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GUIDELINES FOR THE PREPARATION OF A PROPOSAL FOR JOURNAL OF PROTEOMICS

GENERAL:

A typical special issue consists of approx 20 reviews of 10-15 printed pages (25-30 manuscript pages including figures, tables and references). This is simply a guideline – there are many exceptions. Some Guest Editors choose to invite a mixture of research papers and reviews, depending on how mature the field is. Some special issues have a sectionalized Table of Contents with specific sections dealing with a particular aspect of the field or containing a particular type of paper.

Your selection should be based on scientific quality of papers being the premier criteria for acceptance and the topic of the paper should clearly fall within the scope of the special issue, as well as the journal. The final selection should form a coherent and complete set of papers.

CHECKLIST

Please ensure the following for your proposal:

- Topics should fit the scope of the special issue
- Approach the experts in the field
- Bear in mind that not all invitations will be accepted, so, if possible, come up with 25 -35 names/topics approximately or alternatives
- Ensure a geographical distribution of authors which does justice to the field (not only US based or European based authors)
- Ensure a good balance for the issue (not only regular papers or review articles)
- Try to include an educational article
- Try to include a bioinformatics article
- Try to include a retrospective view/historic perspective as well as a forward looking view (where is the field going; what is next). This can be covered in the Introduction of the issue
- Ensure coherence of the special issue, thereby avoiding overlap
- Include in your proposal per article one or two lines why the article is important (an objective)
- Preferably the title of the special issue should be no longer than 6-7 words; review titles should be no longer than 10 words.
- In case of any foreseeable delay or help needed Elsevier should be contacted