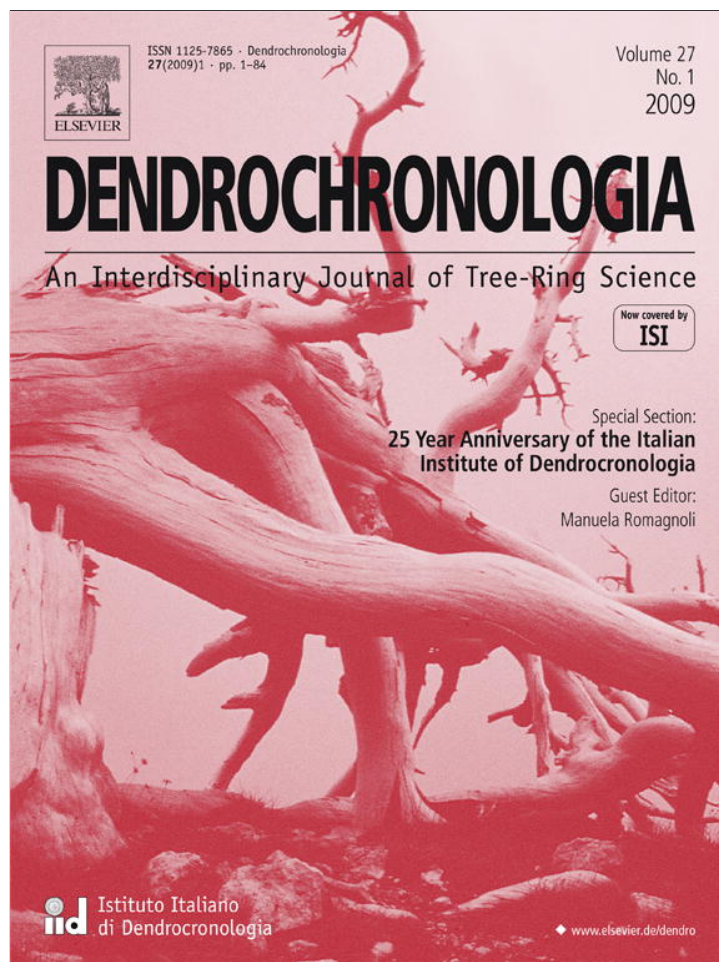


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EDITORIAL

A breakthrough in the history of *Dendrochronologia*

Only two words: impact factor.

Dear Reader,

I am delighted to announce that if you search now for *Dendrochronologia* in the Web of Science (WoS) of Thomson Reuters, you will find all the papers published in the journal in 2008. This is a great achievement of fundamental importance for our journal, its existence, survival and reputation. Although I am still sceptical about the use and misuse of the impact factor when evaluating quality of journals, papers and more generally scientific work (Cherubini, 2008), an impact factor for *Dendrochronologia* will have important effects on our journal's paper flow, enhancing the submission rates, enabling us to maintain high-quality standards, making sure we have enough submitted papers (which was not always the case in the past).

Let me warmly thank all those who have helped in the past 25 years making it possible to reach such an achievement, from the founding fathers of the journal, Elio Corona, Leone Fasani, and Dieter Eckstein, Fritz Hans Schweingruber, Lucien Tessier, and the Istituto Italiano di Dendrocronologia (IID), to Renzo Motta

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Have fun and make good science reading *Dendrochronologia* papers, now also browsing through the WoS's!

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