

Status of PWE Publication

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Since we started the publishing PWE journal, it has passed about two years. During this period, we found some problems to be solved for accomplishing the sustainable development of publishing.

1. Inventory of manuscripts

The total numbers of submitted papers are 92. Various countries including, Japan(61), Korea(17), Taiwan(3), Italy(3), Philippines(1), Indonesia(2), China(2), Pakistan(1), Nigeria(1) Sri Lanka(1), etc.

Submitted (Except Editorial) 92
Published (Except Editorial) 42
Rejected 9 (include the papers abandoned by the authors)

Problems:

We expect more manuscripts from Taiwan.

2. The categories of accepted papers

	Vol. 1				Vol. 2		
	No.1	No.2	No.3	No.4	No.1	No.2	No.3
Editorial	5	0	1	1	1	1	1
Review	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
Article	4	5	4	4	3	4	6
Technical Report	1	0	0	2	1	1	0
Short Communication	0	1	0	0	0	0	1

Problems:

The categories are not enough. Some discussion is going on the new category.

Example: Columns and Updates:

Manuscripts submitted for "Columns and Updates" may include special report on progress and outcome of projects involving international cooperation, report on international conferences/symposia, products review, industry news, introduction of major research/governmental institutes, memorial report for distinguished professionals, etc.

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3. Pages of each issue

The annual page allowance of contract is 256 pages. But we have not yet accomplished the line.

Vol. 1				
No.1	No.2	No.3	No.4	
57p.	53p.	45p.	59p.	: Total 214p. (- 42p.)
Vol. 2				
No.1	No.2	No.3	No.4	
39p.	about 50p.	about 60p.	?	

Problems:

We need about 10 manuscripts for each issue.

4. Classification of the subjects

The subjects of papers published were as follows. The main topics were irrigation and drainage, water quality and water resources management.

Subjects	
•Irrigation and Drainage	13
•Water quality	10
•Water Resources Management	5
•Land Resources Management	2
•Soil Sciences	2
•Paddy Multi-Functionality	2
•Local/Regional Planning	2
•Ecological Conservation	1
•Bioenvironmental System	1
•Agricultural Policy	2
• Miscellaneous	2
Total	42

Problems:

The most paper submitted to PWE were closely related paddy –farming. But there are some papers which subjects were not closely related to paddy –farming. To judge the papers if their subjects are suitable or not for PWE, are sometimes difficult.

5. Role of each members of the Editorial Panel

There are 61 staffs in the editorial panel. Additionally many persons are supporting our editorial panel. The role of Japan PWE committee is to develop the journal, including activities to increase the numbers of subscribers of PWE and to promote the society members

for submitting their papers to PWE. Especially ,they are effectively helping the managing editors as the first checkers of the manuscript forms. As the editing board members are not enough for reviewing, many reviewers are helping us, voluntarily.

Editorial Panel	Numbers
Editor-in-Chief	1
Editors	12
Editing Board	33
Managing Editor	5

Supporting System
 JSIDRE office
 Japan PWE committee
 Reviewers

Problems:

The lack of responsibility
 Delay of reviewing
 Claim from the authors for the delayed reviewing.

5. How can we speed up the editing

There is a rule that the time of reviewing is within 3 weeks. But to keep this rule is sometime very difficult.

Problems and solution:

- 1) Check the e-mail address periodically with sending some letters.
 If there is no replay, the conditions are transferred to the managing editor.
- 2) To find the suitable Reviewer.
 The Editing board member should have responsibility on reviewing.
 If there is no time to review, transfer to the another reviewer.
- 3) Lack of active Editors
 We need more active Editors. To solve the problems, Editing Board Member should be replaced with Editor in some cases.

6. Special Issue

There is a movement to publish special issue for the rice year.
 Papers submitted to PWE are in the process of normal editing. Only finalized papers will be appeared in the special issue.

7. Quality level of PWE

The Quality level of PWE is differed depending on the standard of each Editor. Up to now , totally 9 papers are rejected and about 5 papers were seemed to be abandoned by the authors.

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The level of PWE will be going up gradually, in proportion to the increase number of papers contributed.

8. SCI Evaluation

Following comments on SCI are cited from website.

Many factors are taken into account when evaluating journals for coverage, ranging from the qualitative to the quantitative. The journal's basic publishing standards, its editorial content, the international diversity of its authorship, and the citation data associated with it are all considered.

- 1) Timeliness of publication is one of the most basic criteria in the evaluation process, and it is of primary importance. A journal must be publishing according to its stated frequency to be considered for initial inclusion in the ISI database.
- 2) ISI also notes whether or not the journal follows international editorial conventions, which optimize retrievability of source articles.
- 3) English language article titles, abstracts, and keywords are essential. English language cited references are also recommended.
- 4) The ISI editor determines if the content of a new journal will enrich the database or if the topic is already adequately covered.
- 5) International Diversity: Geographic representation of a journal is another consideration. To meet the needs of its international subscriber base, ISI seeks to cover journals with international diversity among authors of both source articles and cited articles.
- 6) Application of the peer review process is another indication of the journal's standards and indicates overall quality of the research presented and the completeness of cited references

Problems:

- 1) Publication is not regular
Vol.1 No.1 March, No.2 July, No.3 September, No.4 December,
Vol.2 No.1 April
- 2) English language cited references but references are still domestic.

9. Over-sea cooperative works on the managing

The time has come to share the works on the editing with three responsible countries. The worming up period has ended.