '**Hof ter Hemelrijk**', Kloosterstraat 7, 1745 Opwijk, Belgium, from 09.30 - 17.00 h.

How to reach Opwijk?

- Coming from Antwerp: follow the E17 to Ghent and take then the exit St.-Niklaas (14). You follow direction Dendermonde (N41). When you reach Dendermonde you continue to follow direction Brussels (N47). You find Opwijk along the N41.
- Coming from Ghent: follow the E17 to Antwerp and take exit Dendermonde (12). Follow direction Dendermonde until Opwijk (direction Brussels N47).
- Coming from Brussels: leave the loop in Brussels on exit 10, then follow the N9 direction Asse. When you reached Asse then keep direction Dendermonde (N47) until Opwijk.

Terraria devotees are obligated to offer their snakes in solid plastic boxes or microterraria in which the snakes can be clearly observed and on which the scientific and vulgate names are mentioned.

Poisonous snakes should be presented in safety boxes and are not to be taken out. **POISONOUS SNAKES** must also be mentioned on the boxes. A separate room is foreseen for poisonous snake devotees.

People who want to sell snakes which are protected by the *Convention of Washington* need to have the required papers. Native snakes (e.g. *Coronella austriaca*, *Natrix natrix* and *Vipera berus*) are legally protected and cannot be sold.

Reservation for a stand is advisable but not obligated. One can reserve until September 13, 1992. People who have reserved a stand have to be present before 09.00 h.

All information, written or telephonic can be obtained with:

- John Maelfait, Gasmeterlaan 238, 9000 Gent, tel. 091/24.00.89
- Robert Jooris, Gemoedsveld 3, 9230 Wetteren, tel. 091/69.42.28.

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