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Dear friends and colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the **14th International Symposium on Wild Boar and Other Suids**, taking place from **September 9 to 11, 2026**, in the historic city of **Zagreb, Croatia**. Guided by the inspiring theme “**Rooting towards the Future**”, this year’s symposium brings together researchers, experts, wildlife managers, and enthusiasts from all around the globe.

The 14th IWBS offers a valuable opportunity to share the latest scientific advances, promote international collaboration, and gain fresh insights into the ecology, genetics, and management of these vital species. Our diverse and engaging scientific programme will be organised into the following key sessions:

- **African swine fever and other diseases**
- **Biology and genetics**
- **Ecology and behavioural ecology**
- **Human-wildlife interactions and management policies**

The symposium will be hosted at the University of Zagreb Faculty of Agriculture, an institution with a long-standing tradition in scientific research and education. All further information, schedule updates, and details regarding the event will be published regularly on the Official 14th IWBS Website.

Thank you for joining us in Zagreb, a vibrant capital celebrated for its rich cultural heritage, beautiful architecture, and exceptional hospitality. We hope that this symposium will provide an outstanding environment to reconnect with colleagues, forge new professional partnerships, and contribute significantly to both personal and scientific growth.

We wish you all a highly successful, productive, and inspiring symposium!

On behalf of the Scientific and Organizing committees,

Damir Ugarković & Nikica Šprem

Symposium Chairs

Tuesday 8.9.2026	
14:00 - 17:00	REGISTRATION AND POSTER INSTALLATION

Wednesday 9.9.2026	
8:00 - 10:00	REGISTRATION AND POSTER INSTALLATION
10:00 - 10:30	OPENING CEREMONY
10:30 - 11:15	Katja Schulz Tracking African swine fever in Europe: wild boar, epidemiology, and emerging
11:15 - 12:00	Jorge Ramón López-Olvera This little piggy went to town: causes, consequences and management of wild boar synurbization
12:00 - 13:30	LUNCH
13:30 - 13:45	Giovanna Massei Boar, baits and behaviour: a review
13:45 - 14:00	Pauline Emond Rethinking wild boar in times of crisis: wildlife management and human animal relations in Wallonia during ASF
14:00 - 14:15	Julien Fattebert Roadkill patterns in Lithuania: a focus on wild boar, ASF and COVID (if not, why not?)
14:15 - 14:30	Adrian Meyer Multitemporal AI for predicting wild boar collisions on French railways
14:30 - 14:45	Carlos Fonseca The wild boar situation in Portugal: from population assessment to impact mitigation
14:45 - 15:00	Michael Marlow The pig in the room: its time to start talking about feral swine hunting in the United States
15:00 - 15:30	COFFEE BREAK
15:30 - 15:45	Erin Thomas An assessment of methods to measure densities of wild boar
15:45 - 16:00	Agus Jati Complexities in conserving the Togean babirusa: human-wildlife conflict or conflict between humans?
16:00 - 16:15	Lucas Villard Spatio-temporal distribution and human perception of warthog and bushpig in a dense protected areas network in western Tanzania
16:15 - 16:30	Claude Fischer A review of the conservation status of subsaharian wild suids: implication for management and conservation
16:30 - 16:45	Mihael Janječić Monitoring Seasonal Wallow Use in Wild Boar Using Camera Traps
16:45 - 17:00	Loreto Urbina Effect of landscape structure and hunting on the spatial behaviour of wild boar in human-dominated areas
17:00 - 17:15	Rudy Brogi Wild experiments reveal behavioural mechanisms of wild boar success in human-dominated landscapes
17:15 - 17:30	Michaela Masilkova Trap preference and injury risk in wild boar: comparing three capture systems

