

Editorial Report

Welcome to the Volume 35 of *FPB*.

2007 was another strong year for the Journal, with smooth handovers to and from the Acting Managing Editor (Amanda Ellery) for my 6 months maternity leave (November 2006 to April 2007).

Many aspects of journal publishing and production systems have changed across the world during the time I have been an Editor, including submission procedures, production systems and editorial structures. It is up to the scientific community to keep up with these changes, and, more importantly, to speak up where they have the opportunity, should they disagree. Journals are not only profit-making business ventures, but also an important vector for the transmission of scientific ideas. I encourage any of you with an interest in the machinations of journal publishing to volunteer to serve on the Editorial Board of your favourite journal. Editorial Board members gain insight into how journals are managed, and also have a voice to represent the needs of their respective scientific communities in how journals can best serve the needs of their audience. Publishing houses need to hear from enthusiastic, vocal and motivated scientists to ensure that authors' needs are met.

This is my last Editorial Report, as I have recently accepted a position as Executive Editor with the Nature Publishing Group (in their New York office), and will be relocating with my family in January 2008. I thank the tireless Editorial Advisory Committee, chaired by Professor Graham Farquhar, and the Editorial Board for their help attracting excellent manuscripts to the journal, and ensuring that only the best work is published. I am wholeheartedly indebted to the passionate members of several plant science societies, particularly the Australian Society for Plant Scientists, for demonstrating their love for and commitment to *FPB* (and *AJPP* before it) during recent changes. Many thanks also to the excellent, loyal and dedicated authors and reviewers who have supported *FPB* over the years, and I wish you well in science and in health.

Thanks and regards,



Dr Jennifer Henry
Managing Editor