

We must say good bye

to one of our best friends, conservationist, supporter and a wonderful person.

Until a few days ago we had been in contact almost every week and discussed our projects.

And now, via facebook, we have the message that **HENK ZWARTEPOORTE** expired suddenly during the last few days on a trip to Australia.

HENK was chairing and founding the *European Turtle Survival Alliance*, the *European Studbook Foundation* and lastly the *Reherp foundation*. Unforgotten will be his immense knowledge in reptile husbandry and his conservation efforts since the time of his job as curator at Rotterdam (*Diergaarde Blijdorp*) Zoo.

I just can express my personal sadness having so unexpectedly lost such a great and unique friend. As chair of both, Arco-Spain and Arco-Nepal, I cannot find any words to describe all the great collaboration and time and productive discussions we had together.

My dearest friend HENK - many friends you have left in this world with their mourning but also great respect for your wonderful personality and continuous fight for conservation of the most endangered animals on our earth. You will remain unforgotten forever! We will share some photos to all remembering and honoring HENK.

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Photos with Henk at ARCO-Spain from last years and some of the animals he brought as well as greenhouses and enclosures he supported



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