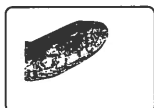




ANNOUNCEMENTS

The editors received the following announcement on the foundation of:



EUROPEAN GARTER SNAKE
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We appreciate the start of this association, that will concern itself particularly with the keeping and breeding of *Thamnophis* species, and we wish the founders good luck.

Those who are interested can contact:

In the Netherlands:

R. Jansen, Soeverinhof 14, 5551 TSValkenswaard,
The Netherlands. Phone/Fax: +31-40-2046420.

In Germany:

Thomas Bourguignon, Am Muhlenbach 29, 46119
Oberhausen, Germany. Phone: +49-0203-5225956.

The European Garter Snake Association is a non-commercial group of *Thamnophis* lovers. Everyone caring for *Thamnophis* species, is welcome.

Task:

- starting a breeding book,
- setting up an archive of literature and photographs,
- publishing a four-monthly magazine,
- initiating specific breeding programmes,
- registering breeding animals and breeding statistics,
- organization of an annual meeting.

Aim:

- exchange of knowledge (annual meeting/magazine),
- balanced breeding programmes, therefore decreasing import (exchange and lending of animals),
- publication of experiences and breeding results,
- providing information on (sub)species and their care.

The founding meeting will take place on Saturday, March 2, 1996, in the Seminar room of the Lobbecke Aquazoo and Museum, Düsseldorf, Germany, from 13.00 to 18.00 hours.

■ PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME:

- 13.00-15.00: Welcome and presentation of EGSA.
Formation of Board, finances and division of tasks.
- 15.00-16.00: break and discussion.
- 16.00-18.00: Presentation on: 'The keeping of *Thamnophis* species outside', by Mr U. Strathemann. General Discussion.

■ REPTILE HOUSE 'SERPO'

As off December 1995 Reptile House 'Serpo' has something extra to offer to their visitors. On several strategic places, Walter Getreuer has placed information signs on special events and circumstances in which reptiles were involved.

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■ REPTILE EXCHANGE IN OPWIJK, BELGIUM

The workgroup snakes Medusa organizes an exchange of reptiles on Sunday the 15th of September 1996. The purpose is to present or to exchange the progeny among terraria-devotees. The exchange will take place in the Cultural Center in Opwijk, 'Hof ten Hemelrijk', Kloosterstraat 7, 1745 Opwijk, Belgium, from 09.30 am to 17.00 pm.

Terraria-devotees should offer their animals in solid plastic boxes or microterraria in which the animals can clearly be observed and on which the name (scientific and common) is mentioned. **It is forbidden to sell or even to offer poisonous snakes in the Cultural Center and on the parking of the Center!!**

All reptiles and amphibians and arachnids are allowed. People who want to sell animals, protected by the "Convention of Washington", need to have the required papers. Belgian reptiles (including the native snakes *Coronella austriaca*, *Natrix natrix* and *Vipera berus*) are protected by federal law and can not be sold or offered. Reservation for a stand is preferable but not obligatory. One can reserve until the 10th of September 1996. People who have reserved a stand are asked to be present before 09.00 am.

All information, by writing or by telephone, can be obtained with:
John Maelfait, Gasmeterlaan 238, 9000 Gent,
tel.: 09-2240089,
Robert Jooris, Gemoedsveld 3, 9230 Wetteren,
tel.: 09-3694228
Joris de Smet, Rooigemlaan 8, 9000 Gent,
tel.: 09-2270193,
Jan de Rijbel, Neerveldstraat 284, 1745 Opwijk,
tel.: 052-359843.

How to reach Opwijk?

Coming from Antwerp (Antwerpen): follow the E17 to Ghent (Gent) and take exit St-Niklaas (#14). Follow direction Dendermonde (N41). When you reach Dendermonde follow direction Brussels (Brussel) (N47). You'll find Opwijk along this N47.

