

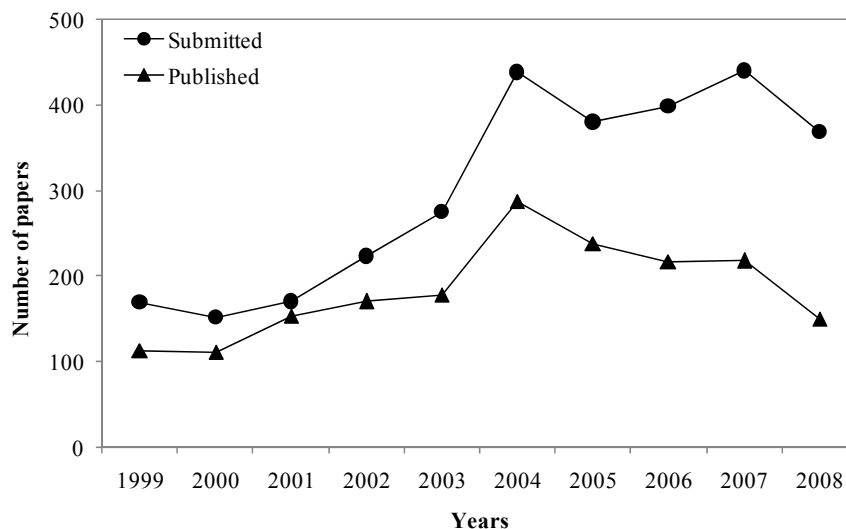


Editorial

Ten Years of International Journal of Agriculture and Biology

Starting from 1999, International Journal of Agriculture and Biology (IJAB) has successfully completed a decade of its regular publication. The then team of IJAB undertook very hectic and painstaking job to popularize this title amongst the scientists all over the world. Starting from a total of 169 submissions in 1999, IJAB attracted a maximum of 450 submissions in 2007. Taking off as quarterly title, IJAB is bimonthly from volume 6, 2004. As evident from the line graph below, IJAB team during its formative stage was a bit lenient in accepting the papers. Later realizing the importance of quality, IJAB team took stringent measures to improve the quality. The average rejection rate over the past three years has been around 55%, and we anticipate that rejection rate may further rise in the coming years.

Prompt handling and publication of paper is another important feature of any journal. For this purpose, a website of the IJAB (www.fspublishers.org) was constructed and concerted efforts were made for electronic processing of the papers. Thus, the paper handling time from submission to acceptance was shortened from about 12 weeks to 6 weeks. This enhanced the number of submissions remarkably. IJAB team intends to reduce this time to about 4 weeks.



Every effort was undertaken for the Indexation and abstraction of IJAB in leading indexing services. As a result of great efforts of the marketing team, IJAB is now being indexed by over 40 indexing/abstracting agencies of the world including Chemical Abstract, CABI, Scopus, Zoological Records, Swets Blackwell, Index Veterinarius. From 2009 and onwards, IJAB has been selected for indexation by Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE), Institute of Scientific Information (ISI), Philadelphia, and its **Impact Factor is due in 2011**.

The first issue of volume 11 is in front of you, that has been made available online as well as in print. On behalf of IJAB team, we extend gratitude to our valued authors, who, over a decade, selected IJAB as medium for publication of their research data or their opinion as review articles. We are obliged to reviewers for their consistency in giving valuable comments and suggestions on the submitted papers, and Editorial Board for its efforts to maintain the quality of publication and making the journal acceptable globally. In the end, we would solicit the submitting authors to stick to the style and format of the IJAB while preparing their manuscripts. This will further reduce the publication time and enable to maintain the quality of publication. We are also aware of some of the weaknesses of IJAB, like difficulties in sending publication charges and non-availability of the current status of the papers submitted for publication. Therefore, we are in the process of improving the banking facilities and updating our website to overcome such problems.

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