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Operations, Machinery, and Transportation in Forestry Timber Harvesting

Message from the Guest Editors

Forests represent a significant reality in environmental, social and cultural terms, and their multifunctional potential is notable. In recent years, the availability of woody biomass has favoured the spread of technological innovation in timber harvesting operations with the application of work systems even at a high level of mechanization. However, forestry mechanization oscillates between tradition and innovation and the reasons for this are manifold. Consequently, technology in the forestry sector is slow to spread, due primarily to a lack of planning of interventions and poor exchange of information among forestry workers. Furthermore, commitments to sustainable development have resulted in a greater awareness of the need to reduce excessive industrialization by encouraging the use of renewable energy sources. In this context, this special issue aims to welcome contributions related to operations, machinery, and transportation in forestry timber harvesting in the form of review papers and research contributions.

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