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Editorial Report

Overview

Welcome to the first issue *AjPP* for 2001!

We hope you enjoyed 2000; we published 1201 pages (our biggest year), including two Special Issues (one single and a double) dedicated to proceedings from the **International Conference on Assimilate Transport and Partitioning** held in Newcastle, NSW, Australia in August 1999. These Special Issues received a great deal of positive feedback, especially for the wide range of topics covered, and the many colour figures we were able to reproduce.

Forthcoming Special Issues for 2001 include **Membrane Transport**, from the December 2000 meeting of the Centre for Plant Membrane Biology, held in Port Lincoln, South Australia, and **Nitrogen Fixation with Non-Legumes**, from the 8th International Symposium on Nitrogen fixation with Non-Legumes, held in Sydney in December 2000. Both of these Special Issues will contain papers from many prominent international experts.

Submissions remained high in 2000, and we received manuscripts from 33 countries. We also had a large influx of new referees, especially from Austria, France, Greece, Italy, Korea, The Netherlands and Spain. We thank these referees for their tireless work and prompt replies (listed overleaf).

Editorial Advisory Committees

Since the last editorial report, Dr Colin Turnbull has retired from the national committee as representative of the Australian Society of Plant Physiologists. Colin left the University of Queensland in July (after 15 years in Australia!), upon acceptance of a new lectureship position at Wye College, University of London. The good news is that Colin has agreed to stay on with *AjPP*, as a member of our International Advisory Panel. Membership of both committees is listed on the inside back cover of each issue of the journal. We are delighted to welcome Professor Hans Lambers from the University of Western Australia as the new ASPP representative. We thank all present and retiring members for their contribution to the journal.

Editorial Policies

AjPP maintains a flexible attitude towards editorial matters, recognising that submissions come from many countries, and that English varies in its usage. We strive to edit lightly, with an editorial policy that ensures that the meaning of each paper will be clear to readers. As an international journal we do not impose either 'English' or 'American' spelling, but accept either, so long as it is used consistently throughout the paper.

Referencing is one area where uniformity is useful. We recognise that many of our authors publish across several of the journals produced by **CSIRO PUBLISHING**, and so have rationalised our reference style to make it simpler and uniform across related journals. This journal style is now lodged with Reference Manager, ProCite and EndNote, under the style file 'Australian Journal of Plant Physiology'. We hope you find this a useful innovation.

Electronic Delivery

Use of journals in electronic form is increasing rapidly, and more of our subscribers are taking both the print and electronic forms of the journal each year. Soon we will expand the range of on-line services offered, including the ability to purchase individual papers taken from any of our journals, as a complement to the traditional subscription to a single journal. For example, readers with an interest in a particular crop would be able to download all papers concerning that crop from *AjPP*, *Aust J Agric Res* and *Aust J Bot*, rather than having to purchase the whole of each journal when the material of interest may be only a small proportion of each. We hope you will find this initiative useful.

Searching our web site will now be even easier, with an improved search engine and inclusion of metadata with each paper. Digital Object Identifiers uniquely identify each paper, allowing references to be cross-linked from one paper to another, and from one of our journals to another, or even to journals from other publishers, as cooperative arrangements are established. Our 'Table of Contents' also automatically contains a link to the email address of each corresponding author, allowing you to contact them directly.

Our Early Alert service, and free access to Tables of Contents and Papers in Press, continue to grow in popularity, with numbers of user sessions for our web site increasing monthly. If you haven't already tried these features, we welcome you to do so.

We thank you for making the journal a continued success, and look forward to your ongoing support, as both readers, authors and referees, in 2001.



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