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Dendrochronology of Cypress (*Taxodium* spp.)

Message from the Guest Editor

Tree rings can provide a record of the effects of climate on growth and indicate disturbances in the environment caused by fire, insects, or pollution for example. Tree ring chronologies have been employed for climate reconstruction, to date ancient structures, and to document the presence and effects of chemical deposition in annual tree rings, among other uses. Cypress is a long-lived gymnosperm that occurs in wetlands in parts of the United States and farther south. Swamp cypress (*Taxodium distichum*) and pond cypress (*T. ascendens*) occur in the southeastern United States and Montezuma cypress (*T. mucronatum*) occurs in Mexico and southeastern Guatemala. Cypress tree ring chronologies have been applied to a broad range of problems in recent years. This Special Issue will include articles on the various ways cypress chronologies have been used to provide information that has not been obtainable by other methods.

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