Special Issue

Tree Crown Dynamics and Morphology

Message from the Guest Editor

Crown morphology determines the internal arrangement of foliage within the bulk canopy, which affects carbon assimilation and ultimately forest production. Trees display a wide variety of crown morphologies, which create a wide range of effects on the structure and functioning of forests. Various growth models are based on the functional relationships between foliage and the stem and branches. Growth occurs because of the redistribution of foliage and the need to add sapwood to accommodate new foliage and cross-sectional area to accommodate new mechanical forces. Better understanding the functional relationships between crown morphology and crown dynamics will improve not only the basic knowledge of tree function and structure, but also the practical application of density management and growth–growing stock relations in pure and mixed stands and in single- and multi-aged stands. For this Special Issue, I invite papers that contribute to our understanding of canopy dynamics and the functional relationships between foliage and stem growth and canopy structure, both physiological and mechanical.

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