

NEWS OF THE SOCIETY

Iguanas on the Web

The International Iguana Society is proud to announce that it has a new site on the World Wide Web. We're very excited about this new venture. The site has been successful in drawing a steady flow of new members, as well as selling back issues of *Iguana Times* and t-shirts.

The Society has known for a while that it needed more exposure, and that the Internet was one of the best resources—it just took a while to get it off the ground.

The creation of a Web site was a hot topic at the I.I.S. Board of Directors' meeting this year in Bonita Springs, Florida. After the meeting, Board member and graphic designer, Mike Ripca, decided to dive in and take crack at it. Designing

Web pages was something he had wanted to try for a long time, but could never find the time. The meeting gave him the motivation he needed to *make* the time for it. The fact that Mike has a rather large archive of electronic artwork to draw upon, from designing and producing *Iguana Times* for the last six years, certainly helped.

If you haven't visited yet, you can find us at www.members.home.net/iis/IISHomePage.html.

The site is constantly growing and changing (one of the many benefits of Web design). If you have an idea for a new page or section, or even if you spot a typo, or come across a dead link on the site, please feel free to e-mail Mike and let him know (Lizard1@aol.com). If you happen to be a

Web designer or programmer and have any comments or suggestions, Mike would love to hear from you.

Some sections we plan to add or expand upon in the future are:

Family Iguanidae: this new section will include a color-coded world map showing the locations of all species of iguanas. This map will have links to pages with photographs and full descriptions of each iguana, including current endangered status, estimated populations, and much more.

Iguana Rescue: this new section will contain information about the efforts of individuals and iguana rescue groups around the world, with links to related Web sites.

Iguana Care Sheet: we plan to expand this existing section very soon with more detailed information.

We would like to express our thanks to Melissa Kaplan, John Iverson, and Bill Hayes who made a valiant attempt at creating a Web site for us a few years ago. We'd also like to thank Manny Lorenzo for maintaining a few I.I.S. Web pages on his Good Green Fun site. 

