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FROM THE EDITORS

This issue completes volume 19 of *Litteratura Serpentina*. We present it to you with satisfaction because it has been a hectic year. René and Cécile van der Vlugt had to decide to step back as editors-in-chief. As from volume 14 they had the final responsibility for our magazine. Gijs van Aken became the new editor-in-chief. It was a smooth *changing of the guard* without any delay in the publishing of LS. We will start the next volume with great confidence: there are a lot of articles 'in stock' and we have a group of enthusiastic and competed translators / correctors working with us.

We promised a one year free membership for those who got a substantial contribution published in *Litteratura Serpentina*. A one year free membership was also promised to those members who translate or correct a substantial amount of articles over the year. We keep our promise. The following members will have a free membership in 2000:

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We won't change our policy. So, why don't you take the challenge? Write a substantial article for *Litteratura Serpentina* and if it gets published you've got yourself a free membership next year! You can send your contribution (on diskette or by e-mail) to one of the editors. You can find our address in the magazine. It would be nice if you include photographs.

Just one more thing: We intend to publish a special magazine next year to celebrate the 20th anniversary of our Society. It will be an extra *Litteratura Serpentina* with mostly reprints of articles concerning health and diseases published over the last 20 years. If you would like to write an original article for this special, you're welcome to do so. Please send your contribution to Marcel van der Voort. The deadline is March 2000.

We hope that you will enjoy reading this issue.

Gijs van Aken
Marcel van der Voort





STATEMENT FINANCIAL POSITION 1998



Statement of Revenues Collected and Expenses Paid in Dutch Guilders

Revenues Collected	1998	Expenses Paid	1998
Membership dues	25.407,53	Printing costs of Magazine	28.797,99
Advertisements	1.000,00	Postage of Magazine	4.195,37
Sale of back issues	449,00	Expenses of Editorial board	1.966,92
Sale of posters, etc.	185,00	Expenses of Society board	1.621,87
Interest income	2.369,92	Depreciation on computers	1.209,00
Proceeds of the Snake Day	6.142,03	Other costs	94,00
Net deficit	2.331,67		
	37.885,15		37.885,15

Statement of Assets and Liabilities on 31 December

Current Assets	1998	Current Liabilities	1998
Cash	53.253,37	Fund Balance	51.173,37
Computers	5.080,00	Reserve for publication	7.000,00
Guaranty for postal services	335,00	Prepaid membership dues	2.020,00
Accounts receivable,	1.525,00	Accounts payable	
	60.193,37		60.193,37

Statement of Estimates of Revenues and Expenditure in Dutch Guilders

Estimates of Revenues	1999	Estimates of Expenditure	1999
Membership dues	20.000,00	Printing costs	
Advertisements	800,00	and Postage of Magazine	38.690,00
Sale of back issues	300,00	Expenses of Editorial board	2.000,00
Sale of posters, etc.	250,00	Expenses of Society board	1.600,00
Interest income	2.000,00	Depreciation on computers	2.500,00
Proceeds of the Snake Day	6.000,00		
Net deficit	15.440,00		
	44.790,00		44.790,00

FROM THE BOARD



Dear member, for several years the European Snake Society succeeded in publishing *Litteratura Serpentina* for Dfl 40 guilders. But increasing costs for printing, postage and also inflation urge us to ask a membership fee of Dfl 50. However, by asking Dfl 10 more this time, we don't need to raise the membership fee again for some years. And, even more important, we can guarantee the quality of *Litteratura Serpentina* for the next several years.

The board of the European Snake Society hopes that you can agree with this new membership fee and wishes you all the best in 2000. And of course we hope to see you on the Snake Day on 7th of October 2000!



