

2007 WSSA Committee Report to Members Summary for 2007 and Action Plan for 2008

Committee Code and Name: P3 – Weed Technology

Committee Chair: K. Neil Harker

Board Coordinator: Mike Foley (Director of Publications)

Committee Members Rotating Off:

Chris Boerboom
Steve Hart

Appropriate Replacements:

Tom Wolf
(not determined)

Committee Goals for 2007: Given the untimely passing of Dr. John Wilcut in August 2007, and my inability to access many of his files, I do not have a complete indication of 2007 committee goals.

Summary of Progress for 2007:

In 2007, 177 manuscripts were submitted to Weed Technology (AllenPress website: “**Journal Summary Report**”). Manuscript types submitted were: Research (158), Symposium (6), Note (5), Extension/Outreach (3), Teaching/Education (3), Review (1), and Rapid Publication (1). Manuscript rejection rate in 2007 was 34% (see chart below). Days from manuscript receipt to First and Final decision were 78 and 108 days, respectively.

Year	# Submitted	% Rejection Rate	1 st Decision	Final Decision
			days	
2007	177	34	78	108
2006	193	28	95	152
2005	179	25	105	183
2004	296	18	118	218
2003	255	19	112	227

Although there has been consistent improvement in the time required to review and render a final decision on manuscripts, there is still room for significant improvements in that regard. Of 31 Associate Editors, 13 submitted a final manuscript decision < 10 days after Reviewers had made their recommendations (averaged over 105 manuscripts). However, 3 Associate Editors averaged > 40 days for similar decisions on 17 manuscripts.

In 2006, there were 2136 Weed Technology paper citations; the journal impact factor was 0.63.

Recommendations for Board/Society Action:

Continue to recognize and encourage the work of Associate Editors and Reviewers. The following four Associate Editors accepted another term of service:

Johnson, W. Carroll III 2011-S
Loux, Mark 2010-NC
Reddy, Krishna 2011-S

Simmons, Bill 2011-NC

Committee Goals for 2008:

- 1) Review and publish high quality manuscripts
- 2) Speed up manuscript throughput (final decision time)
 - a. Copy in Editor on all reminders to AEs re overdue AE tasks
 - b. Editor to follow-up with AEs and have alternate AE assigned if necessary
- 3) Increase communication within the WT Editorial group during the year
- 4) Improve manuscript quality by discussing with AEs common problems during the year

Plan of Action for 2008: Increase communication to and among Associate Editors regarding manuscript throughput and common editing question and problems.

Resources needed for 2008:

Finances: None beyond the Editor's stipend.

Membership involvement (person-hours): unknown

2008-2011 Associate Editors:

Anderson, Randy 2010-NC
Askew, Shawn 2010-NE
Beckie, Hugh J. 2010-CWS
Burke, Ian 2010-W
Derr, Jeffrey 2009-NE
DiTommaso, Toni 2010-NE
Doohan, Doug J. 2010-NC
Fennimore, Steve 2010-W
Grichar, James 2010-S
Hamill, Al 2010-CWS
Hutcheson, Pam 2010-W
Johnson, David 2009-NC
Johnson, Bill 2010-NC
Johnson, W. Carroll III 2011-S
Koger, Trey 2010-S
Loux, Mark 2010-NC
Main, Chris 2010-S
Miller, Donnie 2010-S
Norsworthy, Jason 2010-S
Prather, Tim 2010-W
Reddy, Krishna 2011-S
Simmons, Bill 2011-NC
Sprague, Christy 2010-NC
Steckel, Larry 2010-S
Wehtje, Glenn 2009-S
Webster, Ted 2009-S
Wolf, Tom 2011-CWS
Young, Bryan 2010-NC