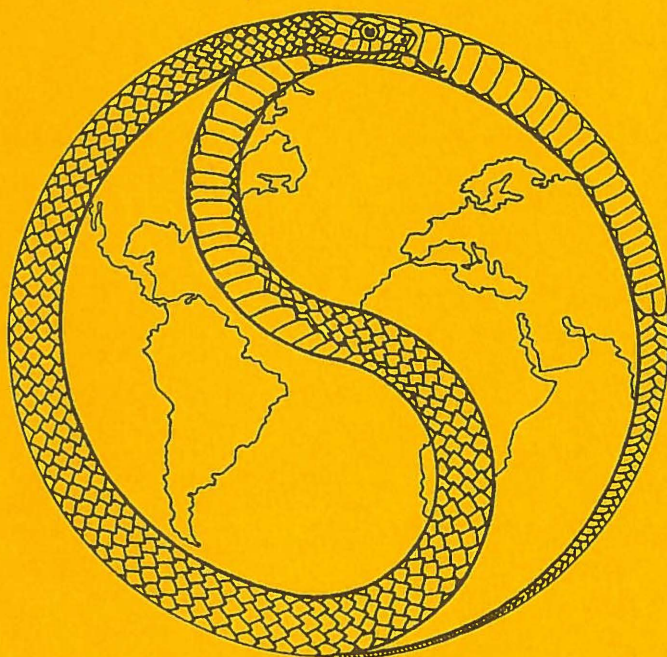


**EUROPEAN
SNAKE SOCIETY**

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**Euretco Expo Center
Meidoornkade 24
Houten**

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The European Snake Society will organise its annual Snake Day on Saturday 25 October 1997. This event will take place at the Euretco Expo Center in Houten (5 km south of Utrecht) in The Netherlands. The address is Meidoornkade 24, Houten and it can be reached by regional coach from Utrecht railway station or by coach from Houten railway station. If you travel by car you choose exit "Houten" on the A27 and follow the signs for the industrial park "Doornkade" (also see map further on). There is ample parking space available in the vicinity of the building.

The Snake Day opens at 9:30 hrs (and not before) and closes at 16:30 hrs.

Admission is free for members of the European Snake Society and their family (max. 2 adults plus children) provided they bring the original entrance ticket which you can find on these pages. Non-members pay an entrance fee of Dfl. 10,- per person.

During the Snake Day you can ask for information at the Society stand, buy back volumes of *Litteratura Serpentina*, T-shirts or posters, or renew your membership of the European Snake Society. There will be stands of commercial dealers offering snakes, terrarium equipment, books, prey animals etc. Other societies will also be represented. The restaurant will be selling light snacks and refreshments. There will be several lectures with slides in Dutch, German and/or English (see programme).

It is possible to buy or sell snakes at the Snake Day, but under certain restrictions:

- Make sure you have all the documents necessary to import and/or export the snakes you intend to bring or take back with you. If you bring snakes with you, bring export permissions (CITES) with them so you can sell them to people from outside Holland. Remember, you can better have your papers and not use them than have a snake without papers.
- It is forbidden to bring or trade any of the indigenous Dutch species:
Coronella austriaca, *Natrix natrix*, *Vipera berus*
- It is forbidden to bring any species that is mentioned on the CITES- list.
- Because of new European legislation, species mentioned on the "BUDEP-list" can only be brought, bought or sold if you have arranged permits from the Dutch authorities beforehand.
- Please handle the snakes as little as possible during the Snake Day. Make sure they are (and stay!) adequately packaged during transport and the Snake Day.
- It is not permitted to bring other animals than snakes apart from mice or rats to feed the snakes.

■ RULES FOR VENOMOUS SNAKES

There are special rules to obey in the venomous snakes area:

- Venomous snakes are only allowed in the special venomous snakes section of the building;
- Venomous snakes may not be transported in bags, but must be brought individually in solid, transparent or partly transparent containers. The lid of each container must be sealed with broad tape so that no gaps are left between the lid and the rest of the container;
- It is forbidden to open boxes with venomous snakes during the Snake Day. If there is more than one animal in a container, this container should be sold entirely with all animals in it;

- If you transport several containers at once, they must be carried together in a bag or large box;
- Ventilation holes may not be so large as to allow the animal to escape or bite people;
- Each container should be marked "Venomous" and with the scientific name of the snake;
- It is not allowed to take venomous snakes out of the venomous snake area. If you bought venomous snakes and intend to spend some more time at the Snake Day, a "snake-day-care center" is available, where you can leave your venomous snakes (free of charge) during the rest of the Snake Day;
- In the venomous snakes area, non-venomous snakes should be handled like venomous snakes;
- Other animals than snakes or their prey (mice or rats) are not allowed;
- Snakes that are not packed 'adequately', can be seized by the organisation during the Snake Day for reasons of safety. The snakes will be returned at the end the Snake Day. What can be considered 'adequately' is to be determined by the organization.
- **Attention:** The following venomous snakes require special documents (Budep). Without proper documents it is forbidden to sell or buy:

Vipera ammodytes, Vipera seoanei, Vipera schweizeri, Vipera ursinii, Vipera xanthina, Telescopus fallax

Finally we want to inform you that smoking and the use of alcoholic drinks is not allowed in the main areas. The European Snake Society is not responsible for any kind of loss, damage or injury incurred during the Snake Day. We count on your kind cooperation and we hope to see you on our Snake Day.

LECTURES PROGRAMME

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| 11.00 hrs: | Development of a safe restraint method for handling large Neotropical Rattlesnakes, <i>Crotalus durissus</i>
P. Rowley (Great Britain) |
| 12.00 hrs: | Ziektenkundige aspecten bij de aanschaf van nieuwe slangen
Marja Kik (The Netherlands) |
| 14.00 hrs: | Haltung und Zucht der <i>Python curtus brongersmai</i>
A. Kirschner (Germany) |



ENTRANCE TICKET

When you bring this ticket admission is free for you and one of your family members

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