

AKA 2021 National Convention

June 11-13 - St Louis, MO

American Killifish Association Convention 2021 - June 11 through June 13, 2021 at the Holiday Inn St. Louis, Airport West. This AKA Convention is being co-sponsored by the St. Louis Area Killifish Association (SLAKA) and the Missouri Aquarium Society (MASI).

Friday Show Set-Up

Saturday Speakers:

Christophe Aubin - Bordeaux, France - traveled, photographed and collected killifish and other fish in Cameroon and Congo. He has spoken to aquarium clubs throughout Europe about his collecting experiences and the fish hobby. See some of his photos at <https://www.stofmania.com/>

Donald Taphorn, PhD - lived nearly 30 years in Venezuela, where he collected and studied annual killifish. Dr. Taphorn will present the annual killifish of Venezuela, including his collecting work with the late Professor Jamie Thomerson in the Orinoco. His time in Venezuela was spent at UNELLEZ (the University of the Western Llanos), where he founded a Natural History Museum and Fish Collection- one of the finest in South America, fully computerized with almost 50,000 catalogued lots.

Richard Pierce, PhD - Massachusetts - a marine biologist who has studied and collected killifish for many years. Rich will be presenting a program on the Lampeye group with some great information on this unique and beautiful group of killifish.

Dave Hemmerlein - SW Michigan - long time member of the AKA and NANFA, and an experienced collector of native North American fishes including native killifish. Dave will present on collecting native fishes in the southeastern United States.

Glen Collier, PhD - Tulsa, OK - A charter member of the AKA while in high school. Subsequently, he earned his Ph.D. at Cornell. He then served as a faculty member of the Department of Biological Sciences at Illinois State University when he chaired the Department of Biological Science at the University of Tulsa- now Professor Emeritus. Research includes the development of a comprehensive molecular phylogeny for fishes of the Cyprinodontidae. He has published his work in numerous professional scientific and

hobby journals and is a past editor of JAKA and frequent contributor.

Saturday's

Special Sale:

Combo Rare Fish & Rented Table

Sale. See website for details. Buyer's Access based on Convention registration number. Convention handles transactions and all sales from rented tables go to the sellers.

Saturday Banquet and Awards Program

Sunday Auction: 11 A.M.

Monday Activities Planned for those who choose to stay another day .

Collecting trip to the Missouri Ozarks, home to a large number of freshwater species including killifish, darters, minnows, dace and catfish.

Tour of Newly Opened St. Louis Aquarium - promised to be another great experience.

Registration for AKA Convention 2021 opens January 1, 2021 on line at

<http://aka.org/>

Jack Heller & Mike Hellweg - Co-Convention Chairs

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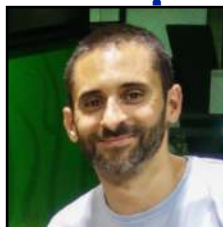
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Speaker Lineup:

Christophe



Donald



Richard



Dave



Glen

