

On the Cover: Two specimens of Norway spruce growing at the Austrian alpine timberline. Conifers growing at the alpine timberline have to withstand harsh environmental conditions. In winter, trees suffer from intense frost drought and freeze-thaw cycles. The image shows *Picea abies* covered by snow (which may at least temporarily protect the tree from winter stress). In this issue, Losso et al. demonstrate pronounced seasonal changes in the surface tension (γ) of the xylem sap in *Picea abies* and *Pinus mugo*. During alpine winter, γ decreased down to 50 mN m⁻¹ compared to summer values of ca. 68 mN m⁻¹. As xylem sap γ plays a key role in stabilizing air-water interfaces at the pits and thus in embolism avoidance, low winter γ may force xylem dysfunction. Accordingly, the authors demonstrate that experimentally lowered γ can induce relevant reductions in embolism resistance and estimate up to 1 MPa seasonal variation in vulnerability threshold. Photo by Stefan Mayr.

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^[OPEN]PaCeQuant: A Tool for High-Throughput Quantification of Pavement Cell Shape Characteristics. Birgit Möller, Yvonne Poeschl, Romina Plötner, and Katharina Bürstenbinder

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Down-regulation of CSE in poplar reduces lignin content, leading to a higher glucose release per plant upon saccharification.

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^[OPEN]Highly Decorated Lignins in Leaf Tissues of the Canary Island Date Palm *Phoenix canariensis*. Steven D. Karlen, Rebecca A. Smith, Hoon Kim, Dharshana Padmakshan, Allison Bartuce, Justin K. Mobley, Heather C.A. Free, Bronwen G. Smith, Philip J. Harris, and John Ralph

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[OPEN] Cytological and Transcriptomic Analyses Reveal Important Roles of CLE19 in Pollen Exine Formation. Shuangshuang Wang, Jianan Lu, Xiu-Fen Song, Shi-Chao Ren, Chenjiang You, Jie Xu, Chun-Ming Liu, Hong Ma, and Fang Chang

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