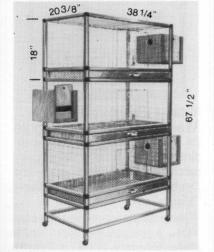


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by Rosemary Low Curator, Loro Parque, Tenerife, Canary Islands

Checks totalling \$24,260 were presented by Wolfgang Kiessling (left), director and owner of Loro Parque, to Dr. Christoph Imboden of the International Council for Bird Preservation (Cambridge, England). Also pictured is Rosemary Low, who attended the First International Parrot Convention held in Loro Parque. Tenerife, Canary Islands, October 1986. Loro Parque has the most comprehensive collection of parrots in the world. Rosemary Low made an appeal on behalf of the imperial Amazon parrot, from Dominica in the West Indies.

ICBP had launched the **Dominican** Parrot Project to try to save the imperial parrot, in imminent danger of extinction due to destruction of habitat. The project will also help protect Dominica's other parrot, the rednecked Amazon (Amazona arausiaca). However, last year the project ran out of funds, but due to the magnificent response of the participants at the symposium, also to the generosity of Germany's major bird club, AZ, who contributed \$5,550, and Wolfgang Kiessling, the project can now continue.

Indeed, in March 1986, Dr. Peter Evans, who leads the research team, returned to Dominica. The aim of his research, which will continue until 1988, if sufficient funding can be found. is to advise the Government of Dominica on measures to protect the parrots.

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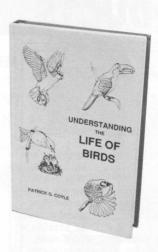
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