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PREFACE

The three primary objectives of the Central Hardwood Forest Conference are: (1) to provide identity to the central hardwood forest region as an entity, (2) to provide a communicative forum for scientists with a common interest in the central hardwoods, and (3) to coordinate regional research.

Although most Conferences have had a definite ecological and/or traditional forestry orientation, authors of the Foreword to the Sixth Proceedings (1987) suggested that the Seventh Conference (i.e., the present one) "devote a substantial part of the program to forest change due to the human element of the environment and to the needs of people for amenities of hardwood forests other than wood". These authors also suggested that if we, as forest managers, fail to include the human element in land management assessment we will most likely lose the confidence of the lay public. Partially in response to this type of concern, a panel discussion by policy level personnel in the Central Hardwood region was included on the first morning of this conference to discuss research management priorities.

The Seventh Central Hardwood Forest Conference was held on the campus of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Carbondale, IL, also the site for the first Central Hardwood Forest Conference. Attendance at these conferences has steadily increased, a measure of the quality of the research results, as well as acceptance of the need for this type of forum. We wish the hosts of the Eighth Conference at least equal success.

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Each manuscript published in these proceedings was critically peer-reviewed by at least two scientists with expertise in disciplines closely aligned to the manuscript subject matter. Reviews were returned to the senior author who revised the manuscript appropriately and resubmitted it in camera-ready form for publication by the North Central Forest Experiment Station, USDA Forest Service. Manuscript authors are responsible for the accuracy and style of their papers.

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