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EDITOR'S NOTE

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As you will see, I have recently taken the helm as editor of Wood and Fiber Science. First, I would like to thank our outgoing editor Susan Levan-Green for her long, dedicated service to the journal as well as to the Society. She has worked tirelessly to ensure that our journal is first-rate and has successfully labored to improve our ranking among our peers.

By way of background, I currently direct the Center for Timber Durability and Design Life at the University of the Sunshine Coast in Australia. Prior to that, I led the durability program at Oregon State University from 1983 to 2018. I am a long-time member of the Society and I look forward to serving in this new role.

In most ways, you will see few tangible changes to the journal, but we have several important tasks to undertake. The first is increasing the number of quality manuscripts submitted. This will be critical as we move to open access. The second will be broadening our reach to incorporate other subject areas to encompass the broader areas related to lignocellulosic materials. We will begin by adding special focus sections to selected journal issues. This issue is an example of that process, but we need other topics and are seeking your input for potential topics.

The journal faces competition from a multitude of newer academic outlets. It will be critical for those in the field to consider Wood and Fiber Science as one of their primary outlets for their research results.

On behalf of the Society, I wish Susan the best as she tackles other adventures and am grateful for her dedication to our profession.

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