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SOCIETY NEWS

A number of changes have been made since the Snake-day in October of last year.

First of all it is our sad duty to announce that the Newsletter must return to the pages of the Litteratura Serpentina. We are forced into taking this measure as the Dutch Postal Service was threatening to raise the postal costs on us drastically if we were not prepared to give in to a number of ridiculous demands. Luckily, the consequences will not be that bad, as it looks as though our periodical will finally be published on time. The contents of the Newsletter will remain the same, as will its Editor Jaap Winius.

Edith den Ouden, who has been our Treasurer since 1981, has had to leave her post because she and her husband Casper are expecting their first child. We owe her our greatest thanks for having been such an admirable Treasurer and we wish her and her husband the very best of luck with their new baby.

Amazingly enough, we have already found someone willing to take her place. His name is Erwin Emond and he lives in The Hague. We wish him the best of luck also, and long may he serve!

Also leaving us is Ed Prüst, who has edited the column Literature since 1983. Ed is no longer able to combine his studies with his editorial work and was forced to make a choice. Anyway, thank you very much for your help Ed, and good luck with your education!

Fortunately, we have a replacement for Ed as well; his name is Jan Cor Jacobs, and he lives at the Van Diemenstraat 6-bis, 3531 GH in Utrecht (The Netherlands). He would be more than happy if members would help his "career" by sending him interesting literature, summaries and book-reviews.

About half a year ago, we sent all our members a form so that we could make an up-to-date list of the snakes kept and bred by all the members. Unfortunately, only 90 have been sent back to us. We would like to take this opportunity to announce that it is still possible to send in your list if you have not yet and want to be recorded on the new list. You do not necessarily have to use the original form we sent you (although that would be nice), just as long as you state which species you keep at the moment and which species you have bred (year, number of young, generation). People who have already sent in their forms may send in an additional list if their collections have changed. All lists should be sent to Anton van Woerkom, Nijenheim 9511, 3704 TV Zeist, The Netherlands.

The contribution for 1987 is still a mere f 25.--. Members who have still to remit their contributions are urged to do so in order to receive the February edition of *Litteratura Serpentina* as soon as possible.

The contribution for those living outside Holland and Belgium is f 35.--. Add another f 10.-- if you pay by cheque or International Postal Money Order. Payment should be made to our new Treasurer: Erwin Emond, Copernicusstraat 118, 2561 XC Den Haag, The Netherlands.