

2011 WSSA Committee Progress Report February, 2012

Committee Code and Name: P4- Invasive Plant Science and Management

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Committee Members:

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Board Coordinator: James Anderson

Committee Members Rotating Off: No Associate Editors rotated off in 2011.

Appropriate Replacements: No new Associate Editors have been assigned in 2011.

2011 Summary of Activities: (through January 2012):

This was a very good year for IPSM. We were accepted on ISI Web of Knowledge and all of our issues as far back as Vol 2, Issue 3 are already included on the website. There are 124 IPSM papers now on the ISI website. We expect to receive an impact factor, although I am not sure how long that takes from the time of acceptance. In addition, we received 93 submission in 2011 (as of Dec 13), with an acceptance rate of 50%. In 2010, we received 92 submissions with an acceptance rate of 56%. I believe IPSM has the lowest acceptance rate of the three WSSA journals, but still fairly similar.

- What are the committee's goals for 2012?
Our primary goal for the year is to get an impact factor. I would also like to see an increase in the number of submissions, to over 100.

- List the committee's accomplishments (through January 2012):
 1. Accepted on ISI Web of Knowledge
 2. Publish 4 issues in a timely manner with an average of 13 articles per issue.

- What information was posted on the WSSA website?
Allen Press posts all issues, as well as pre-print papers.

- Were funds requested for 2011? How much was spent?
No funds were requested for the committee.

- What is the current state of the committee's projects and activities?
The journal has a full complement of Associate Editors.

2012 Plan for Committee Activities

- Other Goals for 2012:
Maintain a high quality journal. Increase visibility and submission numbers. I believe that having an impact factor we will lead to more and high quality manuscripts. The journal will likely have to replace a few Associate Editors this year as terms expire. I have replacements already in mind and will contact them when I heard of retirements.

- Plan of Action:
We are starting the fifth year of the journal. Since its launch I have been very pleased with the progress we have made. We will continue to promote the journal and move into the next phase with an impact factor. Many thanks to the authors, reviewers, Associate Editors, WSSA Board of Directors, and the many WSSA members that support the journal.

Recommendations for Board/Society Action: None

Funds Requested for 2012: To maintain the journal.

Other requests from the Board: None

