

Brief Interview with Dr. Thomas P. West (Editor)

Journal of Microbial and Biochemical Technology

1. How many years have you been practicing and/or performing research?

40 years

2. What is the research topic you are working on now?

Microbial bioconversion of biomass into industrial chemicals and biopolymers

3. What makes an article top quality?

An article needs to be written clearly and be well organized

4. What are the qualities you look for in an article?

Findings in an article need to be justified by statistical analysis of data

5. Do you have any research funding (NIH or other national funding) now?

I have USDA funding

6. When did you become an editor of OMICS Journal?

2010

7. What is your greatest career accomplishment?

Studying polysaccharide gum production.

8. How does the research published percolate through to practitioners?

Research usually percolates through searchable databases where practitioners search on a specific topic.

9. What is the purpose of serving as an editor?

To use the evaluations provided by the reviewers to determine if a manuscript is of substantial quality to be published

10. Do you have any patents?

No

11. Have you contributed any editorials or papers (any types) to OMICS Journals in the past two years?

Yes, 2 editorials

12. Do you plan to contribute any editorials or papers to OMICS Journals in the next year?

Yes

13. Do you have any trouble with OMICS Journals in the past?

No

14. Would you recommend OMICS to your friends or colleagues?

Yes

15. How do you differentiate Journal of Microbial and Biochemical Technology with other journals in the field?

It provides a more multimedia approach compared to other biotechnology-based journals