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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce that the winners of the *Forests* 2022 Early Career Investigator Award are Dr. Jürgen Knauer and Dr. Mianhai Zheng.

Dr. Jürgen Knauer is a postdoctoral research fellow of the Hawkesbury Institute for the Environment at Western Sydney University, Penrith, Australia. His research interests include environment, climate change, ecosystem ecology, plant physiology, ecohydrology, ecosystem modeling, land surface modeling, carbon cycle, stomatal conductance and mesophyll conductance. Dr. Jürgen Knauer received his PhD in 2019 and has an outstanding publication record, comprising 34 publications in peer-reviewed international journals. Dr. Jürgen Knauer's Scopus Scientific Citations number is 2447 and his Hirsch index is 20. He is clearly a rising star in the field of biogeochemistry. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Jürgen Knauer for his outstanding achievements.

Dr. Mianhai Zheng is an Associate Professor of the South China Botanical Garden, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), Guangzhou, China. His research interests include forest ecology. Dr. Mianhai Zheng received his PhD in 2020 and has an outstanding publication record, comprising 40 publications in peer-reviewed international journals. Dr. Mianhai Zheng's Scopus Scientific Citations number is 1141 and his Hirsch index is 18. He is clearly a rising star in the field of forest ecology. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Mianhai Zheng for his outstanding achievements.

As the awardees, Dr. Jürgen Knauer and Dr. Mianhai Zheng will each receive an honorarium of CHF 1000, an option to publish two papers in *Forests* with a 50% discount on the article processing charge before 31 December 2024 in *Forests* after peer-review and an electronic certificate.

## 2022 EARLY CAREER INVESTIGATOR AWARD

# WINNER

We would like to thank all the nominators from various fields of study for their participation and all the Award Committee Members for their evaluation of the many excellent nominations.