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1. **Scope**


2. **Schedule**

Two submission periods are prepared for this special cluster, and the deadlines are set as:

- **First deadline: May 31st, 2022 (JST)** (Submission will open about one month before the first deadline.)
- **Second deadline: July 11th, 2022 (JST)** (Submission will open on June 21st, 2022.)

3. **Submission Instructions**

The maximum number of words is 1500; the maximum number of items (Figures, Tables, and Algorithms) is 3. Manuscripts should be prepared according to the guideline in the “Information for Authors.” The latest version is available at the website https://www.ieice.org/publications/comex/data/for_authors.html. In particular, please refer to the paragraph on novelty. The review process will begin immediately after submission. The notification of review evaluation for the letter submitted in the first submission period and that in the second one will be sent by June 20th, 2022, and August 1st, 2022, respectively. In the second submission period, prospective authors are allowed to submit not only a manuscript that has not been submitted to this special cluster in the first submission period but also a revised version of the manuscript which was rejected in the first submission period. In the case that the revised version is submitted, the authors are encouraged to indicate the manuscript ID assigned in the first submission period and to append a “Reply Letter” to expedite the review process. Accepted papers will appear on the IEICE ComEX website as advance publication as soon as the payment of the article charge is confirmed by the ComEX Publishing Office. All of them will appear as a special cluster on the ComEX website on December 1st, 2022.

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