Coming from Ghent (Gent): follow the E17 to Antwerp (Antwerpen) and take exit Dendermonde (#12). Follow direction Dendermonde (N41). When you reach Dendermonde follow direction Brussels (Brussel) (N47). You'll find Opwijk along this N47.

Coming from Brussels (Brussel): leave the loop in Brussels on exit 10. Follow direction Asse (N9). When you reach Asse follow direction Dendermonde (N47). You'll find Opwijk along this N47.

■ REPTILE FAIR IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA

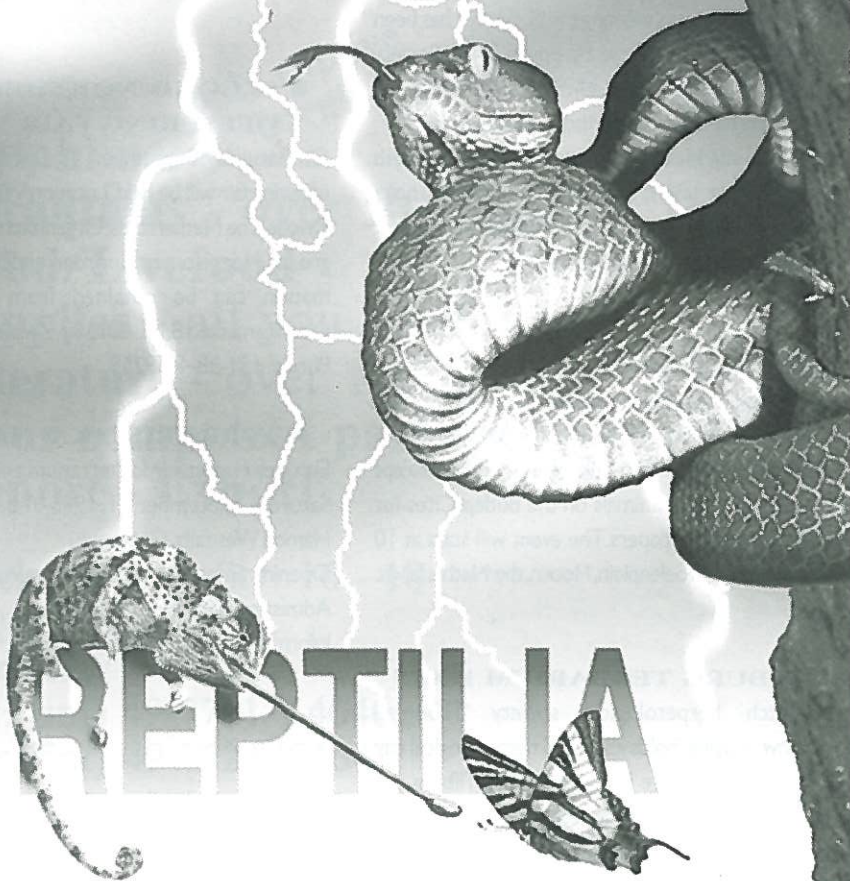
On September 8th 1996 from 9.00 to 14.00 hours the 'Herpetologischen terraristischen Vereinigung Österreich' will organize a reptile fair at 'Volksheim Aspern', Siegeplatz 7, 1220 Vienna. No venomous snakes are allowed! EC regulations apply. Further information and reservation of tables with: Erich Brabenetz, 1220 Wenen, Portheimig. I RH75. Tel/fax: 0222-2803187.

■ REPTILE FAIR IN DONCASTER, ENGLAND

On July 7th 1996 the Doncaster reptile fair will be held at Adwick School, Windmill Balk Lane, Adwick-Le-Street, Doncaster. Reptiles, Amphibians and invertebrates will be on sale as will a wide range of books and equipment. Lectures will be held by guest speakers. For all enquiries and bookings please contact Ron on 01302-337479 or Dean on 01302-724460.

