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Special Issue Requirements for Conference/Seminar/Congress Proceedings (Revised October 2026)

A set of requirements for the publication of Conference, Seminar, and Congress proceedings as Special Issues of the Malaysian Journal of Chemistry (MJChem) has been implemented (effective February 2025, revised September 2026). Note: Under new editorial policy, all yearly issues are converted into 6 Regular Issues (20 articles each). Special Issues follow the Virtual Special Issues (VSI) workflow, where all special issue articles accepted by MJChem are published immediately in regular journal volumes upon approval to avoid publication delays for authors. The requirements are as follows:

1. Conference Contact Person: The Organising Committee must appoint a designated contact person responsible for compiling and coordinating the conference papers. Please provide the contact person's full name, affiliation and email address.

2. Guest Chief Editor: For each Special Issue, a Guest Chief Editor is required, preferably a Professor from the organising institution. The Guest Chief Editor should work closely with the designated contact person throughout the editorial process. Please provide the Guest Chief Editor's full name, affiliation and email address.

3. Peer Reviewers: The Organising Committee may establish a panel of reviewers. Each paper must be reviewed by at least two reviewers. The names and affiliations of all reviewers should be submitted to Dr Ngai Koh Sing at nkohsing@yahoo.com.

4. Scope, Quality, and Originality: All submitted papers must be related to chemistry, be of acceptable scientific quality, and must not have been published elsewhere. Reviewers are required to assess the scientific quality, relevance, originality, and publication status of each paper.

5. Similarity and AI-Writing Screening: Authors are required to screen their manuscripts using Turnitin prior to submission. Each manuscript must have an overall Similarity Index below 20% and an AI-writing detection score below 5%. The Turnitin report must be submitted together with each manuscript. Manuscripts exceeding either threshold should be revised and re-screened before submission. The Guest Chief Editor and/or designated Special Issue editorial team shall ensure that the Turnitin report accompanies each manuscript and that the stipulated requirements have been met. MJChem reserves the right to examine individual similarity matches and AI-writing indicators when assessing compliance.

6. Publication Ethics and Research Integrity: All manuscripts submitted for consideration in an MJChem Special Issue must comply with MJChem's policies on publication ethics and research integrity. The Guest Chief Editor and/or designated Special Issue editorial team shall ensure that authors are informed of and comply with these requirements.

7. Institutional Diversity: The Special Issue should include papers from multiple institutions. Papers should not be concentrated exclusively within a single institution.

8. Number of Papers and Author Limit: A maximum of two papers may be contributed by the same author. The total number of papers from a single conference is limited to 30 (with a standard Special Issue batch consisting of 20 articles).

9. Language Proofreading: Following completion of the peer-review process and incorporation of all required revisions, all accepted papers must undergo language proofreading to ensure accuracy, clarity, and consistency of English usage.

10. MJChem Formatting and Figures: The final manuscripts must conform to the MJChem manuscript format, with particular attention to the reference style. All diagrams, figures, charts, and other graphical materials must be clear, legible, and of suitable quality for publication. The file size of each manuscript should not exceed 5000 KB.

11. Submission of Final Compilation: Once all accepted papers have been finalised and compiled, the complete Special Issue submission should be sent to Dr Ngai Koh Sing at nkohsing@yahoo.com. The Guest Editor should also submit a list containing the article ID, manuscript title, names of all authors, submission date and acceptance date for each article.

12. Publication Fee: IKM will issue an invoice for RM4,000 for up to 20 accepted articles. An additional fee will be charged for each accepted article beyond the initial 20 articles. Any additional fees and applicable rates shall be subject to prior approval by the MJChem Editorial Board.

13. Virtual Special Issues (VSI) Workflow: All special issue articles accepted by MJChem are published immediately in regular journal volumes upon approval to avoid publication delays for authors.

14. Publication Schedule & Terms:–MJChem publishes 6 issues each year. Special Issue publication years/slots are assigned strictly on a first-come, first-served basis. Any late submission caused by the guest editorial team of the conference may lead to publication in the following year

Note: The above requirements should be observed by the Organising Committee when preparing Conference/Seminar/Congress proceedings for consideration as a Special Issue of MJChem. We will approve your request if you can comply with the above requirements. Authors are encouraged to consider relevant literature published in MJChem where scientifically appropriate. Citations should be selected solely on the basis of their relevance and contribution to the manuscript.