
Editorial Report

Welcome to the 2007 volume of *Functional Plant Biology*. 2006 was another strong year for the Journal, with the impact factor approaching 2.5.

Award winners

We are pleased to present papers from award-winning authors in the first two issues of 2007. The 2005 Australian Society of Plant Scientists Goldacre Award was won by Yong-Ling Ruan and a paper based on his work, 'Rapid cell expansion and cellulose synthesis regulated by plasmodesmata and sugar: insights from the single-celled cotton fibre', will be published in Issue 1. The 2006 New Zealand Society of Plant Biologists Outstanding Physiologist Award was won by Margaret Barbour and her paper, 'Stable oxygen isotope composition of plant tissue: a review', will appear in Issue 2.

Special Issues

FPB published two Special Issues in 2006, Ecofizz II and Legume Genetics and Genomics, arising from the Ecofizz 2005 meeting and the International Conference of Legume Genomics and Genetics III, respectively. Both issues have attracted a high level of interest and it has been pleasing to see that papers from these issues have been heavily downloaded and papers from these issues are already being well cited.

We will publish two exciting Special Issues of the Journal in 2007. The first will be a commemorative issue of papers arising from the international symposium held in memory of **Vincent R. Franceschi** at Washington State University in June 2006, Guest Edited by Gerry Edwards (WSU). The second will contain papers arising from presentations made in the **Carbohydrate Metabolism** symposium of the 8th International Congress of Plant Molecular Biology (Adelaide, August 2006), with Guest Editor Alison Smith (John Innes Centre).

New services

A new 'cited by' feature has been added to the *FPB* website. This tool provides links to papers citing an *FPB* paper, offering easy access to the most recent related literature.

As a new service to authors, we are now alerting NCBI when we publish a paper containing a new Genbank accession number. This means that the paper will be automatically listed by NCBI and the DNA sequence reported as a Genbank accession publicly released at the time of publication.

Editorial Advisory Committee and Editorial Board

We welcome Professor David Day to the Editorial Advisory Committee as the new ASPS representative and we are pleased to retain Professor Steve Tyerman on the Committee, now that he has completed his term as ASPS representative.

After 6 years of excellent service Dr Owen Atkin has retired from the Editorial Board to take up editorial duties with *New Phytologist*. We thank him for his hard work for *FPB* and wish him well in his new role.

Jennifer Henry returns from maternity leave in May so until then, I will be editing *FPB*. I thank you for your continued support of the Journal and look forward to presenting the first issues of 2007.



Dr Amanda Ellery
Managing Editor