

1. Foreword

“Parler, écrire, imprimer, publier: cercles concentriques de l'intelligence. Ondes sonores de la pensée”
Victor Hugo

The present booklet is published on the occasion of the sixth great wave in European malacology — the Sixth European Malacological Congress. It is with great pleasure that the Nederlandse Malacologische Vereniging (Dutch Malacological Society) presents it to all participants. We believe that, particularly for our foreign visitors, “Malacology in the Netherlands” will be a passe-partout, by means of which you may inspect and enter the malacological world of our country and we sincerely hope that this printed invitation will underline the warm welcome expressed by our society.

In the afternoon of Monday 29 Juni 1959 Dr. L. Forcart here in the Netherlands read a paper on the “Probleme öffentlicher Molluskensammlungen und Möglichkeiten internationaler Zusammenarbeit”. Five countries have since clearly proved that “Möglichkeiten” may become realities. This year we have the honour of receiving you all in Amsterdam and we all feel a great responsibility to do our utmost to make the congress a pleasurable reality. I may conclude by saying that the Nederlandse Malacologische Vereniging wishes you a successful congress and that the society hopes that the concentric circles of intellect will continue to spread in an ever expanding world of malacology.

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