NACTA on Campus

NACTA Journal Update

Over the past two years and four months the NACTA Journal received 129 submissions in 2 years and 4 months which is an average of 4.4 submissions per month, or 54 submissions per year. Manuscripts average 36.8 days in the review process.

During 2007, 44 manuscripts were submitted to the NACTA FastTrack website. Fifteen manuscripts were rejected giving a 34% rejection rate or a 66% acceptance rate for the NACTA Journal. By comparison, in 2006, 41 manuscripts were submitted to the NACTA Journal. Of these 11 were rejected, giving an acceptance rate of 73%. Each issue of the Journal publishes up to 10 manuscripts, a reprint from a past Journal, NACTA on Campus, Teaching Tips/Notes, NACTA Yesterday (feature from the Historian), book reviews, position announcements (if paid), Join NACTA, and NACTA Teaching Awards. Currently, once a manuscript is accepted it is printed in the next issue of the Journal – no backlog.

For the 2008 NACTA/SERD Conference the Editor received and oversaw the review of 140 abstracts (up from 125 in 2006), most of which were submitted by the March 1. Abstracts were electronically submitted to a website provided by PAQ Interactive where they were assigned to reviewers. After the review, local conference committee determined the abstracts that would be accepted as oral presentation. The other accepted abstracts were assigned to poster presentation. The new abstract guidelines developed by the ad hoc committee were very helpful. Submitting the abstracts on line to a website service created a few procedural glitches that need to be worked out next year. Abstracts are published in the June NACTA Journal and in a booklet for the conference.

The first electronic issue of the NACTA Journal using FastPress will be the March 2009 issue. For the time being both the print and hard copy of the Journal will be published but we plan to move to fully electronic quarterly issues with one annual hard copy of all four issues. If you are interested in just receiving the electronic copy, let the Journal Editor know (nactaeditor@pmt.org).

The NACTA E-newsletter continues to be created and emailed on a monthly basis with the exception of the summer months. PDFs of the newsletter are also posted on the NACTA website.

Successful 2008 NACTA/SERD Conference

The 54th Annual NACTA Conference and the 1st Annual NACTA/SERD Conference is now history. Over 250 individuals attended the 2008 NACTA/SERD Conference at Utah State University in Logan, UT, June 10 -13. The conference included great tours, scenery, food, presentations, posters, and great interaction between participants. We extend our gratitude and appreciation to Rhonda Miller and Bruce Miller and the local planning committee for hosting an outstanding conference!

You can view and download photos taken at the 2008 NACTA/SERD Conference at this URL: http://picasaweb.google.com/nactaeditor

This website contains a number of photos from past NACTA conferences.

Now is the time to start planning for the 2009 NACTA Conference June 17 – 20 at Oklahoma State University, "Getting Assessment to Work for You." Follow the planning progress at http://nacta teachers2009.okstate.edu/.

Opportunities to Submit to the NACTA Journal

You can help make the NACTA Journal better by taking advantage of the many opportunities to submit. The NACTA on Campus section is always looking to recognize members of NACTA or the institutions of NACTA that have achieved something notable. Submit these items directly to the Editor.

Teaching Tips/Notes are welcome. These are short articles of 500 to 1500 words that provide some insight into teaching help to others. These are not reviewed and the turnaround can be rather quick. Teaching Tips/Notes are submitted through the FastTrack system (http://expressacademic.org/~nacta/login.php) with a note indicating "Teaching Tip/Note."

For many years now book reviews have been an important feature of the Journal. We try to publish six reviews in each issue. Books to review can be obtained through Jeff Hattey (or sometimes the Editor - see below). Also, if you are aware of or are using a new book that you would like to review you can submit a review of it. Guidelines for reviews can be obtained from the Editor. Book reviews are also submitted through the FastTrack system (http://expressacademic.org/~nacta/login.php) with a note indicating "Book Review."