

## **EUROPEAN AQUARIUM & TERRARIUM ASSOCIATION**



**WE SUPPORT RESPONSIBLE AND ETHICAL  
FISHKEEPING AND TERRARIUM KEEPING !**

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### **NEWSLETTER 3**

Dear members and friends,

First I wish to tell you that our group working on the EATA **statutes** will shortly finish its job. This is very important for the future and the credibility of EATA and the way it works.

Also that EATA **will engage more for conservation programs**, which will be done through a species breeding statistic among our members. In order to avoid wasting our time by re-opening a file that already exists, we will be working together with VDA to create one database for all of us.

Furthermore, I would like to **focus our attention on the future**. As we all know, we have a hobby that is maintained by more mature citizens, **it is time that we turn to the youth to take up the torch. They are taking over from us the EARTH together with its FAUNA and FLORA ! And it is our task to prepare them!**

Some of us have already understood this, but not everyone!!!!

**Please take this at heart! This is what I wish us for 2015!!!**

Speaking about **FUTURE**, we must all get more involved in the defence of our hobby. Across Europe, pet keeping is denounced as a "plunder of natural resources" that is not up-to-date and does not fulfil the welfare requirements of livestock, etc....

**Let us prove that our members practice their hobby in a responsible and nature loving way.**

Maybe it's time to call for a **EUROPEAN certificate of competence !**

For EATA it is becoming essential to work with the **industry** for the purpose of information exchange and to get financial support against the enemies of our hobby. I am going to convene a symposium in 2015 to put this into practice. At the same time, we need to **increase our efforts** to persuade further European organizations to join us. In the EU, you can only exert influence on decisions through the size of your organization!

**We would like to thank you all for the Cooperation and loyalty to EATA!!!!!!**

**I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a healthy and successful 2015  
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Sincerely yours  
Werner Dossler  
President EATA

