

## **Preface – Special Section**

# **THE SCIENCE OF MANAGING FORESTS TO SUSTAIN WATER RESOURCES**

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The international conference was organized to discuss contemporary issues in research and management on forested watersheds, emphasizing the relationship between forest management and the sustained yield of high quality water resources. Presentations addressed issues at a range of geographic scales, from that of individual stands to the watershed landscape. Broadly, the presentations at the Conference discussed the regulation of forest composition and structure on managed watersheds for the production and protection of high quality water resources.

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