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Dear colleagues,

As in the previous years, the EnFI participants are offered the opportunity to publish their research as regular, original articles in a special issue of *Physica Status Solidi (a) – applications and materials science*. PSS (a) is an international journal with a longstanding tradition and a current impact factor of 1.648. All submitted manuscripts will be reviewed by two independent experts in the field.

The recommend length is 5 to 7 journal pages; the speakers of the tutorial lectures are invited to submit review-like ‘feature articles’ with a length of up to 15 pages. The instructions for authors together with the style templates (in WORD and LaTeX) can be found on the following webpage (there is also a direct link on www.EnFI-2010.eu):

<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/122311674/grouphome/instruct-c08.html>

The deadline for manuscript submission is **November 8, 2017**. The special PSS (a) issue will tentatively be published in March 2018.

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We are looking forward to receive many good articles and if you need any additional information or practical help please do not hesitate to contact one the guest editors.

Thank you very much in advance
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General Guidelines for authors

Manuscript preparation instructions and Word/LaTeX templates

General **author instructions** with links to the **template/style packages** valid for pss (a), (b), and (c) are available at

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Please use either the **Word** or the **LaTeX template**, especially for publication in **pss (c)**, since the articles will be produced from the **publication-ready manuscript files**. In addition, it is the easiest and most accurate way to check the **page limits**.

Please **do not modify** any pre-settings in the manuscript templates/style file such as font sizes, margins, and other formats, to avoid an incorrect layout of the publication. Manuscripts with wrong template use may be returned to the authors by the Guest Editors or the pss Editorial Office.

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All contributions will be considered as submissions to pss as an international scientific journal. **Invited** and **Contributed Articles** may be published in *pss (c) -- current topics in solid state physics* or (upon nomination by the respective Guest Editor(s) and approval by the Editorial Board) as **Original Papers** or **Feature Articles** in *pss (a) -- applications and materials science* or *pss (b) -- basic solid state physics*.

For publication in pss (c) positive review by one referee during or after the conference is sufficient. In contrast for publication as an Original Paper in pss (a) or (b) will require double peer-review by two referees in the same way as for regular submissions to these journals. At least one of the referees will be selected from outside the conference community either by the Guest Editor(s) or by the pss Editorial Office.

The main criteria for consideration as an Original Paper in pss (a) or (b) are (see also our Checklist for Referees at http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/122311674/grouphome/2133_refserv.html#checklist)

- The importance, relevance, and novelty of the results match those expected for a regular journal paper.
- The general quality of the manuscript is appropriate for publication in an international journal.
- The main results have not yet been published and are not under consideration for publication elsewhere.

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