

2013 WSSA Committee Report to Members Summary for 2012 and Action Plan for 2013

Committee Code and Name: P2 – Weed Science

Committee Chair: W.K. Vencill

Board Coordinator: J. V. Anderson

Committee Members Rotating Off:

Sarah Ward

Appropriate Replacements:

New AEs will be recruited by the
Editor William Vencill

2011 Summary of Activities

What were the committee's goals for 2012?

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

List the committee's accomplishments in 2012:

In 2012, 206 manuscripts were submitted to Weed Science, which was down from the 230 submitted in 2011. The average time from submission to first decision was 50 days in 2012, a slight improvement over the 52 day turnaround in 2011.

Weed Science journal continues to have high international stature. The subject matter of manuscripts was Weed Biology and Ecology (48%), Weed Management (24%), Physiology/Chemistry/Biochemistry (23%), Soil/Air/Water (3%), and Special Topics/Rapid Communication/Invited/Symposium (2%). There was a 73% increase in Physiology/Chemistry/Biochemistry submissions in 2012 over 2011. This can be attributed to increased submissions in the area of herbicide resistance.

The manuscript acceptance rate in 2012 was 66%, similar to the 68% in 2011. The impact factor for Weed Science was 1.733 in 2011 up from 1.451 in 2009, a 19% increase. The five-year average for the impact factor is 1.696. In comparison, the impact factor for Weed Research and Pest Management Science in 2011 was 1.924 and 2.251, respectively. All accepted manuscripts are now posted on our website prior to printing. This speeds up the information dissemination process considerably.

Weed Science published a special issue in 2012 entitled Herbicide Resistant Weeds from a WSSA USDA-APHIS collaboration to produce a white paper on the status of herbicide resistance and recommendations to manage herbicide resistance.

What information was posted on the WSSA website?

Manuscript submission instructions. In 2012, a template was added to the website to assist authors in assembling manuscripts for the journal.

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 2013:

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

SWSS

NCWSS

Hilary Sandler (2014)

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

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)
Bill Dyer (2015)
Stephen Seefeldt (2014)

CWSS

Stephen Murphy (2015)

Other Countries

Chris Preston (2015)
Ilas Travlos (2015)

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