Acknowledgment

The editors wish to express their gratitude to IGI-Global Publishing, in particular Kayla Wolfe, Jan Travers, Monica Speca, and Christine Smith, who have been kind enough to provide support in all aspects throughout the development of this book. We also would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank the contribution of all the authors and co-authors of the chapters, first for having confidence in this idea and then for their willingness and time to work on this project delivering an important contribution through their knowledge and experience.

A special thanks to Universidad Austral de Chile, the Direction of Research and Development (DID), and the Faculty of Forest Science and Natural Resources at Valdivia, Chile.

Alfredo Aguilera
Universidad Austral de Chile, Chile

J. Paulo Davim
University of Aveiro, Portugal