Editorial

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Exhaustive attempts have not been made so far to broadcast the goodness of wood with supportive scientific corroboration from the contemporary researchers of the country. It is a sort of re-inventing the wheel and also showcasing the advancements made in the know how on the very organic, yet the most complicated material, the WOOD, used by human kind since time immemorial. Indian Academy of Wood Science (IAWS) established in the year 1968 witnessed a radical growth in the science and technology of wood in India through the many decades of its existence. IAWS taking a lead in exploring the challenges and prospects of Wood Technologies and throwing light on the New frontiers and future of Wood Science Research in the country, created a platform for the wood lovers of the country to exchange knowledge and information in different aspects of the science of wood and also to take stock of the multidimensional achievements in Wood Science and Technology in the country. A workshop on “**New Frontiers and Future of Wood Science and Technology in India**” was organized by the academy in association with Institute of Wood Science and Technology and Indian Plywood Industries Research and Training Institute supported by Ministry of Environment and Forests, Department of Biotechnology and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research at Institute of Wood Science and

Technology, Bangalore on 20th January 2011. This was the most appropriate occasion when the UN announced the year as the international year of the Forests. Several research papers and articles touching upon different aspects of Wood Science and Technology were presented and deliberated in the workshop. Rationalizing the utilization of available wood resources through appropriate technological interventions and development of wood alternatives from other natural or renewable fibers were among the essential priorities. In all, there were 67 scientific papers, of which 33 papers were selected for inclusion in this publication. It gives us great pleasure to consolidate and present this valuable information in the form of a Special Issue of the Journal of the Indian Academy of Wood Science. It will serve as a means to disseminate the scientific advancements in this field among the scientific and industrial fraternity associated with each and every aspect and activity of wood science and technology. We are grateful to all the authors who have contributed the papers and to Springer India for accepting to publish them as a special issue of the Journal of the Indian Academy of Wood Science. We will be quite pleased if this documented invaluable information reached a wider audience and serve the purpose to achieve the targeted goals.

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