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■ SNAKE DAY 1998

The Snake Day 1998 will take place on 3th of October in Houten. Reservations for tables cost 30 guilders and can be made by letter or E-mail with the secretary:

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FROM THE BOARD

Dear members, as you may have noticed the first issue of 1998 of *Litteratura Serpentina* was late, very late. For this we want to apologize but we are just as frustrated about this delay as you are. However, we feel we own you at least some sort of explanation. As you may know our society runs on a handful of volunteers and because their number is limited each of these volunteers has quite a number of tasks to fulfil. This means that when for some reason someone can not spend as much time on the society as he or she should, we run into trouble. This is exactly what happened in the beginning of this year and caused the serious delay in publication of *LS*. In the beginning of May all Dutch members received a letter in which they were informed about the seriousness of the situation. In this letter also an appeal was made for people to come forward and take over some positions in the board as well as for people to assist the editors of *LS*. We are happy to report that quite a number of people reacted positive and during the last annual meeting of the society on May 20th even three potential new members of the board could be welcomed. During the coming year these people will be made familiar with the society and their tasks so they can be officially elected during next year's annual meeting. Although this all sounds like good news we are not yet out of the danger zone. You may wonder what you as a foreign member of the ESS can do. The answer is: quite a lot!!! What we as a society need most at the moment are articles for publication in *LS*. The lack of good articles is the main reason for the delay in publication of our magazine. When for some reason one of the articles in the pipeline is delayed, everything is delayed because we

generally do not have much to fall back on. Therefore, please help and write down your experiences with your snakes; breeding results or just your observations on their behaviour. If you are not confident enough about writing an article, please contact us and we will help you. To stimulate people the board has decided that:

**publication of any good article in
our magazine will be rewarded
with a FREE subscription**

But there is more. We are also looking for people who are willing and able to assist now and again in translating, especially from French or German to English. Furthermore we can always use people to assist during the annual Snake Day. Given the large number of foreigners that visit the Snake Day every year, assistance from our foreign members that day is very, very welcome. We hope you, like us, also feel it is important that the European Snake Society stays alive and kicking. For this we need all the help we can get, from all our members so not just the Dutch but also from our foreign members who are just as important for us. Therefore please, write an article or contact us if you want to assist us in any other way. You can either contact Jan-Cor Jacobs, W.A. Vultostraat 62, NL-3523 TX Utrecht, The Netherlands (Phone +31-30-2801115, E-mail: ESS-secretary@wxs.nl) or René and Cécile van der Vlugt, Dahliastraat 13, NL-3911 WB Rhenen, The Netherlands (Phone +31-317-613804, E-mail: R.A.A.vanderVlugt@ipo.dlo.nl). Only together we can keep our society healthy and alive. We count on you.