



Plenary Speakers



Dr. Jack Mayer

"Wild Pigs: America's Most Successful Large Invasive Species?"

Dr. Mayer received both his B.A. in biology and Ph.D. in zoology from the University of Connecticut. He is currently a research scientist and manager at the Savannah River National Laboratory in Aiken, South Carolina. Dr. Mayer has been conducting research on wild pigs for over 36 years. Although mostly focused on morphological work, it has also included research on wild pigs in the areas of systematics, behavior, population biology, reproductive biology, damage/impacts, and management/control techniques. He is the senior author of "Wild Pigs in the United States." Dr. Mayer's work with wild pigs has spanned three continents and included over 20,000 specimens examined/measured. He was also one of the National Geographic Society team of scientists who were unearthen and examined the legendary, or perhaps infamous, "Hogzilla."



Dr. Skip Jack

"Pigs, pigs EVERYWHERE! What you don't know can HURT you."

Dr. Jack is a professor of veterinary pathology at Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine for the past 20 years. Over the past 2 years, he also serves in the Berryman Institute housed at the College of Forest Resources Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Aquaculture. His teaching and research interests include emerging infectious and zoonotic diseases, especially those involving wildlife.