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SOCIETY NEWS

REPORT ON THE FIFTH ASSOCIATION YEAR

(1 APRIL 1985 TO 31 MARCH 1986).

During the fifth association year the Dutch Snake Society could not reverse the trend of the poor fourth association year: the number of members receded from 450 to 425; a number of members of the board and the editorial staff were heavily overworked and consequently the arrears in publishing *Litteratura Serpentina* could not be rectified. Sometimes it is depressing to see how, again and again, a well worked-out plan to recover ground, fails by all kinds of (mostly human) factors. Nevertheless the recovery during the fifth year started as follows: from May 1985 we published a Newsletter every month; the number of pages and the number of colour photographs in *Litteratura Serpentina* greatly increased; the yearly income of the Society rose by enough to contract out the printing of the Magazine to a commercial printing-office starting with the sixth volume and furthermore it seems likely that we can eliminate the arrears in publishing the Magazine during 1986. The number of pages in *Litteratura Serpentina* rose from 212 to 268 in the Dutch and from 200 to 260 in the English Edition. Additionally we printed a Dutch supplement of 20 pages with the constitutional rules applying to the Society. The number of colour photographs rose from 26 to 29. For the English Edition we found a second Editor: Adam Wright, who started to edit the articles about snakes of the New World, whilst Ken Welch corrected the articles about the snakes of the Old World. As from May 1985 we published a monthly Newsletter, covering Society news, announcements of

meetings and lectures at home and abroad, information about (new) foreign societies, news about books, and "Supply & Demand"-advertisements of the members. The Dutch "Nieuwsbrief" counted 20 pages, the English "Newsletter" 22 pages (May up to and including December 1985). John van der Pols took the initiative for the Newsletter and edited it, whilst Jaap Winus made the English translations. At the end of December Jaap Winus succeeded John as Editor.

In the course of the year we made contacts with the printing-office Elinkwijk in Utrecht, who with effect from the first number of the sixth volume will attend to the printing of *Litteratura Serpentina*. For the last two years this printing-office has already printed the colour photographs for the Magazine.

On 19 October 1985, the fifth, annual Snake Day was held in the Botanical Laboratory in Utrecht. The number of visitors was estimated at about 350; this included a complete coach load of German snake keepers. The number of visitors from England has risen every year. The six planned lectures, of which three were by German members, were held in Dutch and English. As a welcome intermezzo our member Ernie Wagner from the United States held a short presentation about his breeding results. Last year he had to cancel his lecture at the last moment due to ill health. The number of display stands grows every year. When the formal programme finished, about 50 participants went to a Greek restaurant for a meal. In short, the Snake Day has become a highly appreciated event.

Jaap Kooij was re-elected as Secretary for a further three-year period.

Anton van Woerkom,
25 april 1986.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED AND EXPENSES PAID
IN DUTCH GUILDERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1986

<u>Revenues Collected</u>		<u>Expenses Paid</u>	
Membership dues	f 10647.27	Printing costs of Magazine	f 7669.32
Donations	- 105.--	Expenses of editorial board	- 348.25
Advertisements	- 510.--	Postage of Magazine	- 2226.52
Sale of single issues	- 320.--	Printing costs of Newsletter	- 546.55
Sale of back issues	- 894.76	Postage of Newsletter	- 296.69
Sale of sweaters, etc.	- 10.--	Expenses of society board	- 364.22
Interest	- 194.92	Chamber of Commerce	- 60.--
Proceeds of the Meeting	- 253.29	Maintenance costs on equipment	- 170.--
		Net Income	- 1253.69
	<u>f 12935.24</u>		<u>f 12935.24</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES ON 31 MARCH 1986
(IN DUTCH GUILDERS)

<u>Current Assets</u>		<u>Current Liabilities</u>	
In cash	f 85.45	Prepaid membership dues	f 856.--
In cash (foreign currency)	- 1225.50	Prepaid donations	- 175.--
Cash in Postal account	- 743.22	Accounts payable	- 2529.76
Cash in Postal savings account	- 3381.68	Fund Balance	- 4377.48
Cash in Bank	- 157.27		
Accounts receivable	- 615.--		
Sweaters in stock	- 780.--		
Prepaid accounts	890.12		
Guaranty for postal services	- 60.--		
2 Electr. typewriters	- --.--		
Offset press	- --.--		
Seal apparatus	- --.--		
	<u>f 7938.24</u>		<u>f 7938.24</u>

ESTIMATES OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR 1 APRIL 1985 TO 31 DECEMBER 1986

<u>Revenues</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Membership dues	f 11000.--	Printing costs of Magazine	f 10000.--
Donations	- 200.--	Postage of Magazine	- 2200.--
Advertisements	- 500.--	Printing costs of Newsletter	- 140.--
Sale of single issues	- 200.--	Postage of Newsletter	- 600.--
Sale of back issues	- 800.--	Expenses of board	- 400.--
Interest	- 200.--	Chamber of Commerce	- 60.--
Proceeds of the Meeting	- 250.--		
Net Loss	- 250.--		
	<u>f 13400.--</u>		<u>f 13400.--</u>