



Editorial

Asian Dendrochronology Association (ADA) 2015[☆]

The idea of initiating an Asian Dendrochronology Association (ADA) was formed at the Davos Conference in 2001. Five years later, the first meeting for building ADA was held at the 7th World-Dendro in Beijing. During that meeting, the ADA Board decided to hold the Asian Dendro Conference every two years in different Asian countries. The Fourth International Conference of ADA, "On Climate Change and Tree Rings", was held on 9–12 March 2015 in Kathmandu, Nepal. This conference was jointly organized by the Central Department of Hydrology and Meteorology, Tribhuvan University (CDHM-TU), the Asian Dendrochronology Association (ADA), and the Nepalese Ministry of Forest and Soil Conservation. Over the four days of the conference, various aspects of dendrochronological research were discussed, including dendroglaciology, dendroclimatology, dendroecology, dendroarchaeology, dendrogeomorphology and wood anatomy. 148 people from 26 countries participated, contributing a total of 84 papers during 18 different technical sessions. An additional 46 papers were presented as posters (Fig. 1).

To help share the science presented at the conference, *Dendrochronologia* offered us the opportunity to publish the special issue that you are now reading. We received 16 papers, 7 of which were accepted for publication. The special issue begins with a paper presenting the data gathered from a pre-conference field trip organized by three professional lecturers. The second paper introduces the reader to the first results of a study in the Pamirs. The following

four papers introduce results from Mongolia, China and Nepal. The last paper, although not about Asian dendrochronology, was presented at the conference and describes the preliminary results of a study of *Baikiaea plurijuga* in Zambia.

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Fig. 1. Group picture: The 4th ADA participants.

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