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Continued Growth

Biawak continues to grow in terms of its global reach and readership. The period between June 2016 and July 2017 saw the addition of 78 new members, bringing IVIG membership to a total of 1,125 individuals from 60 countries. In addition to the informational resources available through the IVIG's website, <http://varanidae.org>, the discussion group entitled "*Biawak - International Journal of Varanid Biology and Husbandry*" on the popular social media website Facebook.com continues to grow and promote the exchange of ideas, news, and information relating to the biology and husbandry of varanid lizards. All IVIG members are encouraged to join and participate in this open forum. Current participants of this discussion group number 2,752.

New Editorial Board Members

The International Varanid Interest Group welcomes several new individuals to the editorial board of *Biawak*. David S. Kirshner (Sydney, Australia), Laurence Paul (San Antonio Zoo, United States), Samuel S. Sweet (University of California, Santa Barbara, United States), Valter Weijola (University of Turku, Finland), and Thomas Ziegler (Cologne Zoo, Germany) join the board as members of the editorial review team. Collectively, their research backgrounds span such diverse fields as ecology, evolution, taxonomy and systematics, conservation and captive management, and bring decades of further expertise to the editorial board.

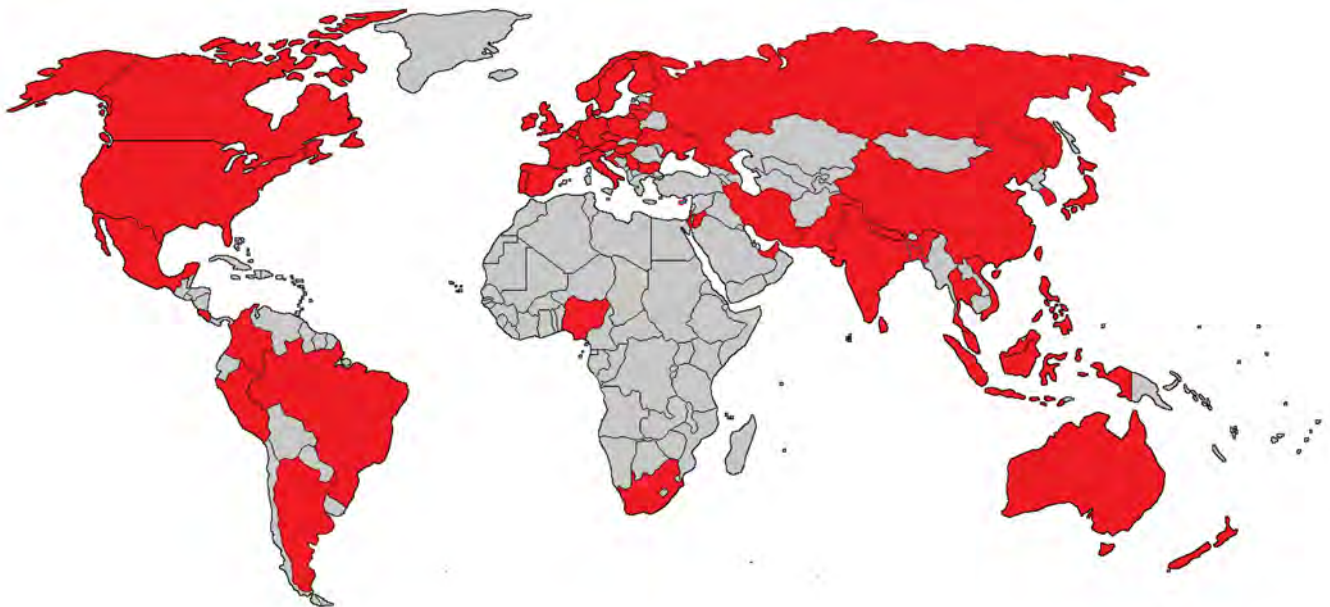


Fig. 1. Current global distribution of IVIG membership.