It’s pretty easy to focus on our flagship journal, Crop Science, and forget that there are a whole lot of other Society journals in which to publish. That’s especially true if you haven’t browsed the publications website recently. Recently, several different international peer-reviewed journals have been launched, all with the singular objective to provide a relevant, valuable, and efficient space to publish results of your research. Let’s take a quick review of what’s new with CSSA publications in the last 5 years.

First, in 2015, Crop, Forage & Turfgrass Management was launched. This journal is the combination of the formerly separate journals Applied Turfgrass Science, Crop Management, and Forage & Grazinglands. It’s published jointly by CSSA and ASA. A quick look at the most recent volume indicates papers on everything from creeping bentgrass to orchardgrass to bluestem. This is a great spot for turfgrass, forage, and crop work beneficial to researchers, practitioners, educators, and industry representatives.

Next, in 2016, Agricultural & Environmental Letters was launched. Jointly published by ASA, CSSA, and SSSA, the idea was to produce a gold open access journal that publishes broad-reaching, exceptionally interesting, transformative, and timely research on major scientific, policy, and economic issues. Papers in this journal span the entire range of the agricultural and environmental sciences. The idea here is high impact and immediacy with a rapid turnaround for papers.

Also in 2016, ASA and CSSA saw the debut of the journal Urban Agriculture & Regional Food Systems. This gold open access journal focuses on urban and peri-urban agriculture and systems of urban and regional food production in developing, transition, and advanced economies. It also covers non-food (e.g., flowers, medicine, and cosmetics) uses and social, environmental, and health services (e.g., tourism, water storage, care, education, waste recycling, and urban greening) in urban agriculture and food systems.

Most recently, in 2018, we saw the launch of two new gold open access journals, both published by ASA and CSSA. The first, Agrosystems, Geosciences & Environment covers all aspects of agriculture, plant, environmental, and soil sciences. This journal provides a venue for full-length articles that are not typically published in other prominent journals. This could include experiments that are limited in geography or time, significant data sets, confirmatory papers, or results of experiments that report negative results. Articles can be submitted directly to the journal or can be transferred from other CSSA (and ASA and SSSA) journals.

The second journal launched in 2018 was The Plant Phenome Journal. This journal is a transdisciplinary journal publishing original research, interpretations, and data sets investigating all aspects of plant phenomics. Submitted materials can include advances in methods such as sensors, review papers, or short articles concerned with specific technological advancements that improve plant phenomics. Also accepted are data briefs (usually two pages or less), which are papers that describe a large phenotypic data set submitted to the journal repository for community analysis.

So, take a look at some of these newer venues for publishing your work. You may find that they are exactly what you need. Happy publishing.

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