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In case there are several Guest Editors (GEs) one GE will act as corresponding GE.

**Tasks of Guest Editor**
Once, the proposal for a SI is approved, the GE will select authors and invite them to submit journal quality papers (in terms of scientific content, English and presentation) to the SI. The GE will then provide the Editor and the Springer Editorial Manager assistant with an updated Table of Contents. The GE will also select reviewers for the submitted papers, and keep in touch with the Editor and the Springer Editorial Manager Assistant on all other matters concerning the special issue and the status of the preparations. The GE should prepare a strict time schedule and inform the authors and reviewers of it. It is the GE’s responsibility to ensure a thorough and speedy review procedure in close collaboration with the Springer Editorial Manager assistant. The GE will submit a Preface to the SI.

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In consultation with the Guest Editor, the Editor will make the decision concerning acceptance and will send a letter of final acceptance to the authors.

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1. Sequence of papers
2. Names and sequence of guest editors
3. Final title of the special issue
4. Preface or Guest editorial

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