Thursday 10.9.2026	
8:00 - 09:00	REGISTRATION AND POSTER INSTALLATION
09:00 - 9:45	Kevin Morelle 25 years of tracking, 10 years of Euroboar: where did the wild boar move (and where will it move next?)
9:45 - 10:30	Francesco Ferretti From the sea to mountains: ecology and interspecific interactions of wild boar
10:30 - 11:00	COFFEE BREAK
11:00 - 11:15	Jeremy Hardouin Do wild boar visit the dead? Behavioural responses to conspecific carcasses
11:15 - 11:30	Janine Rietz Scavenger behaviour at wild boar carcasses and implications for disease management
11:30 - 11:45	Joaquín Vicente Banos A decade of wild boar population monitoring in Spain: integrating camera trapping, hunting data, control effort and modelling for long-term assessment
11:45 - 12:00	Niccolò Fattorini Do wild boar impact mammal communities? A behavioural analysis
12:00 - 12:15	Seunghyeok Kang Habitat-contingent behavioural flexibility in wild boar at the human–wildlife interface
12:15 - 12:30	Tamas Tari The role of microhabitats in the urban occurrence of wild boar (<i>Sus scrofa</i>)
12:30 - 12:45	Sungwon Hong Spatiotemporal responses of wild boar (<i>Sus scrofa</i>) to human activity in two South Korean national parks
12:45 - 13:00	Konstantinos Papakostas Spatiotemporal interactions between wild boar and roe deer in Slovenia
13:00 - 14:30	LUNCH
14:30 - 15:30	POSTER SESSION
15:30 - 15:45	Inger Maren Rivrud Wild boar in Norway: monitoring and management of an invasive species
15:45 - 16:00	Travis Stoakley Movement ecology of wild boar post human abandonment of the Fukushima Nuclear Exclusion Zone, Japan
16:00 - 16:15	Bernet Jules Space use and behavioral similarity as drivers of dyadic GPS-based interactions in free-ranging wild boar (<i>Sus scrofa</i>)
16:15 - 16:30	Dariusz Hardalau Multi scale environmental drivers of wild boar activity in Europe
16:30 - 16:45	Alice Comuzzi Sexual segregation in resource selection: how baiting shapes sex-specific movement of wild boar
16:45 - 17:00	Jana Dietrich Wild boar in Lennebergwald: a unique case study of a fenced wild boar population
17:00 - 17:15	Matthew Ward Uncovering the world of the warty pig: identify the social dynamics of the elusive Visayan warty pig (<i>Sus cebifrons</i>)
17:15 - 17:30	Katarína Flajšman Seasonal and ontogenetic variation in the dietary niche of wild boar: a stable isotope approach
17:30 - 17:45	Marwan Naciri Assessing age- and sex-specific contributions to density dependence in wild boar
17:45 - 18:00	Selma Maarouf Improving wild boar relative abundance models by combining environmental and hunting data: insights from municipality-scale landscape analysis

Friday 11.9.2026		
8:00 - 09:00	REGISTRATION AND POSTER INSTALLATION	
09:00 - 09:15	Massimo Scandura Genomic footprints of wild boar parallel evolution on two Mediterranean islands	
09:15 - 09:30	Ferran Jori Genomic analysis of hybridization between domestic pigs and <i>Potamochoerus</i> spp. from sympatric areas of Benin and Madagascar	
09:30 - 09:45	Timothy Smyser Leveraging genetic analyses to inform disease preparedness for feral swine in the United States	
09:45 - 10:00	Aja Bončina What's beneath the surface? Wild boar diet across seasons and land use	
10:00 - 10:15	Carles Conejero BCNWB-ASFV: A spatially explicit agent-based model to evaluate African swine fever spread and management strategies in urban-habituated wild boar in Barcelona	
10:15 - 10:30	Johanna Rode-White African swine fever: a global crisis for Asian wild pig diversity	
10:30 - 10:45	Ahmad Faisal ASF impact on the endemic pig species of Indonesia	
10:45 - 11:00	Sonia Lombardi Predictive Bayesian models for the impact of African swine fever in rare wild pig populations in Asia	
11:00 - 11:30	COFFEE BREAK	
11:30 - 11:45	Aleksandra Kosowska Rethinking African swine fever surveillance in wild boar: non-invasive approaches	
11:45 - 12:00	Barbara Franzetti Rethinking Mediterranean ASF threat: scavengers and missing cannibalism redefine transmission risk	
12:00 - 12:15	Per Zakariasson Coordinated management of African swine fever in Sweden, from the hunter's perspective: lessons from the Fagersta outbreak 2023–2024	
12:15 - 12:30	Niels Hahn Drone-assisted wild boar hunting and ASF control: the ambivalent role of recreational hunters	
12:30 - 12:45	Samantha Wisely Innovations in pathogen surveillance for invasive wild boar	
12:45 - 13:00	Ferran Jori A serological survey of porcine pathogens in bushpigs living in sympatry with domestic pig populations in rural areas of Madagascar	
13:00 - 13:15	David Relimpio Strategies to improve bait uptake in low-density wild boar populations	
13:15 - 14:30	LUNCH	
14:30 - 17:00	PARALLEL WORKSHOPS	
	<u>DO'S AND DON'TS IN ASF MANAGEMENT FOLLOWING PRIMARY INCURSIONS: EXPERIENCES EXCHANGE AND ROUND TABLE</u> <u>Chairs: Carme Rosell, Kevin Morelle</u> Xavier Fernandez Aguilar African swine fever re-emergence in Spain: early outbreak dynamics in wild boar Jorge Ramon Lopez Olvera Challenges for ASFV control in the peri-urban wild boar population of Barcelona, Spain Carme Rosell Fine-scale connectivity modelling for identifying strategic crossing points through barriers during an African swine fever outbreak	<u>FROM TRAP TO TRACK: BEST PRACTICES IN WILD BOAR GPS TELEMETRY</u> <u>Chairs: Mihael Janječić, Tamás Tari</u> Pietro Pontiggia Measuring what really matters: live-trapping effectiveness and animal welfare in wild boar management Darren Marshall Juha-Petri Lemivaara Lech Iliszko Aki Marttila
17:00 - 17:45	CLOSING CEREMONY	
20:00	GALA DINNER - RESTAURANT "MAKSIMIR" (click here for location)	

Saturday 12.9.2026		
9:00	TRIP TO PLITVICE LAKES NATIONAL PARK Departure from Faculty of Agriculture at 9:00, transport by bus	