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From the editors

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We publicised an original article by Raymond Hoser describing a new species of snake from Irian Jaya in volume 20 (issue 6). In this issue you will find a reaction on Hoser's taxonomic contributions written by Wüster, Bush, Keogh, O'Shea and Shine. Wüster et.al criticise Hoser on the way he describes new genera and species. They also criticise the editors of *Litteratura Serpentina* for publishing the article without prior review by several qualified taxonomists.

Prior to publication we did send the Wüster article to Mister Hoser and offered him the opportunity to reply.

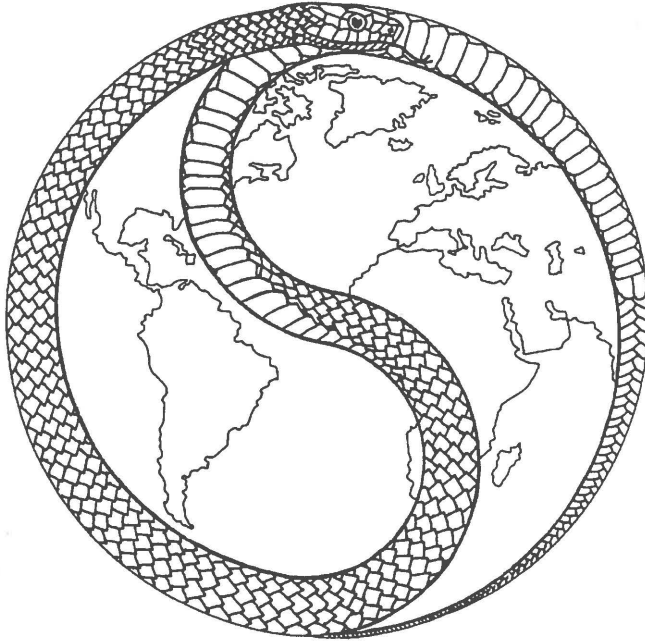
From the reactions received we can conclude that we are in the middle of a conflict that has been going on for years. *Litteratura Serpentina* had no intention to become part of, or escalate this conflict.

The publication of the Hoser paper is a fact. That is why we decided to publish the reaction by Wüster et.al. on that publication. If Mister Hoser decides to take the given opportunity to reply, you will find his response in the next issue. Both reactions are published on account of the authors themselves.

The editors do not wish to judge in this matter. After reading the contributions our readers can make up their own minds.



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