

Note from the publisher and the editor

For 2008 some new services will be implemented:

– **Fast online publication with a new numbering scheme**

From the first 2008 issue, an article in *Annals of Forest Science* will be quoted as follows:

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65 corresponding to the volume and 101 to the number of the article: number 01 in issue 1 (replacing thus the page number). This scheme offers significant advantages and flexibility: it moves publication dates up, and allows immediate quotation of an article soon after the page proofs have been returned by the authors.

As a consequence, we will open an issue online as soon as the first article is ready for publication (*Open issue* service) and the issue will be regularly updated. All articles may be cited by their final citation reference.

– **New format reference:** These have been modified to facilitate their reading. A new set of instructions is now published online.

– **Electronic submission and Manuscript Management System (MMS)**

MMS will be available in 2008 to submit your manuscripts and to follow the reviewing process on the website: <https://mms-inra.edpsciences.org/is/afs>. The delay from submission to the decision about suitability for publication is currently less than three months, and should decrease even further with the new electronic manuscript management system.

We are pleased to remind you some important changes that have been implemented for *Annals of Forest Sciences* in 2007:

A new user-friendly website, where you will find all AFS articles and a full-text semantic search engine:

www.afs-journal.org

– **A Free online archive since 1980.**

– **An Open Access Option (OAO):** AFS offers authors the possibility, for a basic fee (550 €), to have their paper under full open access as soon as it is published online.

– **Easy linking:** Using the CrossRef database, the “Citing articles” tool lists all papers citing the selected paper.

– **New members** joined the International Editorial Board to contribute to the quality of *Annals of Forest Science* in their fields of expertise.