

# News from the Editor

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## **Making the best of both worlds: Print and Web**

Demand keeps growing for Web-based information, but many readers tell us they still value reading *JEM* in print. To balance these preferences, we will keep printing *JEM* three times per year, but have increased the flexibility of our format to accommodate topically focussed and strategic content alongside regular *JEM* articles. We pioneered this approach with the “Forests and Natural Resources in the 22nd Century” Science Forum proceedings included in *JEM* 6(2), and take it even further in 7(1).

## **In This Issue, 7(1) . . .**

A summary and five extended abstracts from the Variable Retention Forestry Science Forum, which took place in April 2004, provide readers with some solid take-home messages from this event, as well as a list of references stemming from work presented at the Forum. Following this package, FORREX and a team of scientists and practitioners from the Arrow Innovative Forest Practices Agreement (IFPA) and University of British Columbia present the co-published Arrow IFPA Extension Notes Series. This series first introduces the Arrow IFPA Sustainability Project and a conceptual framework for forest management in the Arrow Timber Supply Area (TSA), then goes on to describe a set of tools and processes that support pilot application of the framework in the Arrow TSA.

## **British Columbia vs. the Beetle: *JEM* 7(2) will support dialogue**

Articles are flowing in for our planned special issue on the challenges of the mountain pine beetle epidemic. We will post these MPB articles along with regular articles in *JEM* 7(2), which goes to print this summer (to subscribe, see our form at the back of this issue). Watch for further MPB content in future issues of *JEM*—submissions are welcome anytime.

## **New: Article history reflects peer review and quality assurance process**

Submission and acceptance dates are now provided for each article. Between these dates, each *JEM* Extension Note, Research Report, or Discussion Paper has been reviewed by three peers and each Perspectives Paper has been reviewed by at least one expert on the topic. Following authors’ revisions, we examine each resubmitted manuscript to ensure that review comments have been addressed before publishing the article. In this way, we strive to bring you high-quality, science-based information that you can trust and apply.

## **Coming soon: *JEM* and *LINK* Reader Survey results**

We have received 127 responses to our annual *JEM* and *LINK* reader surveys. *JEM* 7(2) will include a summary of the results, some comments that encapsulate our readers’ views, and our plans to follow up on your suggestions. Survey feedback always provides meaty material for discussion with our Natural Resource Communications Working Group members—these volunteers advise us on our publications as well as technology tools, supporting our mandate to enhance both *access* to and *quality* of our information products and services.