



IHS 2018 Houston Schedule

Wednesday

- 1:00pm-3:00pm Board Meeting CLOSED
- 7:00pm-10:00pm Icebreaker – snacks and drinks provided, all are welcome!

Thursday

- 8:20am-8:30am Opening Announcements
- 8:30am-9:30am Keynote: Twan Leenders
Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History
- 9:30am-9:50am Dusty Rhoads
Texas Christian University How the H-Snake Lost Its Hs: Mendelian Inheritance and Geographic Distribution of the Blonde phase of the Trans-Pecos Ratsnake (*Bogertophis subocularis*)
- 9:50am-10:20am Colette Adams
Gladys Porter Zoo Herpers, Crocodiles, and Beer
- 10:20am-10:30am BREAK
- 10:30am-10:50am Melissa Spradley
Houston Zoo Houston Toad Recovery Program
- 10:50am-11:20am Chris Dieter
Crocodile Encounter Raising Jurassic Park: Outdoor propagation of tropical crocodiles in Texas
- 11:20am-12:00pm Chris Figgner
Texas A&M The Riddle of the Two Nesting Behaviors of the Olive Ridley Sea Turtle (*Lepidochelys olivacea*)
- 12:00pm-1:25pm LUNCH
- 1:25pm-1:50pm Clinton Doak
Turtle Survival Alliance Unlocking the Secret to Sulawesi Endemic Turtles
- 1:50pm-2:10pm Sal Scibetta
Department of Defense Antivenom Use in Department of Defense
- 2:10pm-2:40pm Dr. Phil Raladis Salamanders of the genus *Isthmura*: Imperiled Jewels of the Mexican Highlands
- 2:40pm-3:00pm Dr. Neil Ford
University of Texas at Tyler Catch-up growth impacts on adult reproduction in snakes
- 3:00pm-3:10pm BREAK
- 3:10pm-3:40pm Michael Price
Wild about Texas Wild about Texas
- 3:40pm-4:00pm Quetzal Dwyer
Parque Reptilandia Understanding and unraveling reproductive cues in captivity for tropical reptiles with emphasis on *Simalia boeleni*
- 4:00pm-4:30pm Ty Park
- 4:30pm-4:50pm Tim Cole
Austin Reptile Services Status update on Rattlesnake Round-ups in Oklahoma & Texas along with past, present, and future of the Rattlesnake Preservation Trust
- 4:50pm-5:10pm Vince Scheidt
IHS Reptiles of the Revillagigedos Archipelago



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7:30pm-10:00pm An Evening with Dr. Harry Greene Presentation, books sales and signing, plus a meet and greet!

Friday

8:20am-8:30am Friday Announcements

8:30am-9:00am Robert Edwards Unimaginable Voyages and Unique Roads- A brief synopsis outlining Rara-Avis, Biological Preserves and the history of ecotourism in Costa Rica

9:30am-10:10am Josh Holbrook
Montreat College The Field Herping Guide: Manifesto to the Next Generation of Herpers

10:10am-10:20am BREAK

10:20am-11:05am Dr. Spencer Greene
Baylor College of Medicine Beyond antivenom: novel therapies for snakebites

11:05am-11:50am Carl Franklin
University of Texas Arlington Fear, Loathing and new Dance Moves featuring the Zulia toad-headed turtle

11:50am-12:10pm Gerry Salmon
KT Wildlife Results of Reptile and Amphibian Public Opinion Surveys

12:10am-1:20pm LUNCH

1:20pm-1:50pm Dr. Marisa Tellez
Crocodile Research Coalition Sinking Your Teeth Into Crocodile Conservation

1:50pm-2:30pm Rick Hudson
Turtle Survival Alliance The impact of the Turtle Survival Alliance on species listed in Turtles in Trouble: The World's 25+ Most Endangered Tortoises and Freshwater Turtles – 2018

2:30pm-3:00pm Marnee Roundtree
University of Nebraska Lincoln Tackling Amphibian Chytrid Disease with a One Health approach

3:00pm-3:35pm Ari Flagle
Fort Worth Zoo Project Black Python: Tracking *Simalia boeleni* in the Highlands of West Papua New Guinea; 10 years of blood, sweat, and penis gourds

4:15pm Busses leave for Houston Zoo

6:30pm Houston Zoo Dinner

Saturday

8:20am-8:30am Saturday Announcements

8:30am-9:30am Collegiate Speed Session:
Neil Balchan
Noah Garwood
Dane Conley
Matthew Schalk
Katie Karl
Movements in the fall migrating red-sided garter snake (*Thamnophis sirtalis parietalis*)
The Peruvian Amazon: A Land of Mystery and Majesty
Scarlet Kingsnake Range Distribution of the Mid-Atlantic Region
Incorporating Herp Education into an Agritourism Event
Conservation Through Art

9:30am-10:00am Paul Moler
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Travelogue: Reptiles and Amphibians of Vietnam

10:00am-10:30am Micha Petty
Louisiana Exotic Animal Resource Network Innovations in Outreach: Interpreting Herps to the Public

10:30am-10:40am BREAK



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10:40am-11:00am	Robert Hill <i>Zoo Atlanta</i>	Research and Conservation of Grenada's Endemic Herpetofauna
11:00am-11:30am	Bruce Shwedick <i>The Crocodylian Conservation Center of Florida, Inc.</i>	Secret Croc of the Sunda Islands
11:30am-12:30pm	Junior Herpers/Next Gen	
12:30pm-1:30pm	LUNCH	
1:30pm-2:30pm	John T Herp Quiz	
2:30pm-3:10pm	Dr. Ellis Nordyke <i>University of St Thomas - Houston</i>	Mitochondrial DNA Phylogeography of <i>Lampropeltis alterna</i> (Serpentes: Colubridae)
3:10pm-3:25pm	Dr. Alex Hall <i>Thermo Fisher Scientific</i>	Computed Tomography Reveals Hidden Bone Tumor in a Coralsnake
3:25pm-3:40pm	María Elena Barragán-Paladines <i>Fundacion Herpetologica Gustavo Orces</i>	New approaches towards the conservation of venomous snakes in Ecuador
3:40pm-3:55pm	BREAK	
3:55pm-4:25pm	Jorden Perrett	Aspidites: An Ancient Lineage of Pythons in Modern Herpetoculture
4:25pm-4:55pm	Clint Guadiana <i>Gladys Porter Zoo</i>	A Stone's Throw from Mexico: Herping South Texas
6:30pm-11:00pm	Banquet/Silent Auction/Live Auction/Awards	
7:00pm	Banquet Speaker: William Lamar	

JUNIOR HERPETOLOGIST PROGRAM 2018

12-15 Age Group

Winner - Michael Skibsted (Ladera Ranch, California) "*Macrochelys temminckii*: The Living Dinosaur"

Runner Up - Scout Aulenbach (Lilburn, Georgia) "Indigo Days"

Runner Up - Cameron Paul Sanders (Phoenix, Arizona) "The Axolotl: This "Walking Fish" is Walking on Thin Ice"

16-18 Age Group

Winner - Tyler N. Tobias (Natchez, Mississippi) "Dinosaurs, *Abronia*, and the Microcosm That is Herpetological Conservation"

Runner Up - Olivia Damm (Lodi, Ohio) "The Gila Monster"

Runner Up - Tatem Shoemaker (Corpus Christi, Texas) "The Axolotl"

NEXTGEN HERPETOLOGIST AWARD

Winner - Paul Coyne (Chatham, New Jersey) "The Matamata: *Chelus fimbriatus*"