Publications

Call for Nominations: Editor of Crop, Forage & Turfgrass Management

ASA and CSSA are seeking nominations for the position of Editor of Crop, Forage & Turfgrass Management, a peer-reviewed, international journal covering all aspects of applied crop, forage and grazing-lands, and turfgrass management. The position is voluntary and will start on 1 Jan. 2019. Candidates are expected to be visionary, as our publications are experiencing rapid change in science, resources, processes, format, and delivery. In addition, there is fierce competition for authors and readers.

Prior editorial experience with ASA or CSSA publications or those with similar subject matter/structure is expected. Candidates are appointed to three-year terms, with eligibility for reappointment for a second three-year term but not a third term without an intervening three-year period. The position is appointed by the ASA editor-in-chief, on behalf of the ASA and CSSA presidents and in agreement with the CSSA editor-in-chief, and carries a great deal of responsibility as well as personal satisfaction.

Interested persons may nominate themselves or be nominated by an active member of ASA or CSSA. Candidates should email (i) a vita including a list of previous editorial experience and (ii) a vision statement for the journal (not to exceed one page) by 15 Aug. 2018 to Dan Sweeney, ASA Editor-in-Chief, at dsweeney@ksu.edu. Duties of the Editor include:

• Providing general leadership and actively working to grow and develop the journal.
• Chairing the journal’s editorial board.
• Considering questions of editorial practices that promote the dissemination of exceptionally high quality scientific knowledge and the uniformity of format, style, and procedures.
• Appointing Associate Editors to the journal’s editorial board on behalf of the ASA and CSSA Presidents.

• Serving as a member of ASA and CSSA’s Editorial Affairs, Policies, and Practices Committee.
• Serving as a liaison to other societies and individuals to ensure the international and multidisciplinary scope of the journal’s content.

Call for Papers: Methods of Soil Analysis Online

The Methods of Soil Analysis books, published by SSSA, have been a staple in labs and soil science departments for years. For soil scientists around the world, they represent the best collection of soil methods available. Now, SSSA also publishes individual methods online in the ACSESS Digital Library: www.dl.sciencesocieties.org/publications/methods-soils.

Methods of Soil Analysis allows publication of individual methods. The editorial board welcomes your submissions:

• Important updates to methods used in soil analysis
• Reviews of existing methods in the context of current research practices
• Reviews of methods that are emerging as valuable in soil research
• Introduction of groundbreaking new methods

The new digital methods are more like reviews than articles in journals that present a single new method. Methods articles describe perhaps three or four procedures, defining which is more appropriate for specific soil analyses in various situations. Each procedure is described step by step.

The template for each article is as follows:

• Rationale for general procedure.
• Review of existing procedures—including strengths, limitations, and interferences.
• Individual steps in the preferred analysis—including justification as needed and analysis of results for each specific procedure.
• Data quality and processing—precision, statistics, sensitivity, and quality control.
• Recommendations—including when to use which method.
• Sample applications and case studies, including calculations.
• Supplemental material.

Send your Methods article idea to the Editor, Sally Logsdon, at sally.logsdon@ars.usda.gov.