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142nd volume of *Indian Forester* is in the hands of our readers. This synonymises the successful entrance of *Indian Forester* in its 142nd year of uninterrupted publication. On this memorable occasion, I wish all the readers, subscribers, contributors and advertisers of *Indian Forester* a very happy and prosperous "New Year, 2016". Since 1875, *Indian Forester* is giving yeoman services to the cause of forestry, not only in our country but also to many developing as well as developed countries by publishing research and technical articles on every aspect of forestry and also providing a platform for exchange of views, ideas and scientific information for mutual understanding. Continuous publication of a scientific journal for such a long period was only possible with keen interest and whole hearted support of our invaluable contributors, readers and subscribers apart from dedicated staff of *Indian Forester*, supported by able administrative supervision and guidance. I compliment to all who are associated with the journal in some way or other including our publisher and printers.

This all was possible with the sincere efforts and dedication of our staff and management who worked hard throughout this year. I compliment them for their commitment and skills which are carrying forward rich tradition. They are always keen and enthusiastic to induct modern technological inputs in their work tools. I convey my appreciation and thanks to editorial board, advisory board, business manager, advisor, assistant manager, staff and printer of *Indian Forester* for their sincere efforts in timely publication of the journal.

As the readers are aware that the Indian Forester publishes the Special Issues on the current topics from time to time. This year we are bringing this Special Issue focusing on the subject "Tree Volume and Biomass Allometric equations in South Asia". This dedicated issue which is in your hands, is sponsored by Kerala Forest Research Institute, Peechi. We thank to the Director, Kerala Forest Research Institute, Peechi for providing us the research paper and also for granting financial support for bringing out this issue.

I once again, wish all the members of the *Indian Forester* family a very HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR, 2016 and wish that the *Indian Forester* will continue to play an important role in the development of forestry sector of the country.

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