

# Call for submissions for a thematic issue of Annals of Forest science in the frame of the SilviLaser 2015 conference

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*Annals of Forest Science has the pleasure to invite researchers who participated to the Silvilaser 2015 conference to submit a manuscript for publication. The accepted papers will be published under the form of a thematic issue of AFS. This thematic issue will be made visible on the Web page of the journal and will give rise to a specific printed issue.*

## **AFS offers OPEN ACCESS for two of the accepted papers**

*These two papers will be selected by the invited editors Cédric Véga, Sylvie Durrieu, Jean-Pierre Renaud, together with the editor in charge of this special issue.*

As guidance, we provide the aims and scope description for the journal, which should be of help to identify the section for your contribution

The scope covers following aspects:

- biology of trees and associated organisms (symbionts, pathogens, pests);
- forest dynamics and ecosystem processes under environmental or management drivers (ecology, genetics);
- risks and disturbances affecting forest ecosystems: biology, ecology, economics;
- forestry wood chain including tree breeding, forest management and productivity, ecosystem services, silviculture and plantation management;
- wood sciences, with an emphasis on the relationships between wood structure and tree functioning, and between forest management or environment and wood properties.

The submitted manuscripts should belong to one of the following categories: i) research papers providing original research results, ii) letter to the editor or opinion paper, iii) review papers and iv) data papers.

**All manuscripts will be handled as regular AFS manuscripts.** They should be submitted via the journal website (<http://www.editorialmanager.com/afsc>). They will be handled by the chief-editor and the invited editors, according to the usual procedure for assessment and selection (double blind peer review, **same quality criteria than for regular issues**).

We are looking forward to your contribution to this editorial adventure, and are available to any question or clarification you would wish on this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact the invited editors.

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## Recommendations for submissions

- Before submitting your manuscript, please check if the presentation complies with the instructions to authors displayed at <http://www.springer.com/13595>. Be aware that almost 30% of the manuscripts submitted to AFS are returned to authors because they do not comply with important quality criteria of the journal (clarity, novelty, scope of the journal).
- While submitting, please provide a cover letter explaining what is the main novelty brought about by the manuscript and **specify that it is submitted in the frame of the present call "SilviLaser 2015"**.
- **During the submission process, please select the article type "Special Issue: SilviLaser" and afterwards the category (research paper, letter to the editor, opinion paper, review paper).** For data papers please contact directly the managing editor.
- For inclusion into the thematic issue, the manuscripts need be submitted **before February 20, 2016**. Manuscripts submitted later will be considered for regular issues of Annals of Forest Science.

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The editors of Annals of Forest Science