

2010 WSSA Committee Progress Report February, 2011

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

Committee Chair: Joe DiTomaso

Committee Members, 2011:

Associate editors:

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

Board Coordinator: Joe DiTomaso

Committee Members Rotating Off: Bruce Maxwell and Andy Sheppard completed their terms in 2010

Appropriate Replacements: New Associate Editors include Stephen Enloe, Matt Rinella and Darren Kriticos. Stephen Enloe was added because we only had one AE that covered invasive plant control papers from the SE region of the US and the journal was getting many papers on control from that area. Matt Rinella was added to replace Bruce Maxwell. He serves as the AE for papers on ecology, modeling and invasive plant control topics in the NC and NW. Darren Kriticos was added to replace Andy Sheppard. Darren is in Australia. His role is biocontrol and climate matching models. The journal has received many papers of the past year from Australia and Darren is not only valuable as an AE for these papers, but also has a very good knowledge of potential reviewers in New Zealand and Australia. The group of AE now in place is very strong and covers all the submitted topics and disciplines over the past year.

2010 Summary of Activities (through 12/01/10)

- What are the committee's goals for 2010? Maintain a high quality journal. Increase visibility and submission numbers. We have applied to ISI for inclusion on citation index and obtain an impact factor. We should find out in early 2011 whether we will be included in ISI, but there is no reason why we do not expect acceptance.

- List the committee's accomplishments (through 12/01/10):
The first 3 years since the launch of *Invasive Plant Science and Management* have been very successful and have exceeded our expectations. The number of submissions has remained steady over the years with 2009 being the peak year at 114 submissions (see table below). The average number of papers per issue has jumped from about 11-12 in the first two years to 14.5 in 2010. Similarly, the total pages published in 2010 was 34% higher than 2009 (537 compared to 407).

The average rate of manuscript acceptance for publication has remained steady over the three years at about 56%, which is lower than the five year average of both *Weed Science* (63%) and *Weed Technology* (71%). In 2010, the acceptance rate was slightly below this level (53%), but this is only with 64 of the 81 reviewed manuscripts completed. From all indications, the journal is doing quite well. It is critical that IPISM get listed on ISI so that citations of those articles will be counted in merit and promotion packages. This will be our focus in 2011. Many thanks to the authors, reviewers, Associate Editors, and the many WSSA members that support the journal.

- What information was posted on the WSSA website? Website contains all IPISM manuscripts and also contains ahead of print papers.
- How much funds were requested? How much was spent? Travel funds for Joe DiTomaso, but I believe that I did not spend any in 2010.

2010 Plan for Committee Activities

- Other Goals for 2010: Increase subscriptions, both individual and institutional.
- Plan of Action: Allen Press will be in charge of increasing subscription rates.

Recommendations for Board/Society Action:

- Funds requested for 2010: To maintain the journal.
- Other requests for the Board: None

Data on the number of papers, acceptance rate, and average days to publish for the first 3.5 years since the launch of *Invasive Plant Science and Management*.

	2007 (only 6 months)	2008	2009	2010 (as of 12/1/10)	Average (on a 12 month basis)	
Total submissions	56	72	114	83	95	
Total paper accepted	22	38	52	30 ⁺	42	
Acceptance rate*	59%	63%	50%	53%	56%	
	Volume 1		Volume 2		Volume 3	Average
Papers per issue	11.8		10.8		14.5	11.3
Pages per year (issue)	430 (108)		407 (102)		537 (134)	458

*Acceptance rate based on those papers with decision. Papers withdrawn not used in calculation.

⁺17 papers in review in 2010