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Our journal *Invasive Plant Science and Management* continues to serve as an important outlet for research focused on the many facets of invasive plants across the globe, including their biology, ecology, impact, and management. During this past year, you might have noticed that we have moved to the predominant use of Latin binomials when referring to plants and other organisms mentioned in articles. The use of common names is now only listed at first mention in the text. This change will better align our journal with other international journals focused on invasive species and pest management. You might also have noticed the increased use of color figures and photos in our articles, and we encourage submissions that include color figures and photos, as there is no extra cost for their use.

We continue to build the reputation of *Invasive Plant Science and Management* as a top journal for research and case studies not only on the biology and ecology of invasive plant species, but also on their impacts and management. For example, in each article we feature a “Management Implications” section that provides a succinct summary of the key management implications of the research that can inform adoption of novel practices by land managers and other practitioners. We continue to receive and encourage submissions of well-designed studies on all aspects of invasive plants from all regions of the world. Invited reviews on relevant and timely topics of interest to our readership are also welcome. During this past year, we published several such reviews and hope to have several more in 2019. Of increasing importance to authors is the time frame from the original submission of a manuscript to a first editorial decision. We continue to be very competitive in this regard relative to other journals, averaging 45 days to first decision in 2018. We hope to reduce this time period in the coming year.

I would like to thank the many reviewers and the editorial board of *Invasive Plant Science and Management* who gave of their precious time and expertise to assure the scientific rigor and accuracy of work published in our journal in 2018.

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