

## **2013 WSSA Committee Report Summary for 2012 and Action Plan for 2013**

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

**Committee Chair:** Joe DiTomaso

**Board Coordinator:** James Anderson

**Committee Members Rotating Off:**

Matt Rinella

**Appropriate Replacements:**

Toni DiTommaso

### **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 (since the last annual meeting):

In 2012 there were a total of 95 manuscript submissions to IPSM, which is very similar to 2011 (96). However, in 2012 we published 514 pages in IPSM compared to 467 in 2011 (a 10% increase). The first issue of 2013 contains 18 articles, which is one of the largest issues we have published to date. Though we do not have an impact factor at this point, we now have all manuscripts from Volume 1, Issue 1 to the present included in ISI Web of Science. This includes all 258 published papers. Because so many articles in IPSM site other weed science papers in both Weed Science and Weed Technology, this had an indirect effect of increasing the impact factor of both of these journals.

For comparison, there were 52 articles published in 2011 and 54 in 2012. Of these, 45 were research articles in 2011 and 46 were research articles in 2012. A breakdown of the topic areas are shown below in the table. Nearly half of the papers published are on ecological topics. Interestingly, the second most widely published topic is on non-chemical weed control options, followed by biological topics and then chemical control. Integrated Pest Management topics generally include herbicides in combination with other control methods.

Topic area	2011	2012	2011 & 2012 combined (%)
Ecology	23	26	49 (46%)
Non-chemical control methods	6	11	17 (16%)
Biology	6	7	13 (12%)
Chemical control methods	9	3	12 (11%)
Integrated Pest Management	5	3	8 (8%)
Sociology	1	3	4 (4%)
Restoration	2	1	3 (3%)

<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>106</b>
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Of the paper with decisions in 2012 (83), the acceptance rate was 65%, which was very similar to Weed Science for 2012. This is much higher than the 50% acceptance rate in 2011 and the 56% acceptance rate in 2010. I interpret this to higher quality papers being submitted as the journal becomes more established.

- What information was posted on the WSSA website?

The journal articles post pre- and post-publication. Instructions for authors and guidelines for publication in the journals.

- What amount of 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?

The inclusion of IPSM in the publication portfolio of the society increases our exposure and will continue to bring in more diverse membership. In addition, it increases our influence politically.

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

### **2013 Plan for Committee Activities**

- Goals for 2013:

To sign a new contract with Allen Press and to obtain an impact factor from Reuters Thompson. 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. We also hope to reduce the turnaround time from submission to decision and publication. Several Associate Editors will end there terms, most have been AEs for two 3-yr terms and I will have to replace several at the end of the year. I will ask a few to stay on one extra year so that I can stagger the AEs rather than have too many retire the same time.

- Plan of Action:

We are starting the sixth 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 in summer of 2013. Much of the success is due to the support of the BOD and to the many authors, reviewers, Associate Editors, WSSA Board of Directors, and the many WSSA members that support the journal.

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

- Funds requested for 2013:

Editor's stipend.

**Invasive Plant Science and Management Associate Editors in 2013:**

Edith Allen  
Lars Anderson  
Matt Brooks  
John Cardina  
Chris Dionigi  
Toni DiTommaso  
Stephen Enloe  
Jodie Holt  
Ruth Hufbauer  
Darren Kriticos  
Kelly Lyons  
John Madsen  
Bruce Maxwell  
Tim Prather  
John Randall  
Matt Rinella  
Phil Westra