

Annual Report on Crop Science and Technology Journal

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Introduction

On behalf of the Board of Advances in Crop Science and Technology Journal (ACST), I am glad to present the Volume 8, Issue 2 of the journal. The journal established in September 2013 has now published 39 issues with six issues in a year. Articles published in our journal are getting more citations and exposure all around the world. All these are promising signs. We could reach this stage through the constant support of Board Members and intellectual generosity of the readers and contributors (authors and reviewers). One of the objectives of this journal is to encourage publication from different streams of research that helps to enrich further the discourse on advances in crop technology.

First and foremost, I express heartfelt appreciation to all authors and reviewers of the 8th year of Advances in Crop Science and Technology Journal (ACST) on behalf of the entire editorial board and the publisher. It was with the mere co-operation, enthusiasm, and spirit of the authors and reviewers we could make ACST a grand success.

Readers can particularly notice progress made in this direction through the special issue which is emerging as an important section of this journal. We take this opportunity to thank the authors/publishers for sending their knowledgeable articles. Special issue is now being handled by Dr Fantao Zhang (Chief Editor of this journal). I am sure with his efforts the journal will be able to strengthen the links between crop technologies and others recent trends in agriculture.

As our readers know, ACST Journal is the most preferred and highly accessed Journal in the field of Crop Science and agriculture. The Journal is indexed in Google scholar, Index Copernicus and Scholar among many other reputed scientific databases. At many instances' members of the editorial board also prefer to submit their articles. Such practice is common in other reputed specialty Journals. In fact, journal encourages editorial board members to actively contribute. All scientific manuscripts including editorials are subjected

to peer review. Journal follows a double-blind peer review process where identity of authors and reviewers is not revealed to each other. The review generally involves two to six subject experts. The editorial team consisting of associate editors and assistant editors are involved in the entire article cycle starting from submission to final recommendation. The entire review process is carefully structured so as to minimize possibility of bias.

Advances in Crop Science and Technology is the field dealing with the selection, Breeding, Crop productivity, Seed production, Organic cover crops, Crop technology transpiration, Field crops research, domestic animals, Crop and irrigation technology.

We are seeking to increase the number of quality manuscripts submitted to ACST by providing frequent and targeted communication to interested authors about the journal. We will use both traditional methods (e.g., contact at professional association meetings) and emerging methods (e.g., social media and e-mail lists) to reach potential authors.

The goal of increasing the number of quality submissions relates to another goal, the inclusion of ACST in pertinent databases and indexing systems. For example, Google Scholar requires that a journal publish at least 100 articles in the past 5 years to be included as a journal in the system. To clarify, ACST individual articles are already indexed in Google Scholar and have citation details.

These 5 tips can help to promote research articles on social media:

- Follow important figures and organizations in relevant field.
- Posting regular updates on research, adding pictures, videos, and relevant hashtags where appropriate.
- Shorten hyperlinks using sites.
- Providing links to social media profiles on homepage.
- Use Altmetrics to measure research impact.