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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* is seeking to publish more reviews and symposium articles. This past year, a special issue on herbicide resistance was published. In the near future, *Weed Science* will have another special edition on research methods in weed science.

For the 12 months preceding September 1, 2012, 210 manuscripts were submitted to *Weed Science* compared to 198 in the previous twelve-month period. Of these manuscripts, 47% were accepted compared to 58% the previous year. The time from submission to first decision was 54 d this past yr compared to 58 d for the previous yr and the time from submission to final decision was 89 d. As a comparison, the time from submission to first decision for *Weed Research* was 77d in 2011 and the time from submission to final decision was 168 d. Table 1 shows the Impact Factor for *Weed Science* and other related journals for 2010 and aggregated over the past five years.

For the year preceding September 1, 2012, the journal depended on 335 reviews of whom 123 were unique. The fact that *Weed Science* reviewers were from 36 countries underscores the international reach of the journal. 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 2012.

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Table 1. Impact factor of *Weed Science* and comparable journals in 2010 (2010 Journal Citation Report, 2012).

Journal	2010 Impact factor	Five-year impact factor
<i>Weed Science</i>	1.733	1.696
<i>Weed Research</i>	1.924	2.091
<i>Crop Protection</i>	1.402	1.596
<i>Pest Management Science</i>	2.251	2.545
<i>Agronomy Journal</i>	1.794	2.267

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