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Editorial for *Weed Science*, Volume 64

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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 year, *Weed Science* will publish a special issue of *Weed Science* from presenters at the WSSA Herbicide Resistance Summit II.

For the 12 mo preceding September 1, 2015, 211 manuscripts were submitted to *Weed Science*, compared to 208 in the previous 12-mo period. Of the manuscripts accepted, 44.3% were accepted, compared to 40.8% the previous year. The time from submission to first decision was 44 d this past year compared to 45 d for the previous year.

Table 1 shows the Impact Factor and Article Influence Score for *Weed Science* and other related journals for 2014. The impact factor for *Weed Science* increased from 1.687 to 1.870 this past reporting cycle, whereas the 5-yr impact factor increased from to 1.928 from 1.835. I believe the latest impact factor and the five-year impact factor are the best the journal has ever had.

For the year preceding September 1, 2015, the journal depended on 283 unique reviewers from 34 countries for peer review. 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 2015.

Table 1. Impact factor of Weed Science and comparable journals in 2014 (2012 Journal Citation Report 2015).

Journal	2014 impact factor	Article influence score[a]
Weed Science	1.870	0.657
Weed Research	1.687	0.538
Crop Protection	1.493	0.449
Pest Management Science	2.694	0.796
Crop Science	1.575	0.515

[a] Article influence score takes into account the impact factor of the journals doing the citing.

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