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## FROM THE BOARD

### REPORT OVER 1994 BY THE SECRETARY

English corrections by Mark Wootten.

1994 was a hectic year for the European Snake Society. Especially organizing the annual Snakeday which was a lot more difficult than other years: the room was doubled to 2500 square meters. This enlargement - which was actually not much more than a bicycle-shed, was not properly heated or illuminated. The society board had to strain every nerve to get everything fixed in a more or less adequate way. To achieve this, it was necessary to rent tables, a heating canon and lot of lamps. Without the generous help of society members, this would never have succeeded.

As a matter of fact the veterinarian faculty of the University of Utrecht no longer allows the European Snake Society to organize the Snake Day in its buildings. The board of the ESS however has never been informed about the reason of the decision. Letters and telephone calls have never been answered in a proper and decent way.

This means that the society has to find another venue. Regarding the budget of the ESS and room which is needed, it seems to be an awful difficult task. However, the board is optimistic about the Snake Day 1995.

The number of society members is still increasing, both in Holland and abroad. Therefore it is a pity that the editors of *Litteratura Serpenti* still have to contend with a lack of articles. The editors therefore ask authors to send in copy, which does not have to meet the needs of highly scientific standards. Breeding results (also of well known snakes), book reviews and small articles on remarkable experiences with snakes are welcome.

Finally the board of the European Snake Society hopes that you will stay a member of the Society and that *Litteratura Serpenti* will give you a lot of information on snakes.

### SNAKE DAY 1995

This years Snake Day will take place on Saturday **October 28th** at a new location, **Eureco Expo Centre**. The address is Meidoornkade 24 **Houten**, The Netherlands. Houten is a small town near Utrecht and the Expo Centre is located close to the highway A27.

The entrance fee for non-members will be 10 Dutch guilders (or DM 10,-). Members of the European Snake Society and their family get free entrance by showing the ticket which will be enclosed in this issue of *Litteratura Serpenti*. More information on the Snake Day can be found elsewhere in this issue.

### SOME OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

The Dutch herpetological Society Lacerta organizes a fair of captive bred reptiles and amphibians. The fair will take place on Saturday September 30th at community hall 'De Enk', Enkstraat 12, Zwolle, The Netherlands. Besides animals it is also possible to buy and sell books or terrariums. For more information please contact Micha van de Weg, +31-74-668037, Ben Hoiting, +31-5905-95633 or Henk Veldkamp, +31-38-659082.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

ESS	Budget 1995			(in Dutch Guilders)		
	Revenues	budget	1994	Expenses	budget	1994
membership dues	24.500	24.210		printing costs	22.000	19.745
back issues	1.600	1.830		postage	4.000	3.710
advertisements	400	400		editorial costs	1.000	865
sales divers	500	540		administrative c.	1.000	900
interest	1.500	1.395		contribution SWG	200	200
snakeday	2.000	6.785		deprec. computer	2.200	3.480
				net income	100	4.875
	30.500	34.960			30.500	34.960

ESS	Revenues and Expenses 1994			(in Dutch Guilders)	
	Revenues	1994	budget	Expenses	1994
membership dues	24.715	22.000	printing costs	19.745	20.000
back issues	1.630	1.200	postage	3.825	3.600
advertisements	400	400	editorial costs	865	800
sales divers	540	200	administrative c.	900	800
interest	1.400	1.400	contrib. SWG	150	200
snake day	6.785	4.000	deprec. computer	3.480	3.200
			maint. computer	45	-
			book Surinam	1.140	-
			net income	5.320	700
	35.470	29.200		35.470	29.200

ESS	Balance 31-12-1994			(in Dutch Guilders)	
	Assets	1994	1993	Liabilities	1994
Financial assets	50.655	44.023	Prepaid membersh. d.	14.540	14.617
Computers	2.200	3.500	payable printing c.	1.985	2.135
Payable advert.	400	400	payable postage	620	757
Deposit PTT/MAIL	335	335	SWG contribution	185	200
Stock	-	639	payable editorial c.	-	247
			Capital	36.260	30.940
	53.590	48.897		53.590	48.897