

## MESSAGE TO MEMBERS

Dear Members,

The AAZV/ARAV/AAWV/NAG 2001 joint meeting was a tremendous success. After the tragic events of September 11, it was unclear whether the meeting would occur, but our Executive Director, Wilbur Amand, insisted that we go ahead with it. With nearly 800 attendees from all over the world, it was clear that Dr. Amand's decision was correct. The solidarity displayed by the efforts of attendees to make it to the meeting is a credit to our organizations and countries. Thanks to all of those who went to great effort to make the meeting a success. A special thanks is in order to our hosts, the cast of Disney, and our sponsors Bayer, Fort Dodge, Waltham, Veterinary Specialty Products, Cook Veterinary Products, Accuvet Lasers, Fluker Farms, St. Augustine Alligator Farm, Midwest Custom Products, and the Chelonian Research Institute.

We have an ambitious agenda for 2002, which includes major improvements in our website, increased visibility of the ARAV in the professional herpetological community, increased funding for our conservation and research programs, and an improved mailing/membership database. We will continue to publish quarterly issues of the Journal, and I encourage any of you to consider submitting Case Reports, What's-Your-Diagnosis, In-My-Experience, or more detailed papers to the Journal. This is your publication, and we need your help to keep it moving. Well, what are you waiting for???????



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