

Guidelines for Special Issue Proposals
DUE DATE FOR PROPOSALS: JANUARY 5, 2010

Requirements

- Theme of the special issue (maximum 2 pages)
 - needs and rationale for the theme
 - identification of potential sub-topics
 - learning-related
 - teaching related
 - potential to attract diverse perspectives, research methodologies, and teaching applications
 - relevance to mandate of CMLR
 - potential to attract submissions in/on both of Canada's official languages, English and French, as well as the range of languages taught and learned as minority, foreign, and heritage languages (note that at least one article of the special issue must be in French)
 - FSL and/or ESL focus (any studies done in FFL and EFL contexts must make it clear how the larger issues are relevant to the CMLR readership)
 - potential for a Focus on the classroom article

- Editors' qualifications (maximum 1 page)
 - research expertise in the area
 - at least one able to adjudicate manuscripts and correspond with authors in both English and French
 - balance of language learning and language teaching research expertise

- Distribution of workload (please see timeline below) (maximum 1/2 page)
 - outline availability for editor tasks
 - indicate how expertise will be divided

- Draft Call for Papers (1 separate page)
 - follow standard CMLR template for special issues
 - identify theme, its rationale and anticipated sub-topics
 - solicit papers targeting advances in theory, research, practice, and policy; draw attention to the Focus on the classroom section
 - highlight mandate of journal
 - Canadian context
 - publications in French and English
 - language learning and language teaching

Timeline for Special Issues

(a more detailed version will be provided to the guest editors whose proposal is accepted)

2010

JAN Proposal submissions for Special Issue - 2012
MAR Proposal adjudication by CMLR Board
JUN Call for Papers appears in June issue

2011

OCT 01 Submissions deadline for SI-2012
Papers sent out for review
Letters sent to authors of papers not sent out for review
DEC 01 First round reviews due
DEC 15 Letters sent to authors (accept; revise; reject)

2012

FEB 01 Revised papers due
Papers sent out for additional review (if needed)
MAR 01 Second round reviews due
MAR 15 Decisions on slate of papers (5 or 6) made
Papers returned to authors for final revisions
MAY 01 Final versions of all papers in
Guest-editors editorial due
SEP Publication of SI-2012