The ESA journals are integral to our mission. Owned and overseen by you, ESA members, and published in partnership with Oxford University Press, they serve the publishing needs of entomologists from around the globe, influence multiple sectors of society, and support ESA initiatives. This report will give you a snapshot of where your journals are and where they are going, including submission information, review speeds, and 2020 initiatives.
ENTOMOLOGY FOR ALL, JOURNALS FOR ALL

DIVERSITY, ACCESS, AND SUPPORT

As a professional society serving insect scientists, ESA is dedicated to furthering the science and awareness of entomology through the advancement and professional development of all its members. ESA acknowledges and values all dimensions of diversity. Therefore, we have a responsibility to ensure that ESA’s journals support the society’s commitment to diversity, inclusion, and equity.

Diversity Among Editors

- Percentage of subject editors who are women: 38% increase from 2018
- Percentage of editors-in-chief who are women: 18%
- 18% of subject editors are based outside the U.S., a 28% increase from 2018. (ESA’s membership is about 13% based outside the U.S.).

Diversity Among Reviewers and Authors

- Reviewers from 80 different countries completed reviews in 2019
- 40% of review invitations were sent to researchers outside the U.S., and 38% of completed reviews were done by researchers outside the U.S.
- Corresponding authors from 87 different countries submitted papers in 2019
- 68% of submissions had a corresponding author based outside the U.S., a 6% increase from 2018

Where to next?

The data we currently have available for authors and reviewers is limited. For example, we don’t have data on gender, race/ethnicity, LBGTQIA people, or other important measures of diversity. ESA will continue to expand its efforts to gather data and take the steps needed to ensure that your journals are equitable, inclusive, and truly for all members and entomologists.

100% of articles published by ESA are fully accessible online to ESA members
28% of articles published in 2019 were published under an open access license and are free to read for everyone
> 7,000 institutions from 103 countries have access through Oxford University Press’ developing countries initiatives
ESA members are eligible to receive waivers for publishing charges, including open access fees.
SUBMISSION AND REVIEW TIMES

2019 METRICS

Submissions remained steady and the review process got faster, but editors continue to report challenges with recruiting reviewers.

- **3,300** Over 3,300 reviews were completed in 2019.
- **35** The median time to first decision (not including desk decisions) was 35 days. If we include desk decisions, the median drops to 26 days. Prefer the average? We’re at 40 and 29 days, respectively.
- **41.7%** ESA’s peer-reviewed journals had a 41.7% acceptance rate, a drop of two percentage points from 2018.
- **44%** Invited reviewers agreed to review 44% of the time, a 4% percentage point drop from 2017 but about even with 2018.
- **2,328** ESA journals received 2,328 total submissions, a slight (3%) drop from 2018. However, multiple journals saw a record number of submissions in 2019.
- **8,600** 8,600 unique authors were listed on papers.

How can you support the ESA journals?

**Publish with us.** Submissions help boost the profile and stability of your journals. Plus, all ESA’s publishing revenues underwrite ESA initiatives, such as science policy efforts, support for students and early-career professionals, and more.

**Review for us.** We always need qualified reviewers. Want to be a reviewer? Let us know and we’ll get you started.

**Share ESA papers with your colleagues.** If you read something you find valuable, sharing via social media or a recommendation to a colleague helps bring additional readers to ESA’s journals.
ESA ARTICLES IN THE WILD

We want your research to be seen, so we promote many papers published in your journals through ESA social media channels, blog posts, press releases, Oxford University Press social media and blogs, and more. In fact, we saw a 37% increase in web readership in 2019 over 2018. Here are some places your articles showed up in 2019.

- Articles published in ESA journals were mentioned in social media 5,485 times in 2019. That’s a 38% increase from 2018.
- Articles were featured in more than 300 news outlets and blogs.
- Each year, we feature more than 100 papers from ESA journals on our Entomology Today blog, which receives over 800,000 visits and over 1,000,000 page views per year.

Make your research stand out.
Try creating a graphical or video abstract. Submit it with your article, and we can publish it as part of the article (graphical abstract) or as supplementary material (video). Graphical abstracts and videos are perfect for sharing on social media, too.
WHAT’S NEW IN 2020?

Responding to COVID-19

Like most sectors of society, entomologists have been profoundly affected by COVID-19. Your journals are working to make sure you have the support you need. Need some extra time to complete revisions on your paper? We’re happy to extend deadlines, no questions asked. Extra studies needed? Our editors are giving careful consideration to any revision requests that would involve gathering additional data, differentiating between those that are truly necessary and those that are simply nice to have.

Want credit for reviewing?

All your journals are now integrated with Publons, meaning you can get credit for a review simply by hitting a button on the review form. Learn more about Publons.

Special collections

Since the last journals report, we’ve published numerous special collections, with topics ranging from insects as food and feed to current techniques in morphology. Check out the full list. Have an idea for a collection? Pitch us your idea today.

ISD in the Web of Science

ESA’s newest journal, Insect Systematics and Diversity, is now part of the Emerging Sources Citation Index and fully indexed in the Web of Science, making its content more discoverable and accessible for researchers.

New Sections

A few ESA journals have recently launched new sections: in Environmental Entomology, Environmental Impacts of Proposed Management Options; in JIPM, Brief Communications; and in the Journal of Insect Science, Protocols and Molecular Entomological Genetics.

P > .05?

In late 2019, the ESA Publications Council decided that when reporting statistical significance, P-values should be reported, but ESA journals will not require P-values to meet a certain threshold for results to be reported or for a paper to be considered publishable. If your results don’t meet the P < .05 threshold, that’s ok—submit your work to an ESA journal and we’ll be happy to consider it.

American Entomologist Redesigned

American Entomologist, ESA’s member magazine, launched a new award-winning design and reimagined columns in response to a readership survey. Check out the new magazine and find something that interests you in each issue.