

## 2009 WSSA Committee Report to Members Summary for 2009 and Action Plan for 2010

**Committee Code and Name:** P3 – Weed Technology

**Committee Chair:** K. Neil Harker

**Board Coordinator:** James Anderson (Director of Publications)

**Committee Members Rotating Off:**

Shawn Askew  
Jim Grichar  
Chris Main  
Timothy Prather  
Bryan Young

**Appropriate Replacements:**

James Brosnan  
Eric Prostko  
- seeking  
- seeking

### 2009 Summary of Activities

What were the committee's goals for 2009?

1. Review and publish high quality manuscripts
2. Speed up manuscript throughput (final decision time)
3. Continue communication within the WT Editorial group during the year
4. Improve manuscript quality by discussing with AEs common problems during the year'

List the committee's accomplishments in 2009:

1. 103 manuscripts were published in 2009 (slightly less than in 2008: 126). The editor tried to improve review quality and decrease Reviewer frustration by more carefully screening articles at the point of submission and not subjecting articles to the review process if they had significant problems at the time of submission. The Impact Factor for Weed Technology in 2008 (0.854) remained about the same as in 2007 (0.858). However, over the same period, total citations improved slightly (2,352 to 2,476) while the Immediacy Index improved dramatically (0.038 to 0.153).
2. Due to the changeover to PeerTrack from AllenTrack, article acceptance rate and reviewing times are not available at this point. The Associate Editors and Reviewers adapted to the new review processes very well.
3. The communicated with AEs several times during the year.
4. The editor responded to AE queries and questions as quickly as possible.

What information was posted on the WSSA website?

“Ahead of Print” articles continued to be posted on the website (1<sup>st</sup> year was 2008). Spanish abstracts will be available for WT articles starting with the 1<sup>st</sup> issue in 2010

How much funds were requested? None How much was spent? None

What was the impact of the committee activities/accomplishments on the following: membership, publication, policy, legislation, and/or education?

N/A

What is the current state of the committee's projects and activities?

On-going

### **2010 Plan for Committee Activities**

Goals for 2010:

1. Review and publish high quality manuscripts
2. Speed up manuscript throughput (final decision time)
3. Have at least quarterly communications within the WT Editorial group during the year. Respond quickly to AE queries.
4. Carefully scrutinize all submitted articles before they are reviewed

Plan of Action:

N/A

What is needed to further the goals of the committee/project?

Nothing at this time...

### **Recommendations for Board/Society Action:**

Funds requested for 2010: None

Other requests for the Board: Continue to recognize the valuable service that Associate Editors provide our society. The following AEs all accepted another 3-yr term of service starting in 2010:

Anderson, Randy L.

Beckie, Hugh J.

Burke, Ian C.

DiTommaso, Antonio

Doohan, Douglas J.

Fennimore, Steve A.

Hamill, Allan S.

Hutchinson, Pamela J.

Johnson, William G.

Koger, Trey

Loux, Mark M.

Miller, Donnie K.

Norsworthy, Jason K.

Sprague, Christy L.

Steckel, Larry E.