Publications update

It's time to give CRediT

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Do your publications give credit where credit is due? Well, ASA, CSSA, and SSSA journals are about to with the implementation of CRediT (Contributor Roles Taxonomy).

CRediT is a way to assign specific roles to each coauthor by organizing author roles into categories. Developed in 2014 by the nonprofit CASRAI (Consortia Advancing Standards in Research Administration Information), CRediT is a taxonomy already used by more than two dozen publishers, including Wiley, Springer, Oxford University Press, PLOS, Cell Press, and BMJ. PLOS ONE began offering it in 2016, and AGU rolled it out as an option in 2017. It is fast on its way

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to becoming a NISO standard.Transparency is the primary motivation for why our publications are adopting this system.

At their November 2019 and May 2020 meetings, the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA journal editors-in-chief voted to require an author contribution statement for peer-reviewed articles, using the CRediT system to codify statements across articles. This system reduces potential for author disputes and brings visibility and recognition to the roles of various contributors, increasing transparency in credit given for authorship of articles.

Beginning in September 2020, authors submitting to our journals will be required to assign each coauthor one or more roles from the CRediT list. This step will be

integrated directly into our ScholarOne manuscript submission system. The submitting author will choose the appropriate role(s) for each coauthor at submission and may revise the roles at any revision stage. This information will then be published with all accepted articles.

The submitting author will be able to choose from a number of defined roles: Conceptualization, Data Curation, Formal Analysis, Funding Acquisition, Investigation, Methodology, Project Administration, Resources, Software, Supervision, Validation, Visualization, Writing—Original Draft, and Writing—Review & Editing. An author can have more than one role, and not all roles need to be assigned.

You can find detailed descriptions of each role here: **http://credit.niso.org/**.

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