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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOCIETY

From our secretary

Last year brought at least one remarkable change: the layout of the magazine *Litteratura Serpentium* has been changed completely. This change was meant to make the magazine more readable by giving it a more modern look. According to the board of the European Snake Society the editors did do very well by making this choice.

Another change has been made by using Internet. Though the European Snake Society had its own homepage already for some time (<http://www.worldaccess.nl/ess>), it seemed wise to increase possibilities to contact the members of the board. Especially for future members that do not live in The Netherlands Internet, and in particular e-mail, offer great opportunities to contact the board in a rather cheap way. Therefor the secretary (ess@worldaccess.nl) and the treasurer (treas@worldaccess.nl) have their an Internet subscription and the means to send and receive e-mail. Till now Internet is well used by people all over the world who like to know something more about our society and snakes in general. Every week the society receives about five e-mails. We expect that this number will increase because of the increasing private use of Internet all over the world.

For the first time in history the Snake Day 1996 did not show an increase in the number of visitors. Just as in 1995, in 1996 about 3.000 people came to Houten to visit the Snake Day. That the number of visitors did not increase may be due to the Salamandra Tagung, which took place in Germany on the same date as the

Snake Day. However, the board is very satisfied about the Snake Day 1996. The quality of the lectures was high. The board wishes to express its appreciation to everyone who delivered a lecture or helped in some other way to make the Snake Day 1996 so successful.

The number of members is slowly increasing. Currently there are about 860 members, about half of them Dutch. In view of the fact that the European Snake Society wishes to be an international society, it would be nice to increase the percentage of members living outside Holland.

The board wishes that the 17th society year will as successful as last year and that you will enjoy being member of the European Snake Society. One of the highlights will be undoubtedly the Snake Day, which will be held on October 25th in Houten.

FINANCIËEL VERSLAG

ESV	Balans 31-12-1996											
	Debet		1996		1995		Credit		1996		1995	
Financiële midd.	81.460	68.270	Vooruitontv. contr.		16.250	15.860						
Computers	-	-	drukwerk te betalen		4.500	1.840						
Advert. tegoed	530	400	verzendk. te betalen		880	670						
Borg PTT/MAIL	330	330	SWG bijdrage		190	-						
voorraad divers.	-	500	red.kosten te betalen		-	400						
			res. jubileumuitg. LS		7.000	6.000						
			Kapitaal		53.500	44.730						
	82.320	69.500			82.320	69.500						

ESV	Financiëel overzicht 1996											
	Inkomsten		1996		begroot		Uitgaven		1996		begroot	
contributie	28.600	26.000	drukkosten		27.000	27.000						
oude jaargangen	1.210	1.500	verzendkosten		4.390	4.300						
advertenties	970	1.000	redaktiekosten		480	1300						
verkoop diversen	140	500	administratiekosten		930	700						
rente	2.610	2.500	bijdrage SWG		190	200						
slangendag	10.820	5.000	afschrijv./onderhoud computer		1.590	1.000						
			reservering LS jubileum uitgave		1.000	1.000						
			batig saldo		8.770	1.000						
	44.350	36.500			44.350	36.500						

ESV	Begroting 1997					
	Inkomsten	begroot	1996	Uitgaven	begroot	1996
contributie	28.000	28.600		drukkosten	27.000	27.000
oude jaargangen	1.000	1.210		verzendkosten	5.000	4.390
advertenties	1.000	970		redaktiekosten	800	480
verkoop divers.	500	140		administratiekost.	1.000	930
rente	2.500	2.610		bijdrage SWG	200	190
slangendag	5.000	10.820		onderhoud/afschrijving computers	3.000	1.590
				extra uitgave LS	-	1.000
				batig saldo	1.000	8.770
	38.000	44.350			38.000	44.350



ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ CALL FOR ASSISTANCE AT THE SNAKE DAY

On October 25 the annual Snake Day will again be organized in Houten, the Netherlands. To make this event again a success we need the assistance of our members. It mainly concerns making sure the regulations are observed with respect to snakes and feeding animals. If you are interested to help our Society please contact the secretary: Jan-Cor Jacobs, W.A.Vultostraat 62, 3523 TX Utrecht, The Netherlands. Phone +31-030-2801115.