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Foreword

New Zealand Journal of Forestry Science: 40th anniversary

The *New Zealand Journal of Forestry Science* plays an important role by capturing and disseminating relevant knowledge on key aspects of forestry science. It is edited and produced by Scion on behalf of the forestry interests in New Zealand.

The Journal covers a broad range of topics in forestry science as befits New Zealand's world-leading status in this field. The Journal has a particular focus on planted exotic and indigenous forests growing in temperate regions of the southern hemisphere, which reflects the importance of plantation forestry globally. Issues such as biosecurity and sustainability are also covered as these are highly relevant for plantation forestry.

The *New Zealand Journal of Forestry Science* has reached a milestone with the publication of 40 volumes since it began in 1971. We are celebrating this 40th anniversary by including a review on the history of the Journal and a retrospective of New Zealand forestry over the last 40 years in this year's volume.

The success of the *New Zealand Journal of Forestry Science* has been achieved by adapting to the many changes in science management and publishing since its inception. For example, in 2008, the *New Zealand Journal of Forestry Science* became freely accessible online at <http://www.scionresearch.com/nzjfs> to encourage the widest possible audience.

On behalf of Scion, I would like to thank all those who have supported the *New Zealand Journal of Forestry Science* over the years as readers, authors, referees and editors. In particular, I wish to highlight the dedication of the late Judy Griffith who faithfully edited the Journal from 1981 until her death in 2008.

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