

## Information on Special Issues of Journals for the 2004 Conference of the International Boreal Forest Research Association (IBFRA)

Dear Presenters at the 2004 IBFRA Conference:

Arrangements for publication of manuscripts developed from presentations at the conference are being made. There are nearly 200 presentations scheduled for the conference, and three international journals have responded favorably to our inquiries regarding the publication of special issues of a subset of papers from the conference that meet the scientific standards of the journals. We are planning a publication strategy that includes two or three journals depending on the interest and quality of manuscripts received. These journals are:

1. *Canadian Journal of Forest Research* – CJFR  
(<http://cjfr.nrc.ca>)
2. *Agricultural and Forest Meteorology* – AGFORMET  
(<http://www.elsevier.com/locate/agformet>)
3. *Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies for Global Change* – MITI  
(<http://www.kluweronline.com/issn/1381-2386>)

In general, the program committee believes that the special issue of CJFR will accommodate papers submitted from sessions A through H and that the special issue of MITI will accommodate papers submitted from sessions I through M. Mike Apps and Dave McGuire would be lead guest editors of the CJFR special issue and Dave McGuire and Mike Apps would be lead guest editors of the MITI special issue. The other members of the program committee would serve as associate guest editors of the special issues and would be responsible for making recommendations on the manuscripts submitted from the conference sessions that they are chairing. It was also felt that there might be a critical mass of papers from the conference, but particularly from session D, that were suitable for *Agriculture and Forest Meteorology*. Dr. Brian Amiro, who is attending the conference and is a regional editor for the journal, would be lead editor for this special issue if there are enough interest in submitting papers submitted to *Agriculture and Forest Meteorology*.

Papers for these special issues would need to be submitted to the lead guest editors by 15 October 2004 and the lead editors will process them and select reviewers before 19 November 2004. After reviewing the submitted manuscripts, the lead guest editors may transfer papers from the requested special issue to another special issue to maintain good balance and cohesiveness of the special issues. The journals have informed us that they will not accept any submissions after the deadline of 19 November 2004, the date at which the lead editors need to formally submit the manuscripts to the journals and provide the journals with the list of reviewers, and so the deadline of 15 October is a very serious deadline. In general, the editorial staff of the journals themselves will make the final decisions on the manuscripts submitted using the recommendations provided by the associate guest editors as input. Therefore, only manuscripts that meet the scientific standards of the particular journal should be submitted.

Before we can finalize arrangements with the candidate journals, we need to assess interest in submitting papers to particular journals. If you are interested in submitting a paper on your presentation to one of journals please send an email to Dave McGuire ([ffadm@uaf.edu](mailto:ffadm@uaf.edu)) by 1 June 2004 with the title and authors of the paper indicating your preferences (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>) for the three journals and providing an email address where you can be contacted this summer. Once we have assessed interest in the options for the special issues, we will make decisions and then send additional information concerning procedures for submission of manuscripts.