EDITORIAL

New developments for Soil Use and Management in 2019

I am delighted to announce that papers in Soil Use and Management will have a new design format, starting with Volume 35 for 2019. At the same time, we will be adopting the use of the negative index in the setting of units rather than having a solidus and positive index. The aim of both these changes is to speed up the processing of manuscripts between their acceptance and their publication online in EarlyView®.

Recently, our publisher, Wiley, has started a regular survey of author experience in submission and publication of manuscripts in Soil Use and Management. One of the key findings was the general concern for the time taken between acceptance and publication. The steps outlined above and the decision to publish online the accepted but unedited version of each paper, with its unique doi number, are the initial actions in responding to the needs of authors. On the positive side, it was gratifying to hear that more than 90% of authors were sufficiently pleased with their experience with the journal and consequently would publish further articles in Soil Use and Management. Our aim is to provide the most positive experience possible for all potential authors and we look forward to receiving your papers for publication in the future.

The first issue of 2019 will focus on farmer and landowner knowledge of soils, with Lisa Lobry de Bruyn and Julie Ingram as guest editors. This will be the first issue to concentrate on societal aspects of soil management.

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