

Report for Summer Board Meeting-2008

Publications Board – Editor for Weed Science: As of the June 15th, 2008 application deadline for Editor of Weed Science, two applications were received. These applications were forwarded to the Publication Committee for further evaluation. Of the six committee members that provided input, there was unanimous consent that one of the two applicants had the qualifications and skills necessary to take over the duties of Editor for Weed Science. I concur with the Publication Committee and I am ready to make a recommendation for the board to consider during the summer board meeting.

Weed Technology guidelines: Although the guidelines for preparing, submitting, and reviewing manuscripts for all WSSA journals have been updated since the 2008 Annual Meeting and posted on the WSSA website, Neil Harker was not able to obtain a consensus from the Weed Technology Associate Editors regarding the contentious issue of visual observations. As a result, Neil is not planning to make any further changes to the currently posted guidelines for Weed Technology, at this time. Several members of the society have expressed interest in collaborating or contributing data for drafting a review article pertaining to the issue of visual observations.

IPSM update/marketing plans: The following report from Joseph Ditomaso provides an update on IPSM: As of the end of June 2008, there have been two issues of *Invasive Plant Science and Management* produced and the third issue is about ready to go to press. Over the past few months we have added a conversion table to the back of the journal and add included a new topic called Invasion Alerts, which is designed to allow publication of new reports of invasive species or major range expansions. The first Invasion Alerts will come out in the third issue. In addition, a paragraph has been added to the Contributions for Authors that clarifies the expectations of when non-replicated experiments are acceptable for publication in IPSM.

As of June, there have been 90 papers submitted for publication. A decision has been made on 74, with a 72% acceptance rate. There are 16 papers current in review. See the table below for the number of paper and pages per issue.

Issue	Number of papers	Number of pages
1	13	109
2	12	129
3	10	84
Total	35	322

There are currently 18 papers that have been accepted but are in the process of completing revisions. This should ensure that issue 4 is much larger than issue 3. At a expected acceptance rate of about 70%, it is expected that the first issue of Volume 2 should have at least 11 papers (based on the 16 out for review).

Karen Ridgway has submitted an updated marketing plan for IPSM to the WSSA President and DOP which will be available on the WSSA website and at the summer board meeting.

Herbicide Handbook: François Tardif, the current chair of the Herbicide Handbook Committee, has expressed his interest in serving as Editor of the Herbicide Handbook.

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