

The International Society for Tropical Ecology is looking for new associate editors for our journal, Tropical Ecology. We are looking for scientists from all fields of ecology, but particularly have needs in soil ecology, microbial ecology, and animal ecology. We request a commitment of 3 years. Responsibilities would include receiving/inviting papers, reviewing/getting reviewed the manuscripts, getting revisions made by the authors, and finally accepting or rejecting the same. The final version of accepted manuscripts will go to Chief Editor for further processing.

The society is international, but based in India. TE is published three times annually with additional special issues and serves as an outlet primarily for scientists from developing nations to publish research. It is also a good venue for graduate students with good projects. It is available free online and in print with ISTE membership for \$60 (US rate, lower if in developing countries). <http://www.tropecol.com/> Each issue contains 15-18 research papers including short communications, in all spanning 130-160 printed pages. All research papers carry abstracts in English, Spanish, and Portuguese. Papers can be submitted in these languages and in French. A new feature, Distinguished Ecologist Commentary, has been introduced recently. The journal receives about 125 submissions a year and we hope to make the workload light on associate editors by having a large cadre of reliable editors. Most of the submissions are in English but many come from non-native English speakers, so there tends to be a lot of work in editing to make the good research also readable research. In the next year we also hope to enter a publishing agreement with an organization that specializes in journal publication that can help streamline are current, lower-tech process.

We are looking for ecologists who have completed their PhDs but age and title are not important. Lengthy publication records for editors are not needed, but excellent writing and editing skills are. Editorial positions are volunteer. The TE editorial board really provides an important service for science in "English as a Second Language" nations. I think many of the papers would not get published without people willing and patient enough to help with the writing. If you'd like to volunteer or should you have any questions, please contact me: skipvb at clemson.edu Please include "TE Editor" in the subject line of your email.

Many thanks for your attention to our request.

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