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■ REPTILE INDEX '96

Godiva Enterprises presents the Reptile Index '96, which will be held at The Connection, Leamington Road, Ryton on Dunsmore, Coventry, CV8 3FL in the United Kingdom. According to Godiva Enterprises this is the largest and most comprehensive reptilian and entomological event held in the UK. The event is held on Sunday 4th of August and starts at 10 am. Closing time is 5 pm. For further details: Godiva Enterprises c/o 8 Holbrooks Lane, Coventry CV6 4AB, United Kingdom.

■ SECOND NORTHERN OFFSPRING FAIR

On Saturday September 28 the second Northern offspring fair will be held. Location: Wijkcentrum De Enk, Zwolle, The Netherlands. Organization: Lacerta working groups Hengelo, het Noorden en Zwolle. More information can be obtained from Gijs van Aken, Ladeniusmarke 18, NL-8016 AJ Zwolle, The Netherlands. Phone: +31-38-4659253.

■ REPTILE FAIR

The Dutch society for herpetologists 'Werkgroep West Friesland' of Lacerta organises a reptile fair on the 25th of August 1996. All kinds of reptiles will be on sale, except venomous snakes and animals on the Budep/Cites-list without the required papers. The event will start at 10 am. The address is: Doelenplein, Hoorn, the Netherlands.

■ TILBURG TERRARIUM DAYS

The Dutch herpetological society 'Tilburgse Terrariumvereniging' holds its annual herpetological day at De Oliemeulen, Reitse Hoevenstraat 30, Tilburg, the Netherlands. All kinds of captive bred reptiles will be on sale, as well as terrarium equipment and books. The event will be held on Saturday the 17th and Sunday the 18th of August 1996.

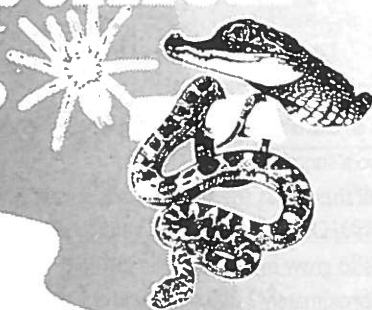
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From the Western Australian Society of Amateur Herpetologists (WASAH) we recieved the following announcement:

■ A GUIDE TO THE REPTILES AND FROGS OF THE PERTH REGION, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

by Brian Bush, Brad Maryan, Robert Browne-Cooper and David Robinson.

Published by University of Western Australia Press

Perth (Capital of Australia's largest state) is one of the most isolated cities in the world. The area supports an incredibly rich herpetofauna. With 226 pages, detailed descriptions of each species, clear colour photographs, keys to identification and extensive glossary the authors have brought together a wealth of information on the frogs, turtles, lizards and snakes inhabiting this region. A must of any herpetologist/naturalists library. Only Aus\$ 20.00 (+\$4 surface mail postage) each. Send your order and bank draft/cheque in Australian dollars to WASAH, 169 Eginastreet, Mount Hawthorn 6016, Western Australia.

■ MEETING OF REPTILES AND INVERTEBRATES IN FRANCE

The association 'S.O.S. Reptiles' is happy to propose you

to participate in the first meeting of reptiles and invertebrates in Ozoire la Ferriere (just near Paris, France) at 5, 6, and 7 April 1997. The meeting concerns exhibition, selling and exchange of the animals. For more information or a registration form, contact: 'S.O.S. Reptile', Stéphane Triqueneaux, 22 Rue de la Grande Montagne, 02310-Nogent l'Artaud, France. Tel/Fax: 03 23 70 68 53.

