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This has been a challenging year for all. As all the processes for the journal are electronic, workflow disruptions for the journal have been minimal. The number of submissions and turnaround times have been similar to those of recent years. We are always appreciative of the efforts of reviewers and associate editors, but they deserve special kudos in a year like this past one.

Weed Science continues to be one of the premier journals in the discipline and in the agronomic sciences. The editorial board and the staff strive to improve the efficiency of the publication process and improve the scope of the journal. *Weed Science* seeks to publish more reviews and symposium articles. This past year, *Weed Science* published a symposium series on the international view on herbicide bans and two reviews. For this coming year, we are excited about publishing a special issue on weedy rice and expanding the 2015 special issue on research methods.

The editorial board of Weed Science has agreed to comply with the entry level of the Transparency and Openness Promotion (TOP) guidelines for publishing.

For the 12 months preceding October 1, 2020, 222 manuscripts were submitted to *Weed Science* compared with 233 in the previous 12e-month period. Of the manuscripts submitted, 43.8% were accepted compared with 36.4% the previous year. The time from submission to first decision was 36.9 d this past year compared to 35.6 days for the previous year.

We are happy to report that the impact factor for *Weed Science* increased from 2.00 to 2.258 for this past year and the 5-year impact factor increased from 2.301 to 2.441.

For the year preceding October 1, 2020, the journal depended on 213 unique reviewers. The excellent reputation of the journal would not be possible without the cutting-edge research submitted by authors and the diligent work of the editorial board and the hundreds of referred reviews that are submitted annually. I wish to thank the members of the editorial board and reviewers for 2020.

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