Information about publication success rate, time and path to publication, and publication outlets is useful for graduate education and professional development, because it can be used to identify successful publication strategies. It can also indicate the originality and caliber of work being performed by members of an organization such as the International Association for Landscape Ecology.

In July, 2000 I mailed the first part of a survey aimed at understanding and documenting the evolution of publications from presentations made at the 2000 IALE meeting in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Two hundred baseline surveys were sent out and an impressive 80% (159) were completed and returned.

Among my findings from analysis of the baseline data were …

» Most of the work presented was new: 70% of presenters were presenting their core material for the first time ("core material" is the main finding or insight of the work presented, n=159).

» Almost all presenters have published (9%) or intend to publish their work (83%). Only 8% indicated that they would not seek to publish their core material presented (n=156).

» Most work was (or will be) submitted to peer-reviewed journals (96%, n=137).

» Only 12% are considering submission to Landscape Ecology (n=137).

Baseline data will be augmented with data collected during annual follow-up surveys for the next 3-4 years. The first follow-up survey was mailed out in July, 2001.

For more details, visit www4.ncsu.edu/~grhess/research/pubpresent