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Thank you: A journal is as good as its reviewers



We are pleased to recognize some of our top reviewers for 2017. In 2017, the journal requested external reviews for 1186 manuscripts and 5429 external reviews were submitted, with some reviewers providing as many as 11 reviews. As co-editors-in-chief, we extend our sincere thanks to all of our reviewers. In this issue, we are pleased to recognize 32 top reviewers. While it was difficult to select just 32, the selected reviewers distinguished themselves by both the number and quality of their reviews. We appreciate your dedication, insights, and willingness to serve.

As noted in the title, our external reviewers have a significant impact on the overall quality of the journal. You are the subject matter experts in the area of a submitted manuscript. As we are now in a position to read all of the external reviews that are submitted, it is gratifying to read so many careful and thoughtful reviews. Ultimately, external peer-reviews provide constructive criticism to improve submitted manuscripts and ensure that published manuscripts are of high quality and useful to our readers. For this, we say thank you on behalf of the entire solid waste research and engineering community.

As mentors of graduate students who are excited to submit their first manuscript, we remind them that each time they submit a manuscript, the journal editorial team must identify 3 external reviewers. Therefore, they owe the journal at least 3 reviews and they should consider manuscript reviews to be a professional responsibility. If all of our authors convey this same message and provide advice on how to conduct a manuscript review, it will help us to expand the pool of well-qualified reviewers.

Thank you again and we look forward to recognizing more outstanding reviewers for 2018 and beyond.

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