

## News of the Society

On March 19, 1991, the Florida Keys Chapter of the I.I.S. held its first general membership meeting. The meeting was well attended considering its somewhat remote location at Lord of the Seas Church on Big Pine Key. Thirty-one members and guests were present, including representatives from the Dolphin Research Center, Save A Turtle, Inc., and The Key Deer Protection Alliance. I.I.S. Treasurer, David Ehrlich, explained the workings of a Florida non-profit corporation. Board member and Editor, Richard Montanucci, briefly discussed the endangered status of many iguana species and the challenge that I.I.S. faces as an active conservation and educational organization. He expressed pleasure at being in an area where so many people are actively involved in conservation. Society President, Robert Ehrig, described the different characteristics of several genera of iguanas using live animals. A male *Cyclura nubila* (8 years old), a female gold *Ctenosaura similis*, a female *Cyclura cornuta* (3 1/2 years old), and a male *Iguana iguana* were displayed. Refreshments were served after the meeting and three new members joined the society.



I.I.S. President, Robert Ehrig with male Cuban iguana, *Cyclura nubila*, and participants at Keys Chapter meeting on 19 March 1991. Laurel Canty photo.

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Robert Ehrig (left) and Richard Montanucci remove an angry subadult female Rhinoceros Iguana, *Cyclura cornuta*, from bag. Laurel Canty photo.



Sea Turtle Hospital owner, Richie Moretti, displays male *Iguana iguana*, to young enthusiasts. Laurel Canty photo.

#### I.I.S. Publicity

The I.I.S. was well represented recently at several herpetological events in California. At the Conference on Captive Propagation of Reptiles and Amphibians held at U.C. Davis in February, society member, Skip Kruse, set up a display which drew much attention. Society vice-president, David Blair, generated additional interest in iguanas at this same conference by presenting the paper "West Indian Rock Iguanas (Genus *Cyclura*): Their Captive Propagation and Current Status in the Wild." David's talk and slides were also presented at two additional regional meetings: The Southern California Herpetology Association in Long Beach on March 11th, and The Southwestern Herpetologists Society in Reseda on April 2nd. The talks were well received and the I.I.S. was again represented with pictorial displays. More than 200 I.I.S. membership applications were distributed to interested parties at the three meetings. It is hoped these efforts will generate additional active members for our society.

#### I.I.S. Bookstore

As a service to our membership, a limited number of publications will be distributed through the I.I.S. Bookstore. We believe this will become a valuable source of information. The following publications are now available:

- No. 01      **The General Care and Maintenance of the Green Iguana**, by Philippe de Vosjoli. 1990. \$4.40 (including postage); \$5.50 (non-members).
- No. 02      **Guide to the Identification of the Amphibians and Reptiles of the West Indies (Exclusive of Hispaniola)**, by Albert Schwartz and Robert Henderson. 1985. \$19.00 (including postage); \$27.00 (non-members).