

From the Editor

Silva Fennica Vol. 43 included 60 articles published in five issues in 2009. The volume contained a special issue titled “Forest Resources and Wood Quality: Modelling Approaches and Simulation Software”. The articles in the special issue, selected through the normal peer-review procedure, provide research results on the topics of 1) The impact of forest management and tree growth on stem, wood and fibre properties, 2) Linking the properties of forest resources to end-product quality, performance and value, and 3) Supporting forest resource management and utilization through the use of computer-based simulation.

The numbers of submitted and published articles in 2009 were once again greater than ever before. This shows that Silva Fennica has been successful in its policy, targeted at increasing the number of published articles while not compromising scientific quality. Silva Fennica will pursue this policy.

The acceptance rate of manuscripts in 2009 was 42%. That figure again reflects the importance placed on scientific quality in Silva Fennica’s publishing policy. The peer-review process is a fundamental tool for ensuring the quality. In 2009, Silva Fennica received 262 evaluation reports from reviewers. The reviewers and their work are acknowledged elsewhere in this issue, but I take the pleasure to express my gratitude to them once more here.

In addition to the printed issues, research published in Silva Fennica is available on the journal’s website, with free access to abstracts and full-text articles. Online articles continue to gain importance as a source of scientific information. Open access online publishing has become Silva Fennica’s main way of dissemination. Silva Fennica is well cited in current scientific literature. Silva Fennica’s 2-year impact factor in the ISI Journal Citation Reports 2008 edition was 0.918. The journal is in the forestry category.

I strive to keep scientists interested in Silva Fennica by continuing to publish high-quality scientific papers. Trusting in good co-operation with authors, reviewers and editors, I am optimistic about Silva Fennica’s prospects and its ability to disseminate pertinent and timely scientific information in the current year.

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