

Update on Paper Submissions for the 2017 International Turfgrass Research Conference (ITRC)

We have received 229 paper submissions (99 oral; 130 posters) for the 2017 ITRC in New Brunswick, New Jersey, USA. The scientific program planning committee is about to begin the process of organizing and assembling these submissions into a program. We will update you with more details about the scientific program at a later date.

We also have received requests to keep the submission process open a little longer and have extended the submission deadline to **February 19 (Friday)**. So, if you haven't already submitted a title-summary, we invite you to do so as soon as possible. [Click here to submit your title summary online.](#)

Additionally, listed below are answers to some frequently asked questions about title-summary submissions and publishing papers from the 2017 ITRC.

Questions:

Can authors and titles be edited after submission?

Answer: Yes, authors have until **February 19** to edit titles, author(s), and summary information after submission. Use the Confex confirmation URL sent to you to access your submission for editing.

Can papers (ready for review) be submitted now to *Crop Science* and *Agronomy Journal*, or must these wait until May 1st to be submitted?

Answer: Papers can be submitted at any time to *Crop Science* or *Agronomy Journal* where they will immediately begin the review process. Authors should make sure to choose the correct paper type when they submit to make sure their papers are designated as part of the ITS/ITRC group.

Assuming acceptance by *Crop Science* or *Agronomy Journal*, will the papers be published in 2016 or withheld until 2017?

Answer: If/when the papers are accepted, they will be copyedited/typeset and made available on the journal's Just Published page (ex. dl.sciencesocieties.org/publications/cs/justpublished). These accepted papers on the Just Published page will be assigned a DOI name (digital object identifier), thus allowing these to be cited in curriculum vitae and similar documents.
Note: The current plans are to have the entire group of ITRC papers finish the review/processing process and then assign these to an issue of the journal in 2017. The DOI name for an accepted paper will remain the same even after it is assigned to a specific journal issue.

Will authors have the opportunity to publish any paper not accepted by *Crop Science* or *Agronomy Journal* in the *International Turfgrass Society Research Journal*?

Answer: Yes, authors may choose to have any paper that is not accepted by *Crop Science* or *Agronomy Journal* to be considered for publication in the *International Turfgrass Society Research Journal*?
Note: More details on the review and publishing process will be provided as we move further along with manuscript submissions and reviews. Authors are strongly encouraged to review the guidelines of each journal before deciding which journal to submit their papers (see the URLs below).

ITSRJ (<http://www.turfsociety.com/2015/20151020Standards-for-Publishing-ITSRJ.pdf>)

Crop Science (<https://dl.sciencesocieties.org/files/publications/cs/cs-instructions-to-authors.pdf>)

Agronomy Journal (<https://dl.sciencesocieties.org/publications/aj/instructions-to-authors>)
