

Journal of Pesticide Safety Education (JPSE.ORG)

Report to AAPSE – August 2003

This is the fifth year of the journal and we have successfully published a volume in each of those years. The following is a list of articles published in the journal since its inception in 1999

Volume 1 - 1999

Personal Protective Equipment Displays for County Extension Service Programs, Monte P. Johnson, Elizabeth P. Easter, p. 1-6.

1995 Missouri Private Applicator Survey, Fred Fishel, Ph.D., p. 7-10

Improving PAT and IPM Training through an Interactive Training/Testing Program, Myron Shenk, p. 11-14.

Volume 2 – 2000

Response to Pre-notification of Pesticide Application in a Public School System, Amy E. Brown and Jacob Z. Schmidt, p. 1-14.

Issues in Non-English Applicator Training Programs, Myron Shenk, p. 15-26.

Use of Personal Protective Equipment and Laundry Practices By Nebraska Private Applicators and Launderers, Marie Tondl and Larry Schulze, p. 27-34

Volume 3 – 2001

A Review of "Aerial Application: A Training Manual for Pilots Seeking Licensure as Certified Pesticide Applicators," Mary L. Grodner and Darryl C. Rester, p. 1-2

Interactive Program Delivery for Pesticide Label and Regulatory Topics, Carol Ramsay, Larry Schulze, Carrie Foss, Shawn Scamahorn, Clyde Ogg, p. 3-11 (67 pages of figures not cited)

Volume 4 – 2002

Comparison of Live Skit and Video Delivery Styles Using Presentations With and Without Fluorescent Tracer Dyes at Pesticide Applicator Training for Promotion of Self-Protection from Dermal Exposure, Carrie R. Foss, Emily H. Allen, Richard A. Fenske, and Carol A. Ramsay, p. 1-9.

Pesticide Safety Education Centers: A Feasibility Study, Barry M. Brennan, p. 10-21.

The Southern Region Pesticide Safety Education Center: A Regional Approach to Training-the-Trainer Wayne Buhler, Robert McRackan, Michael Weaver, Barry Brennan, and Robert G. Bellinger, p. 22-36

Volume 5 –2003

A Review of "The Homeowner's Guide to Integrated Pest Management." Pat Hipkins, Doug Harris, Becky Hepler, and Erica Jones, p. 1-3

A Review of "The Homeowner's Guide to Pesticide Safety." Pat Hipkins, Doug Harris, Becky Hepler, and Erica Jones, p. 4-6

Using Research to Design and Evaluate Pesticide Dealer Training Wayne G. Buhler and Linda D. Whipker, (reviewed, accepted, in editing process)

New Journal Web Address and E-mail Address

The Journal of Pesticide Safety Education has a new web address. To simplify those seeking the journal on-line, we have set-up an alias of "<http://jpse.org>". **JPSE.ORG** will redirect the user to the more complicated address where the journal is being served. We have also implemented a simplified e-mail address for those seeking information or submitting manuscripts. The new e-mail address is: editor@jpse.org.

Web Site will be moved

Web site reliability and content accuracy has been a struggle, at best, since the journal was started. The AAPSE web site is in total control of the organization because we control the server. However, JPSE is served through an electronic journal web site at Virginia Tech's University Library. Everything we seek to post on that site must go through several individuals at the Library before it is posted. Much of the work is done by student workers, which aren't always available when we need things posted in a timely fashion. When posted media has needed to be changed it has caused us great frustration because we have had to make multiple contacts to get it posted correctly. The results continue to be mistake prone. We will be moving the JPSE web site to the AAPSE server. The library will continue to mirror this site so that we can continue to get the exposure through the electronic journal web site, but we will be in control of what goes up, when it goes up, and how it looks.

Tracking Sheet in Use

The Executive Committee of AAPSE voiced concern about the tracking of articles and Amy Brown sent us a tracking sheet to use to track future submissions. This is a good suggestion and the tracking sheet has been put in place and is being used with the latest submission to the journal – an article to be published in the coming months by Wayne Buhler and Linda Whipker.

