

2008 WSSA Committee Report to Members Summary for 2008 and Action Plan for 2009

Committee Code and Name: P2 – Weed Science

Committee Chair: R. E. Blackshaw

Board Coordinator: J. V. Anderson

Committee Members Rotating Off:

John Cardina
Martin Locke
Gary Peng
Jim Story
Bob Blackshaw

Appropriate Replacements:

New AEs will be recruited by the
incoming Editor William Vencill

2008 Summary of Activities

What were the committee's goals for 2008?

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

List the committee's accomplishments in 2008:

In 2008, 185 manuscripts were submitted to Weed Science. Five of those manuscripts were redirected to Weed Technology and three manuscripts were redirected to Invasive Plant Science and Management because their subject matters were more suitable to those journals. The average time for a manuscript to be in the review process (final acceptance or rejection) was 98 days.

Weed Science journal continues to have high international stature. Manuscripts were submitted from 31 countries in 2008 (23 countries in 2007). The subject matter of manuscripts was Weed Biology and Ecology (51%), Weed Management (27%), Physiology/Chemistry/Biochemistry (13%), Symposium (4%), Soil/Air/Water (3%), and Special Topics (2%).

The manuscript acceptance rate in 2008 was 61%. The impact factor for Weed Science was 1.30 in 2007. This compares with 1.23, 1.29, 1.54, and 1.48 for 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006, respectively.

All accepted manuscripts are now posted on our website prior to printing. This speeds up the information dissemination process considerably.

What information was posted on the WSSA website?

Manuscript submission instructions.

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?

William Vencill has been appointed as the new Editor.

2009 Plan for Committee Activities

Goals for 2009:

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 2009:

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

Hilary Sandler (2011)
Bijay Singh (2012)
Eric Gallandt (2012)

SWSS

Greg MacDonald (2010)
Vijay Nandula (2011)
Franck Dayan (2012)

NCWSS

Adam Davis (2010)
Sharon Clay (2011)
John Lindquist (2011)
Pat Tranel (2011)
Martin Williams (2011)

WSWS

Fabian Menalled (2010)
Sarah Ward (2010)
Bill Dyer (2012)
Roger Sheley (2012)

CWSS

Paul Watson (2010)
Steven Shirtliffe (2010)
Stephen Murphy (2012)

Other Countries

Chris Preston (2012)

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