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ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ THE SNAKE DAY

For the next Snake Day on October 26th the European Snake Society is looking for enthusiastic volunteers who are willing to help during the day. Assist at the entrance, man the 'snake-day-care centre' or just survey to see nothing goes wrong. If you are interested please contact the secretary: Jan-Cor Jacobs, W.A. Vultostraat 62, NL-3523 TX Utrecht, The Netherlands. Tel.: +31-30-2801115.

■ ANNUAL MEETING 1996

At the annual members meeting mr. G. Gomes has been reelected as treasurer of the European Snake Society for the period of three years. Mr. P. Stoel has been reelected as chairman for the period of three years.

The board is still looking for volunteers for the cash committee. Their task is to check the financial books of the Society once a year. People interested in this task are invited to contact the secretary.



ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Annual report 1995

1995 was an exciting year for the European Snake Society. It was also a successful year.

First of all there was the tremendous success of the annual Snake Day. The number of visitors of this event continues to grow every year; the 15th event was visited by approximately 3,000 snake enthusiasts. Secondly our Society keeps growing bigger: in 1995 the total number of members of the European Snake Society has grown to over 800.

For the first time the Snake Day was held outside Utrecht. However, this change turned out to be the right decision. Expocenter Euretco offers better facilities than the university. Not only do they set up the whole place but they also clean up afterwards. In former years it was always a problem to get enough volunteers for this job. However, the board notifies that for the Snake Day of 1996 there is still a need for volunteers. They are needed to help out at the entrance and they can do a great job by assisting with surveillance.

For the first time in the history of the Snake Day the restaurant and coffee corner were not in the hands of the European Snake Society. The advantage is obvious: less volunteers are needed. But the disadvantage was a risk: the Society earned some money by selling coffee, tea and sandwiches. This loss of income was compensated by increasing the entry fees for non members and by the great number of tables rented.

Not only was the new style Snake Day exciting but also the new layout of *Litteratura Serpentina*. The 16th edition of our magazine has been completely restyled. The first issue however caused a little disillusion: unfortunately in

some copies English pages were mixed up with Dutch pages. Members that received such a misprint, did receive a new correct copy. If not please contact the editors. The printer has been informed about his mistake and hopefully it will never happen again.

1995 was also the year in which the Dutch government released a new law on the keeping of snakes. Just prior to the Snake Day '95 this law came into effect. Unfortunately, the board of the Society was not informed in time so we were unable to post foreign members about this change in the law. However, during the Snake Day this did not cause any problems.

English corrections by Mark Wooten

FINANCIAL REPORT

ESV	BALANS 31-12-1995				
	1995	1994	Credit	1995	1994
Debet					
Financiële midd.	68.270	50.655	Vooruitontv. contr.	15.860	14.540
Computers	-	2.200	drukwerk te betalen	1.840	1.985
Advert. tegoed	400	400	verzendk. te betalen	670	620
Borg PTT/MAIL	330	335	SWG Bijdrage	-	185
Voorraad divers.	500	-	red. kosten te betalen	400	-
			res. jubileumuitg. LS	6.000	
			Kapitaal	44.730	36.260
	69.500	53.590		69.500	53.590

ESV	Financiëel overzicht 1995				
	1995	begroot	Uitgaven	1995	begroot
Inkomsten					
Contributie	26.260	24.500	Drukkosten	20.310	22.000
Oude jaargangen	2.300	1.600	Verzendkosten	3.770	4.000
Advertenties	520	400	Redaktiekosten	1.220	1.000
Verkoop diversen	450	500	Administratiekosten	600	1.000
Rente	1.690	1.500	Bijdrage SWG	190	200
Slangendag	12.780	2.000	Afschr. onderhoud computer	3.440	2.200
			Reservering LS jubileum uitgave	6.000	-
			Batig saldo	8.470	100
	44.000	30.500		44.000	30.500

ESV	Begroting 1996					
	begroot	1995		Uitgaven	begroot	1995
Inkomsten						
Contributie	26.000	26.260		Drukkosten	27.000	20.380
Oude jaargangen	1.500	2.300		Verzendkosten	4.300	3.790
Advertenties	1.000	520		Redaktiekosten	1.300	1.220
Verkoop diversen	500	450		Administratiekosten	700	600
Rente	2.500	1.690		Bijdrage SWG	200	190
Slangendag	5.000	12.780		Afschr. onderhoud computer	1.000	3.440
				Reservering LS jubileum uitgave	1.000	6.000
				Batig saldo	1.000	8.380
	44.000	30.500			36.500	44.000