

Rename of JJSHS to The Horticulture Journal

The Japanese Society for Horticultural Science

The Japanese Society for Horticultural Science (JSHS) quarterly publishes full-English journal entitled Journal of the Japanese Society for Horticultural Science (JJSHS) which provides important and outstanding researches worldwide. Now the society has decided to rename the journal title to “**The Horticulture Journal**” (Hort. J.) in order to raise the presence of the journal in the horticultural community in the world and to be a world-level international leading journal.

The latest and last issue of JJSHS is Vol. 83 No. 4 in 2014 and The Horticulture Journal will start from Vol. 84 No. 1 in 2015 by succeeding the volume and issue number from JJSHS. The manuscripts, which are submitted to JJSHS with being reviewed, are automatically shifted to the review in The Horticulture Journal. The present on-line submission/review system, Editorial Manager (<http://www.editorialmanager.com/jjshs/>), will continuously be used in the submission/review system of The Horticulture Journal without any change of URL and NO pause and close of the system will occur. Thus, the username and password registered for JJSHS submission and/or review will be able to be used in The Horticulture Journal submission/review system continuously.

We have an open access web site for JJSHS on-line version in J-STAGE. Along with renewal of the journal, another web site in J-STAGE has to be launched when the first issue of The Horticulture Journal will be published. Thus, we are sorry for informing you that the articles supposed to be contained in the first issue of The Horticulture Journal cannot be available as Advance Publication. Once the new web site for The Horticulture Journal launches, Advance Publication will be available again.

The Impact Factor (IF) is still important index for evaluation of the journal. Although the IFs of JJSHS and The Horticulture Journal are calculated independently, both IFs are by no means vanished coincidentally in a certain year. The IF of The Horticulture Journal will first appear in 2017 while the IF of JJSHS will still exist at that year and will no longer be available from 2018.

We are hoping your consideration to publish your manuscript in The Horticulture Journal.

If you have any inquiries, please feel free to contact the Managing Editor of JJSHS/The Horticulture Journal (jjshs@jshs.jp).