Guidelines Not Being Followed by Most Authors

It was brought to our attention by the AAPSE Executive Committee that several authors have voiced concern about the timeliness of the journal review and publishing process. This concern was not brought to the attention of the JPSE Editor or Associate Editor prior to bringing this issue to the Executive Committee. The concerns were handled internally by the EC and this information was communicated to the JPSE Editor. We are aware of these concerns and will do our best to address them, however, we need to remind future authors and AAPSE members that the journal has a set of guidelines for authors and reviewers posted on the JPSE web site. These guidelines were adopted by the JPSE Board in February 2002 and posted on the JPSE website. Unfortunately, authors in particular, seem to ignore the guidelines consistently. As a result, a number of submissions have been delayed for publication in the past. The process for submission is contained in the guidelines. If authors have concerns in the future they should contact the Editor or Associate Editor directly regarding specific issues. JPSE is a work in progress and mistakes have been made during this process. We will continue to work to improve the journal. Direct communication and suggestions kept on a professional level are appreciated.

This being said, authors and AAPSE members are reminded that the current process being followed for an article being submitted to the journal is: 1) Lead authors are notified when they submit a manuscript of its receipt by e-mail. 2) The manuscript is sent to the Associate Editor to distribute to reviewers. Authors are notified again when the manuscript is sent out for review. 3) Reviewers (three for full peer-reviewed manuscripts) return their manuscripts with comments to the Associate Editor (usually within a month of being sent the article for review). 4) When the reviews are completed the Associate Editor notifies the lead author of acceptance or rejection and what action needs to take place prior to publication. 5) The lead author returns the manuscript with corrections to the Associate Editor (usually within several months, although this has taken longer). 6) The Associate Editor sends the corrected manuscript to the Assistant Editor for grammatical review (this can take several weeks to one month dependent upon the timing of receipt). (7) The Associate Editor notifies the lead author in what year and volume the article will be published. [*Posting of volumes may occur after the year ends, but the article is always published in the year stated to the lead author and volume corresponding to that year.*] 8) The Assistant Editor sends the corrected manuscript to the Editor for formatting and posting on the JPSE web site. Final formatting and posting can take from several weeks to several months dependent upon timing and the size of the article. If guidelines are not followed, this process takes longer. Generally when articles reach this stage they are not returned to authors for correction regardless as to whether a problem with the manuscript delays the formatting process. However in the future this could change since these problems have caused major delays with final formatting and posting of articles.

Future of the Journal

The journal has held its own for five years. However, it is far from a mature and robust publication. We need to keep a flow of manuscripts, review articles, and other items that fit the Journal in the system at all times. Without participation by all AAPSE members and collaborators we won't exist five years from now. It is surprising how few contacts we have had from potential authors since the journal started. Many of the people who submit articles, submit additional articles. But few AAPSE members even inquire about the Journal. Some of this can be attributed to the growing pains we have gone through and some of the mistakes that we have made in the process, including myself as Editor, however not all of it. If we are going to have a journal for AAPSE, we need all AAPSE members to think about using the service – both reading articles and publishing articles. Hopefully, as we continue to implement improvements this will change.

Thanks to those authors who have contributed thus far we have succeeded. Also thanks to the JPSE Review Board. The current Board includes: Amy Brown (U. Maryland), Wayne Buhler (NCSU), Tom Dean (U. Florida), Roger Flashinski (U. Wisconsin-Madison), Ronald Gardner (Cornell U.), Win Hock (Penn State U.), Joanne Kick-Raack (Ohio State U.), Carol Ramsay, (Washington State U.), Larry Schulze (U. Nebraska), and Ples Spradley (U. Arkansas). Finally, thank you very much for the many hours of hard work provided by Associate Editor, Pat O'Connor-Marer, (U. California-Davis), and Assistant Editor, Catherine Daniels (Washington State U.).

Submitted, respectfully, to the AAPSE Board and Members, 07/31/03 by M. J. Weaver, JPSE Editor (editor@jipse.org)