Special Issue Proposal Guidelines

Please provide your responses to the headings below (you may delate the italicized text and add as many lines as necessary).

**Special Issue Title :**

*Provide a title that is explicit, succinct and makes you want to read.*

**Guest Editor(s) and contact information:***Last name, first name, e-mail, institutional affiliation and country.*

*If more than three Guest Editors, please explain this choice. Articles from the Special issue go through the usual proofreading process. Guest Editors select the reviewers and manage the review process, except they are authors or co-authors. In the latter case, the journal Editor in charge of the Special Issue manages the process. Only high quality papers should be accepted. Papers that do not correspond the theme of the Special issue or that do not meet the Special issue deadline are moved to a Regular issue. The Editor-in-Chief of the journal makes the final decisions regarding acceptance of a manuscript for publication.*

**Do Guest Editor(s) have any experience in managing specialized journals or special issues ?**

*Please provide examples by Guest Editor*

**Tentative submission schedule and deadlines :**

*Manuscripts should be submitted formatted according to RIPCO specifications. To ensure coherence in the Special issue, at the end of the review process, the Guest Editor encourages authors to consult and cite the other articles selected in the issue. To do this, the Guest Editor will make the other manuscripts available to the authors. The Guest Editor may reasonably request authors of other articles in the Special issue to participate in the double-blind review.*

Manuscript submission …………………..

Notification to authors ………………….. *(maximum 3 months after submission)*

Submission of revised manuscripts ………………….. *(maximum 3 months after notification)*

Additional proofreading and final acceptance …………………..
*(Allow authors 2 months for 2nd round and up to 1 month for 3rd round of review ; notification to authors should not exceed 1 month)*

Submission of the final version of the Special issue which will be sent to RIPCO…………………..

**Summary of the Special issue :**

*Approximately 250 words*

**How appropriate is your proposed theme for the RIPCO journal?**

**What does the Special issue contribute to current research ?**

**Why is the timing of the Special issue appropriate ?**

**What is the relevance of the Special issue for decision makers ?**

**Are there any recent national or international Special issues on the same theme ? If so, which one(s) and how will the Special issue you propose be different ?**

**Please list potential authors, their affiliation and country, indicative titles of contributions, and a brief summary of proposed papers.**

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*Last name, First name of the author 1 :*

*Institution, Country:*

*Last name, First name of the author 2 :*

*Institution, Country:*

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*Tentative title of the article* *:*

*Language :*

*Abstract (150-200 words) :*

*Key-words:*

*Repeat the above description for each contribution*

**How were the authors selected?**

*For example, were they present at a workshop or a conference on the topic?*

**Are you open to suggestions from the journal to invite other authors?**

*For example, to authors who have recently published in RIPCO or other scientific journals (highly recommended).*