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Within the last 2 years *Journal of Pest Science* has seen a rapid development towards the aims outlined in our last editorial (Traugott and Gross 2008). For example, the ISI impact factor of *Journal of Pest Science* has risen substantially in 2008 and is now 1.014. The new impact factor places our journal at position 31 within 72 journals ranked in ISI's entomology category. This success has been made possible by distinguished authors who sent some of their finest work to *Journal of Pest Science*, by the constant efforts brought forward by the team of academic editors (see below), the expert reviewers which provide—free of charge—the basis for all manuscript evaluation, as well as our editorial office which guarantees that all of the manuscripts received are efficiently processed.

The number of submissions *Journal of Pest Science* received within the last 2 years has been rising constantly and nearly doubled within the reporting period. Hence, *Journal of Pest Science* also increased in size with 50 original papers published within the four issues of 2009 compared to 33 papers each published in 2007 and 2008. Fortunately, outstanding experts in different fields within pest science have joined the journal's editorial board as Subject Editors. Currently 27 of these editors, distributed around the globe, oversee the reviewing process for manuscripts submitted for publication to *Journal of Pest Science*. The expertise assembled in this new editorial board forms the basis to process submissions from the various areas of pest science in an adequate manner. It also

guarantees that manuscripts are evaluated by expert referees providing our authors with a fair and up-to-date assessment of their science.

The broad thematic standing of *Journal of Pest Science* is illustrated by the contents published within the latest volume which includes, for example, articles on vertebrate pest control (e.g. Ling et al. 2009), plant-arthropod pest–parasitoid interactions (e.g. Desneux and Ramirez-Romero 2009), the application of mass-reared insect natural enemies (e.g. Agustí and Gabarra 2009; Klug and Meyhöfer 2009), the exploitation of entomopathogenous microorganisms and plant extracts in biological control (e.g. Er et al. 2009; Maketon et al. 2009), promising avenues for the control of forest pests, weeds and noxious fungi (e.g. Calado et al. 2009; de Carvalho Alves et al. 2009; Podlaski and Borkowski 2009), the impact of pesticides on man (Hong et al. 2009) or the development of novel technologies to study natural enemy ecology (Janke et al. 2009; Santos et al. 2009).

The increasing number of submissions and the increased impact factor clearly demonstrate that *Journal of Pest Science* establishes as one of the leading journals within its field. I invite all scientists working on the control of pests to submit their manuscripts to *Journal of Pest Science* as a prime outlet for their finest and most significant work.

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