

# 2010 WSSA Committee Progress Report July, 2010

**Committee Code and Name:** P3 – Weed Technology

**Committee Chair:** K. Neil Harker

**Committee Members, 2010:** All Associate Editors

**Board Coordinator:** James Anderson (Director of Publications)

**Committee Members Rotating Off:**           **Appropriate Replacements:**

Krishna Reddy (3 terms – 9 years)           still deciding...  
Theodore Webster (2 terms – 6 years)  
Tom Wolf (1 term – 3 years)

## 2010 Summary of Activities (through 07/09/10)

- What are the committee's goals for 2009?
  1. Review and publish high quality manuscripts
  2. Speed up manuscript throughput (final decision time)
  3. Have at least quarterly communications within the WT Editorial group during the year.  
Respond quickly to AE queries.
  4. Carefully scrutinize all submitted articles before they are reviewed
  
- List the committee's accomplishments (through 06/30/09):
  1. 93 manuscripts were published in 2010 (slightly less than in 2009: 103).
  2. Impact Factor went down slightly: (2010 figures are not available until June 2011).
    - 2009 - 0.749
    - 2008 - 0.854
    - 2007 - 0.858
    - 2006 - 0.626
    - 2005 - 0.749
  3. Historical rejection rates:
    - 2010 - 33.6%
    - 2009 - 47.2%
    - 2008 - 34.9%
    - 2007 - 26.6%
    - 2006 - 30.7%
    - 2005 - 26.3%.
  4. Number of manuscripts submitted:
    - 2010 - 176
    - 2009 - 144
    - 2008 - 174
    - 2007 - 177
    - 2006 - 192

## 5. Days to 1<sup>st</sup> decision

2010 - 53

2009 - 79

2008 - 90

2007 - 91

2006 - 93

- What information was posted on the WSSA website?

N/A

- How much funds were requested? How much was spent?

N/A

- What was the impact of the committee activities/accomplishments on the following: membership, publication, policy, legislation, and/or education?

I am very pleased with the much faster time to first decision in 2010: 53 days (an average of 26 days faster than 2009 and 37 days faster than 2008). We will continue to try to improve decision times.

- What is the current state of the committee's projects and activities?

Ongoing...

### **2010 Plan for Committee Activities**

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### **Recommendations for Board/Society Action:**

- Funds requested for 2010: none
- Other requests for the Board: none