



Editorial

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This year (2009) is a time of change for the *New Zealand Journal of Forestry Science*.

Scion has recognised that the nature of publishing is changing due to the influence of the internet. As a result, the *New Zealand Journal of Forestry Science* is now freely available online at <http://nzjfs.scionresearch.com>. Papers will be published on the web individually and authors will receive an electronic reprint of their paper. To streamline the administration of the Journal, subscriptions are no longer available but hard copies of each volume can be purchased as an individual publication (see website for details). A new feature of the website is on-line tracking of manuscripts for authors. More new features will be added in the next few months. These include a popular summary of each newly published paper aimed at the wider forestry community.

The scope of the Journal remains broadly similar, covering the breadth of forestry science. Plantation forestry will continue to be a particular focus but manuscripts on a wider range of forestry topics, such as tropical species, climate change, and policy will also be considered. Manuscripts will be categorised using the seven criteria (Biodiversity, Productive Capacity, Health and Vitality, Soil and Water Resources, Global Carbon Cycles, Socio-economic Benefits, and Policy) of the Montreal Process (www.mpci.org).

The Journal has also been given a facelift with a new size, cover, and layout of both text and references. Electronic publishing also allows colour figures to be included at no cost to the authors. The internet is also revolutionising the access of information generally so the Journal will now accept a wider range of references, including websites and other types of report, as long as full bibliographic information is provided.

There is still some constancy in this time of change. Scion and the *New Zealand Journal of Forestry Science* remain committed to the publication of high-quality, peer-reviewed scientific papers on all aspects of forestry, at no financial cost to individual authors.