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Bringing *TPN's* Mission Into Focus


Tree Planters' Notes occupies a unique position in the forestry literature. We bring the latest research results and technology transfer from scientists and engineers working on seeds, seedlings, nurseries, and reforestation to the practitioners—the nursery managers, reforestation managers, tree farmers, and foresters. In a way, *our position is our mission*: we provide this crucial link between the finders of new information and the users of that new information.

We strive to publish articles that are not only full of useful information but also readable and interesting. We're working to find and commission articles on interesting new areas that relate to nurseries and reforestation, topics such as somatic embryogenesis, habitat restoration, and tropical species that you may not know that you need to know about until you read our article! We're also planning to commission articles on the scientific and technical bases of nursery operations, such as the physiology of fall acclimation in seedlings. These new articles will be called "Technical Background" and will join our other new sections— "Species Spotlight" and "Technical Updates." All of these articles plus the regular research reports will be peerreviewed and refereed. Please let us know about any ideas and suggestions for topics you are interested in. You may reach me by regular mail, e-mail, DG, and telephone. See Tom Landis' commentary following this one on another new section, entitled "Practical Tips," that we envision as an outlet for nursery managers, outplanters, etc.— all you practitioners out there— to write up your observations and ideas.

Another important service TPN provides to the fields of nurseries and reforestation is that we provide scientists who wish to reach our specific nursery audience a place to publish peer-reviewed, refereed research reports. There are other forestry journals that are peer-reviewed, etc., but they are all general forestry journals and aren't targeted to our specific audience. Scientists all need quality outlets for their papers, and we hope to provide scientists working in our specialties with the place to publish their papers. Also, we wish to encourage scientists to do more than just present their findings at a meeting and get them published in the meeting proceedings. Unfortunately, meeting proceedings do not always get included in bibliographic databases and important information may not be readily accessible.

Our New, Expanded Board of Advisory Editors

To carry out our mission at the interface of science and practice well, we must actively seek out and encourage publication of the latest information and ensure its quality and utility. To help us do so, we recently expanded our board of advisory editors, asking eight scientists, nursery folk, and State and Private Forestry (S&PF) administrators to join the board. We've



expanded the numbers of people who are not in the Forest Service; included on-the-ground nursery managers, more scientists, and representatives of two of the big nursery cooperatives; in addition, we've covered the United States better geographically. So here's the new team, and please welcome our new advisory editors (they've got asterisks after their names). Buttonhole them at a meeting with your needs and ideas!

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