

2011 WSSA Committee Progress Report February, 2012

Committee Code and Name: P3 – Weed Technology

Committee Chair: K. Neil Harker

Committee Members, 2011: All WT Associate Editors

Board Coordinator: James Anderson (Director of Publications)

Committee Members Rotating Off:

K. Neil Harker
Douglas J. Doohan
Mark Loux
Jason Norsworthy

Replacements:

Jason Norsworthy
determined by new Editor (J. Norsworthy)
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Three AEs accepted another term of service (J. Derr, J. Ferrell, Glen Wehtje)

2011 Summary of Activities (through January 2012)

- Committee's goals for 2011
 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
- List the committee's accomplishments (through January 2012):
 1. As of December 5, 2011: 176 manuscripts were submitted.
 2. Manuscript decision times continue to decline.
 3. We are in the process of developing and implementing a database that lists Reviewers by crop specialty (helps the editor make more appropriate Reviewer assignments).
- What information was posted on the WSSA website?
 1. Updated Directions for Contributors
- Were funds requested for 2011? No How much was spent? N/A
- What was the impact of the committee activities/accomplishments on the following: membership, publication, policy, legislation, and/or education?

The Impact Factor for Weed Technology in 2010 went up significantly: (2011 figures will be available in June 2012).

2010 - 0.925, 2009 - 0.749, 2008 - 0.854, 2007 - 0.858, 2006 - 0.626, 2005 - 0.749

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

Proceeding according to plans...

2012 Plan for Committee Activities

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Recommendations for Board/Society Action:

- Funds requested for 2012: None
- Other requests for the Board: None