Agrosystems, Geosciences & Environment: A New ASA–CSSA Journal

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A new journal from the American Society of Agronomy and Crop Science Society of America has been launched. This journal, Agrosystems, Geosciences & Environment (AGE), is a peer-reviewed, international, electronic journal covering all aspects of agriculture, plant science, the environment, and geosciences as it pertains to agricultural systems.

The question is often asked, “Why publish in another journal, and what is unique about this journal that is not covered in other societies journals?” The answer is quite simple in the context of today’s publishing climate.

We want to capture papers from our profession that would not typically be published in other journals; quite honestly, we have papers released from our journals that represent sound science but often fail to meet the standard for a number of reasons. These papers ultimately end up being published in some journal…so the quick answer is, “Why not publish in one of our journals?”

There are three of us—Bill Raun, David Baltensperger, and myself—who have committed our efforts to launching this journal because we believe in this effort to provide an outlet for papers that report results from experiments that are limited in geography or time (single site-year), confirmatory papers, papers that report negative results, soil survey data papers, or other data sets applicable to agrosystems. We are working with our other society journals to develop this journal as a cascade journal, where articles released from Agronomy Journal or Crop Science could be transferred directly to AGE if the Technical Editors feels it will fit the scope of this journal. We also welcome original submissions to AGE, because authors may feel that this journal is a good fit for their articles.

Publishing in AGE doesn’t detract from our flagship journals and we consider these journals to retain their standards and represent the best of your science. We are offering an alternative to help scientists find an outlet for their efforts and want to facilitate that process. The three of us have a long history with our societies and their publications, and we are proud of what these journals have done and what their future impacts will be; however, we feel that there is plenty of space for this new endeavor to serve our members and the science community. Our desire is for you to consider AGE as a potential outlet for your science.