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# **F**ROM THE BOARD



With some pride we are happy to present the first issue of volume 19 of *Litteratura Serpentina*. Our journal has been redesigned and we hope that the return of the Ouroboros – the mythical snake that bites her own tail, symbolising eternity - will be appreciated by many. This logo was designed by Caspar van Ouden (see *LS* vol 1, pg 69) who, apart from its mythical meaning, also intended to include some more symbolic meaning to it:

- The circle that represents the unity of our society
- the globe symbolising the international nature of our society as well as indicating that all snakes from all over the world are included.
- The snake itself, the animal which is our prime interest, is accentuated by the S-shape.

All this concerns the cover of our magazine. But what is important is inside the cover. And we are very pleased to say that things are looking good. We did receive quite some articles, we have a group of enthusiastic and competent translators working and thanks to modern methods like the computer, Fax and E-mail communications with the editors is quicker than ever. In addition to this we changed to a new and very efficient DTP bureau that not only handles the lay-out of *Litteratura Serpentina* but also takes care of the final printing and sending of our magazine. All this makes that we are confident of the coming year.

Many of the present achievements we thank to the present Editors-in-chief Cécile and René van der Vlugt. As from volume 14 they had the final responsibility for our magazine and

often this was not an easy task. In those periods there were hardly translators available they did many miles of translations themselves both from Dutch to English and vice versa. They acted as intermediates between all those in Holland and abroad who assisted with the editorial work for *LS*. In addition to their editorial responsibilities they also served on the board of our society to ensure its continuity.

We are therefore very sorry to learn that they have decided to step back as editors-in-chief. Their second child and their work no longer allow them to do their job for *Litteratura Serpentina* the way they did during the last few years. Fortunately they will both still be available for translations in the future. Cécile and René, the board would like to thank you for all the good and accurate work you two did over the years and your pleasant cooperation.

Although the Editors-in-chief will not end their job immediately, the board of the European Snake Society and the editors are looking for a replacement for Cécile and René. If you have the ambition to take over this challenging task please contact somebody from the board or yours truly,

*Marcel van der Voort*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Snake Day 1999

The European Snake Society will organise its annual Snake Day on Saturday 2nd October 1999. This event will take place at the Euretco Expo Center in Houten (5 km south of Utrecht) in The Netherlands.

The address is Meidoornkade 24, Houten and it can be reached by regional coach from Utrecht railway station or by coach from Houten railway station.

If you travel by car you choose exit "Houten" on the A27 and follow the signs for the industrial park "Doornkade" (also see map further on). There is ample parking space available in the vicinity of the building.

## NEW MEMBERSHIP ADMINISTRATION

In the cause of this year Guido Gomes will lay down his duties as treasurer and membership administrator of the European Snake Society. As off February 1, 1999 the task of membership administrator will be taken over by:

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