

## **William E. Rogers Appointed Editor-in-Chief for Major Ecological Journal**

Dr. William E. Rogers, Professor in Ecosystem Science and Management, has recently accepted the role of Editor-in-Chief for the scientific journal *Plant Ecology*. [Plant Ecology](#), an international journal managed by Springer Science+Business Media, is dedicated to publishing original scientific papers that report and interpret the findings of pure and applied research focused on the ecology of vascular plants in terrestrial and wetland ecosystems. Formerly published as *Vegetatio*, this prestigious journal has a proud history of publishing leading articles in various disciplines of plant science dating back to 1948. In twelve annual issues the journal publishes empirical, experimental, theoretical, and review papers across a wide range of plant ecology subdisciplines that have undergone a selective and rigorous peer-review process. The current Editor-in-Chief for the journal, Professor Neal J. Enright from Murdoch University in Australia, will continue to serve in his role alongside Dr. Rogers as co-Editor in Chief. Regarding Rogers' promotion to Editor-in-Chief for *Plant Ecology*, Enright says "It is a pleasure to have a researcher of Bill's standing come on board, and I look forward to working with him as we strive to further improve the quality and international standing of the journal over the next 3 years".

Dr. Rogers is a plant ecologist who specializes in the areas of invasive species, endangered species, plant-animal interactions, population dynamics, community assembly rules, and ecological restoration. He is a highly cited author who has published 56 peer-reviewed papers and more than 100 published abstracts over his career. He regularly presents the findings from his research studies at professional societies, workshops, and invited seminars both nationally and internationally. His work is frequently highlighted in press-releases and newspaper stories. As a result of his ecological expertise he is regularly sought as a reviewer of manuscripts and grant proposals, and prior to his new role as Editor-in-Chief, he served as a *Plant Ecology* Associate Editor for 4 years. Rogers' said he believes that active participation in professional service activities is an honor and privilege that should be conscientiously performed with diligence and dedication. "Participation in service activities is essential for maintaining the vitality of a university and scientific enterprises" Rogers said. "These cooperative endeavors promote our individual productivity while strengthening our collective scholarly pursuits. I am deeply committed to making a personal contribution, at local, national, and international levels, to the high quality scholarship and academic excellence embodied by Texas A&M University. Indeed, these efforts benefit not only our specific fields of intellectual inquiry, but improve the connections between academics and societal stakeholders that is an essential component of the land-grant university mission."

More information on William Rogers can be found at:

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