

2023 WSSA Committee Report Summary for 2022 and Action Plan for 2023

Committee Code and Name: P3 – Weed Technology

Committee Chair: J.K. Norsworthy

Committee Members - 2022: Jason Bond, Kevin Bradley, Barry Brecke, Peter Dittmar, Charles Geddes, Aaron Hager, Katie Jennings, Prashant Jha, William Johnson, Amit Jhala, David Johnson, Vipin Kumar, Drew Lyons, Scott McElroy, Robert Nurse, Sandeep Rana, Darren Robinson, Larry Steckel, Daniel Stephenson, Mark VanGessel, Michael Walsh, Eric Webster, Joe Wuerffel

Board Coordinator: Chris Willenborg

Committee Members Rotating Off: Scott McElroy

New Committee Members: None

Summary of Activities

- What were the committee's goals for 2022?
Maintain the current turnaround time from submission to first decision.
- List the committee's accomplishments (since the last annual meeting):
There was a total of 162 manuscripts submitted to *Weed Technology* in 2022. The number of submissions has continued to decline over the last three years, since a high of 230 submissions in 2019. The journal had a total of 97 articles accepted in 2022, with an acceptance rate of 60%. The time to first decision has remained relatively constant over the last five years, with a low of 44 days in 2020 to a high of 50 days in 2021 and 2022. As Editor, on average, I assigned each manuscript to an Associate Editor within 2.1 days of receipt.

The impact factor for *Weed Technology* increased to 1.807 for 2021 from 1.703 the previous year. The five-year impact factor for the journal was 2.203 in 2023. The impact factor for *Weed Technology* ranked 53 out of 90 journals in the area of Agronomy.

- What information was posted on the WSSA website?
No new information posted.
- 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?
Publication of scientific research is critical to the success of our society and its members.
- What is the current state of the committee's projects and activities?

2023 Plan for Committee Activities

- Goals for 2023: Increase number of review articles because these appear to be cited more than regular submissions. The committee will work with Cambridge to increase submissions for 2023.
- Plan of Action:
Encourage Associate Editors to submit their research to the journal and have them encourage weed science colleagues to do the same.

Recommendations for Board/Society Action:

- Funds requested for 2023:
Editor's stipend.
- Other requests for the Board:
None