

Introduction to Papers on Wild Boar Biology and Management

In line with the increasing population densities of wild boar in Europe and other countries of the world, also research has been increasing steadily in this field. Researchers have to understand the causes of the overpopulation of the species and to find solutions for problems deriving from high densities such as damaging crops and forest regeneration, spreading of diseases or conflicts with humans.

In the series of similar symposia, the 7th International Symposium on Wild Boar (*Sus scrofa*) and on Sub-order *Suiformes* was organised by the Institute of Wildlife Management and Vertebrate Zoology, Faculty of Forestry, University of West Hungary in Sopron, in cooperation with the Regional Knowledge Centre of Forest and Wood Utilization of the University of West Hungary. The 135 participants from many countries of Europe, from Australia, India, Japan and Taiwan have spent two days with workshop presentations and a one-day field trip. Papers were presented in the field of population dynamics, ethology, reproduction, modeling, space and habitat use, feeding, diseases, anatomy, physiology, hunting and management. The texts of the presentations were published in a proceedings volume*.

In cooperation with the editorial board, some authors had been invited to submit their manuscripts to *Acta Silvatica & Lignaria Hungarica*. The papers were selected and reviewed by the scientific committee of the symposium, based on scientific excellence and actuality of the problem investigated. It is the expectation of the organisers that these papers will contribute to the better knowledge of the biology and management of wild boar.

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