Report on progress with Edition 2 of Plants in Action

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Eight chapters have been completely revised and are uploaded, see http://plantsinaction.science.uq.edu.au/

The "book" is hosted by the University of Queensland on the Science server, who maintain it for no cost and provide expert IT support when needed.

The process is that we write Word documents containing the figures, then the content is uploaded onto the web by an IT-savvy UQ student (casual rates) using the web-management platform **Drupal**. Each numbered sections starts a new web page.

Chapters remaining and editors are below. Authors are still needed!!

NUTRIENT UPTAKE (Ch 4) - Susanne Schmidt, Uli Mathesius, Megan Ryan et al

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT (Ch 7-10) Christine Beveridge, Jim Reid et al

LIGHT USE (Ch 12) – probably needs no change, have asked Sharon Robinson to check

ATMOSPHERIC CO2 (Ch 13) – David Tissue, Belinda Medlin and others from Uni Western Sydney

WATER STRESS (Ch 15) – Rana Munns and others from CSIRO

PLANT NUTRITION (Ch 16) – Peter Ryan, Pax Blamey, Hans Lambers et al.

SALINITY (Ch 17) – Rana Munns, Sergey Shabala et al.

FIRE (Ch 19)

HERBICIDE RESISTANCE and OXIDATIVE STRESS (Ch 20)

Hit rates are about 1,500 per day for the old edition and 150 per day for the new edition. Average session time - 2 minutes; average pages read - 2.

Several university lecturers have asked for printable PDFs of the new chapters, so we have decided to post PDFs of completed chapters on the ASPS website. This will encourage readers to move from the old to the new edition.

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