

Submission of Papers to *ITSRJ*, *Crop Science* and *Agronomy Journal*

Authors presenting papers at the 13th International Turfgrass Research Conference (ITRC) in New Brunswick, New Jersey, USA (16-21 July 2017) are reminded that manuscripts can now be submitted. The preferred due date for submission is 1 May 2016 with a final deadline for submitting manuscripts of 1 June 2016.

Standards for Journals

All authors were asked to select a preference for submitting papers to *Crop Science*, *Agronomy Journal*, or *International Turfgrass Society Research Journal (ITSRJ)*. Authors should note that the standards for *Crop Science* and the *Agronomy Journal* are more rigorous than the *ITSRJ* but also realize that both *Crop Science* and the *Agronomy Journal* have an impact factor whereas the *ITSRJ* does not. If you need more information on standards for each journal please review <https://dl.sciencesocieties.org/files/publications/cs/cs-instructions-to-authors.pdf>, <https://dl.sciencesocieties.org/publications/aj/instructions-to-authors>, or <http://turf society.com/2015/20151020Standards-for-Publishing-ITSRJ.pdf>.

Submitting Manuscripts

Manuscripts are submitted and reviewed through the online system known as Manuscript Central. There are two URLs to use for submitting manuscripts.

1. Manuscripts for *ITSRJ* and *Crop Science* should be submitted at <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/crop>. After login, the corresponding author begins the submission process at 'Click here to submit a new manuscript'.
 - a. Authors submitting to *ITSRJ* should select option '10. Int. Turfgrass Society Research Journal' for the 'Type' of manuscript.
 - b. Authors submitting to *Crop Science* should select option '11. Int. Turfgrass Society Conference Special Section in Crop Science' for the 'Type' of manuscript
2. For ITRC papers to be considered for a special section in *Agronomy Journal*, submit manuscripts at <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/agron>. Authors should select the option 'International Turfgrass Society Conference' (9th option in the list) for the 'Type' of manuscript.

First time users of Manuscript Central should click on the hypertext 'Register here' located under the 'New User?' window to the right of the Log In window to setup your contact information (e-mail, name, address, user ID and password). Once registered, you can login and submit manuscripts.

Page Charges

Page charges to authors will be as low as \$0 for articles that do not exceed the page length for the specific journal. Charges to authors will only occur for articles greater than 5 pages in the *ITSRJ* and 7 pages for *Crop Science* and *Agronomy Journal*. Details on page charges for paper exceeding these lengths are listed below.

Publication	Page Length with No Charge to Author	Page Charges to Author
<i>ITSRJ</i>	\$0 for 5 pages	\$100/page for pages 6+
<i>Crop Science</i>	\$0 for 7 pages	\$50/page for pages 8+ for CSSA member and nonmember
<i>Agronomy Journal</i>	\$0 for 7 pages	\$100/page for pages 8+ for ASA member \$200/page for pages 8+ for nonmember

Short Communications for 2017 ITRC

The ITS Board agreed to allow members the opportunity to publish 'late breaking developments' in their research program as short communications at the ITRC and in *ITSRJ*. Short communications represents a category of papers that describe unique experimental techniques and apparatus, recent observations of unique phenomena, or other trial information. It also provides authors the opportunity to submit papers addressing unique work that is in progress, exploratory, or hypothesis-testing. These articles typically will be shorter than research papers; for example, not more than four printed pages. [Click here for details on *ITSRJ* journal standards](#). Additionally, *Crop Science* publishes short communications and *Agronomy Journal* publishes notes. Please review the respective journal standards for more information.

Thus, to get 'late breaking' presentations into the 2017 ITRC scientific program the Confex web site has been re-opened to allow title-summary submissions of short communications at the 2017 ITRC. [Click here to access the Confex system](#) and submit a title-summary for a short communications (note that you will only be able to select 'short communications' for submitting title-summaries at this time). You will be setup for late access to Confex in the case that you need to make changes to the submission in the coming months.

Please note that the manuscripts for short communications must be submitted by September 1st through the Manuscript Central web site (<https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/crop>). Reminders on this deadline will be sent out and posted on the [2017 ITRC web site](#).

Additionally, we anticipate that some authors who have already submitted a title-summary for a full research paper (to be published in *Agronomy Journal*, *Crop Science* or *ITSRJ*) may have decided that they now prefer to publish a short communications of that work. Please contact [Jim Murphy](#) if you are interested in changing your manuscript type to a short communication.

Updated Review and Publishing Timeline

Timeline	Paper Type	
	Research, Review, Issue or Case Study	Short Communications and Notes
2016		
1 June	Final date for manuscript submission	
1 Aug.	Manuscript reviews due back to authors	
1 Oct.	Revised manuscript (if necessary) due	Final due date for Short Communication manuscript submission
1 Dec.	Revised manuscript reviews due back to authors	Short communication reviews due back to authors
2017		
1 Feb.	Final manuscript versions due	Final version due
1 July	ITRC registration confirmed before papers published	ITRC registration confirmed before papers published
16 July	Published on USB drive and handed out to delegates at conference†	Papers Published

† All papers published in the *ITSRJ*, *Crop Science* and *Agronomy Journal* will also be included on an electronic (flash drive) proceedings provided to delegates at the conference. The electronic proceedings will also be available through members-only section of the ITS website

Frequently Asked Questions

Question 1: 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).

Question 2: 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 journals in 2017. The DOI name for an accepted paper will remain the same even after it is assigned to a specific journal issue.

Question 3: Are supplemental data submissions possible for papers published from the 2017 ITRC? For example, studies that have mined sequencing data of a grass species would like to report a large number of genetic/molecular markers as genomic resource for breeders/geneticists in a detailed (large) supplementary file or table.

Answer: Yes, journals of ACSESS Digital Library (publisher of *Crop Science*, *Agronomy Journal* and *ITSRJ*) will accept supplemental material that will enhance and support your research. Supplemental files will appear online and will be accessible from the issue table of contents and article-level pages. Authors are encouraged to submit materials that contribute to the content and quality of the article, or to use supplemental material as a means to shorten the text of manuscripts. For more details see SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL (page 1-10) at <https://dl.sciencesocieties.org/files/publications/style/chapter-01.pdf>

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