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3) The Coordinator is informed that submissions for the special issue can begin. The submission web site is updated to include a drop-down list of paper types, from which the author will choose the appropriate “special issue” option when submitting the paper.

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