■ SMUGGLED-2: WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING, CRIME AND CORRUPTION IN AUSTRALIA

This book is an all new sequel to the controversial best-seller 'Smuggled - The underground Trade in Australia's Wildlife' by Raymond Hoser. 'Smuggled-2' details the involvement of wildlife officials in Australia and elsewhere in the illegal trade in Australia's wildlife. 'Smuggled-2' is a mandatory reading for those concerned about organized crime or wildlife and wildlife keeping in Australia and the United States. It contains 280 pages, printed on 80 gsm white paper and has over 100 illustrations. To obtain a copy, send your order and bank draft/cheque in Australian dollars (\$ 24.95 a copy - post free) to Kotabi P/L, PO Box 599, Doncaster, Victoria 3108, Australia. Further copies of Hoser's earlier best-seller 'Smuggled - The underground Trade in Australia's Wildlife' as well as 'The Hoser Files - The fight against entrenched official Corruption' can be obtained for \$ 20 per book, post free at the address above.

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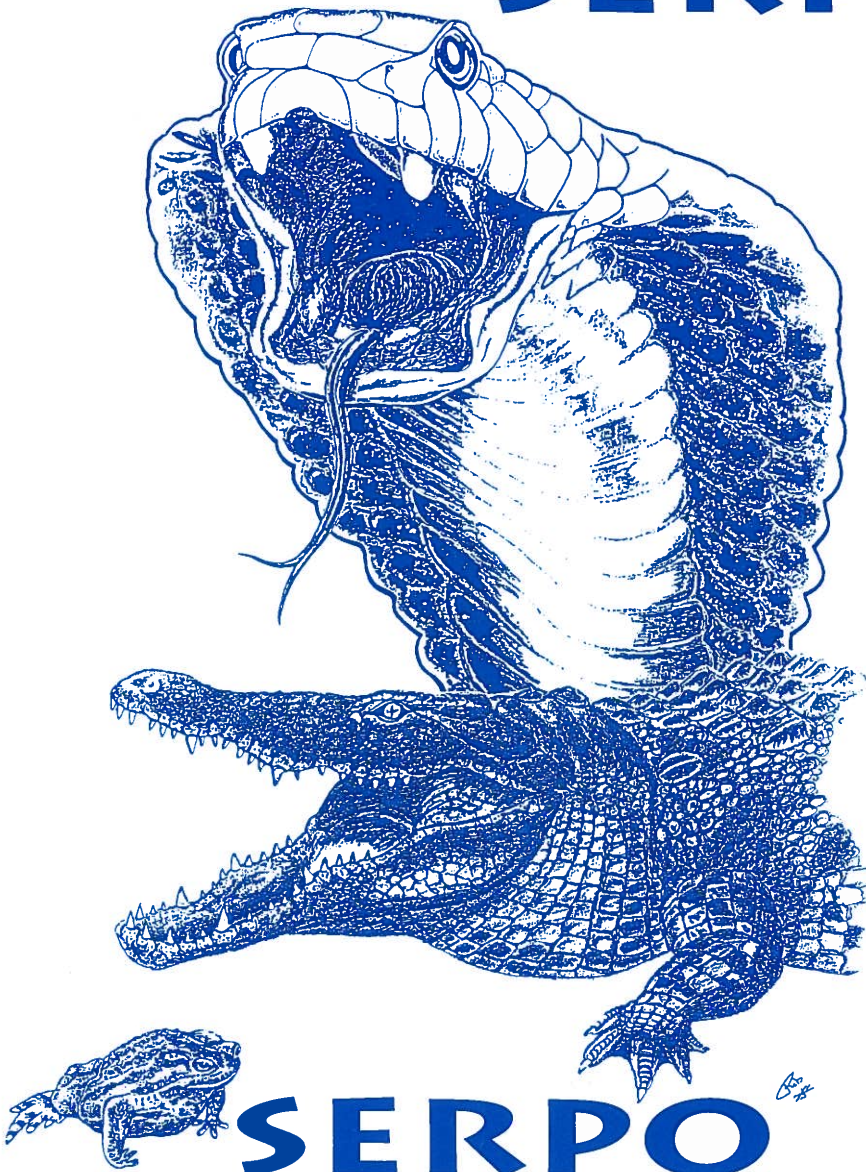
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