How to propose a topically-focused special issue for Multimedia Systems - Guide for prospective guest editors of special issues

*Multimedia Systems* is interested to receive proposals for special issues (SIs) focusing on an important and recent research topic in the area of multimedia systems. Please note the journal currently does not accept new special issues for events, like workshops and conferences.

**How to propose a SI?**

Please send a proposal to the Editor-in-Chief Thomas Plagemann (plageman@ifi.uio.no) providing the following information:

- A description of the topic and a brief explanation of its importance.
- CVs of the guest editors (GE) highlighting their technical achievements, especially those related to the topic of the SI and describing their experience in editorial and program committee work.
- A schedule for the SI.
- A publication plan for the CfP.
- A description how to attract an excellent survey on the SI’s topic.

**There are some procedures and rules to be followed for SIs:**

- All submissions will be entirely managed in Editorial Manager.
- A member from the journal’s editorial board will be selected to serve as a shepherd for the SI to handle conflict of interest papers and to follow the main decisions of the GE. All GE and the shepherd will have a joint account for the SI in Editorial Manager.
- Every SI may include one paper that is co-authored by one or more GE at most.
- The inclusion of one very good survey paper about the topic of the SI is strongly encouraged. This paper has to undergo the same rigorous review process as all other papers.
- Each paper must receive at least 3 reviews.
- The maximum page limit for a SI corresponds to the size of an issue (currently 96 pages).
- The GE provide decisions on each paper. The final decision for publication is with the shepherd in cooperation with the Editor-in-Chief.
- The GE provides an editorial of at most 2 pages for the SI via Editorial Manager. This editorial will be reviewed and accepted by the shepherd.