

2012 WSSA Committee Report to Members Summary for 2011 and Action Plan for 2012

Committee Code and Name: P2 – Weed Science

Committee Chair: W.K. Vencill

Board Coordinator: J. V. Anderson

Committee Members Rotating Off:

Eric Gallandt

Appropriate Replacements:

New AEs will be recruited by the Editor William Vencill

2011 Summary of Activities

What were the committee's goals for 2011?

Review and publish submitted manuscripts in a competent and timely manner.

List the committee's accomplishments in 2011:

In 2011, 230 manuscripts were submitted to Weed Science. Three manuscripts were redirected to Invasive Plant Science and Management because their subject matters were more suitable to that journal. The average time from submission to first decision was 52 days in 2011.

Weed Science journal continues to have high international stature. The subject matter of manuscripts was Weed Biology and Ecology (46%), Weed Management (29%), Physiology/Chemistry/Biochemistry (14%), Symposium (4%), Soil/Air/Water (2%), Special Topics/Rapid Communication (3%), and Invited (2%).

The manuscript acceptance rate in 2011 was 54%, which is up from 58% in 2010. The impact factor for Weed Science was 1.528 in 2010 up from 1.451 in 2009. The five year average for the impact factor is 1.576. In comparison, the impact factor for Weed Research and Pest Management Science in 2010 was 1.622 and 2.3, respectively. All accepted manuscripts are now posted on our website prior to printing. This speeds up the information dissemination process considerably.

What information was posted on the WSSA website?

Manuscript submission instructions.

How much funds were requested? How much was spent?

Editor's stipend.

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

Publication of scientific papers is a key activity of our society and is of benefit to numerous members.

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

2012 Plan for Committee Activities

Goals for 2012:

Make Weed Science the journal of first choice for weed scientists throughout the world.

Plan of Action:

Promote Weed Science as a high quality journal to the international science community. Review and publish submitted manuscripts in a timely manner. Recruit new Associate Editors.

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

Encourage all members to be active reviewers and to be timely in their reviews.

Recommendations for Board/Society Action:

Funds requested for 2011:

Editor's stipend.

Other requests for the Board:

Continue to recognize the dedicated work of the associate editors and reviewers.

Weed Science Associate Editors:

NEWSS

Hilary Sandler (2014)

SWSS

Ted Webster (2014)
Vijay Nandula (2013)
Franck Dayan (2015)
Timothy Grey (2013)

NCWSS

Adam Davis (2015)
Sharon Clay (2014)
John Lindquist (2015)
Pat Tranel (2015)
Martin Williams (2015)
Wun Chao (2015)
John Gaskin (2015)
Dean Riechers (2015)

WSWS

Sarah Ward (2013)

CWSS

Stephen Murphy (2015)

Other Countries

Chris Preston (2015)

Bill Dyer (2015)
Stephen Seefeldt (2014)

Ilas Travlos (2015)

*The year in brackets denotes the year that they are due to rotate off this committee.