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A NEW BEGINNING

Imagine a world in which every single person on the planet is given free access to the sum of all human knowledge.

Jimmy Wales, co-founder of Wikipedia

Science advances when knowledge is shared. Yet access to scientific findings remains uneven, despite the unprecedented ease with which information can now be created and distributed. Rising publication costs, access restrictions, and growing pressure to publish have reshaped the academic landscape and strengthened the case for models built on openness, transparency, and collaboration.

Open science should not be a privilege; it should be a principle.

On that note, we are pleased to introduce *Forest Resources Management*, an international open-access journal dedicated to forestry and related sciences. Although the journal enters a new chapter in 2026, its roots reach much further back.

Our publishing tradition spans more than six decades. *Acta Agraria et Silvestria*, *series Silvestris* was established in 1961 as a journal of the Commission of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences of the Kraków Branch of the Polish Academy of Sciences. Throughout its history, the journal has been closely connected with Kraków's forestry research community and with the Faculty of Forestry at the University of Agriculture in Kraków. In 2019, the title was changed to *Acta Silvestria*. Since 2026, this tradition has continued under a new title and renewed vision: *Forest Resources Management*.

This transformation goes beyond a change of name. It is a redefinition of purpose. We want to build an international platform where researchers can exchange ideas, present innovative findings, and discuss questions that shape the future of forest science and forestry.

The Faculty of Forestry at the University of Agriculture in Kraków has long been recognised as one of Poland's leading centres of forestry research. In the national evaluation of scientific activity, the discipline of forest sciences at the University received category A+, the highest scientific category awarded in Poland. This result reflects the quality of our research, our success in securing competitive funding, and our commitment to sharing scientific knowledge. It is this commitment that inspired us to revive and reinvent our faculty journal.

Forests are facing unprecedented pressures. Climate change, biodiversity loss, increasing societal expectations, and the growing complexity of resource management require new approaches and new ways of thinking. Addressing these challenges requires collaboration across disciplines, sectors, and borders.

For this reason, *Forest Resources Management* welcomes contributions from a broad spectrum of forest sciences. The journal publishes research on forest ecosystems and their management across local, regional, and global scales. Its scope includes silviculture, forest management, forest ecology, forest protection, biodiversity conservation, zoology, environmental sciences, forest economics, and the social functions of forests. We also welcome fields transforming how forest research is conducted and applied, including ecological modelling, remote sensing, machine learning, artificial intelligence, software development, and decision-support systems for sustainable resource management.

What makes our journal different?

First, it brings a new generation of scientists into the editorial process. Our team consists largely of

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early- and mid-career researchers who combine scientific ambition with international experience gained through projects, fellowships, and collaborations with leading institutions worldwide. We bring energy, creativity, and a shared determination to build a journal that serves the scientific community.

Second, scholarly communication must evolve alongside science itself. In addition to traditional research and review articles, we encourage datasets, software tools, methodological papers, perspectives, and commentaries. We welcome contributions not only from academics, but also from forestry practitioners, policymakers, and professionals whose experience can enrich scientific dialogue and strengthen the application of research outcomes.

Most importantly, we are committed to open access. Knowledge generated through scientific inquiry should be available to everyone who can use it: researchers, doctoral candidates, students, practitioners, decision-makers, and society at large. By removing barriers to access, we hope to accelerate scientific progress and foster broader engagement with forest research.

A journal is more than a publishing platform. It is a community of authors, reviewers, readers, and editors working towards a common goal. *Forest Resources Management* will succeed through your participation, your ideas, and your trust.

As editors, we are committed to transparent, efficient, and constructive peer review. We want scientific quality to be matched by respect for authors and reviewers alike.

We invite researchers from around the world to join us in this endeavour. Together, we can create a forum for rigorous science, open dialogue, and innovative thinking. Together, we can help shape the future of forest research.

This is not merely the launch of a journal.

It is the beginning of a new chapter.

Welcome to *Forest Resources Management*.

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