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with Guest Editor Brian Brookman, The participants of the Workshop are kindly invited to submit manuscripts based on their presentations (both lectures and posters). Particularly suitable article types are General Papers addressing scientific achievements and perspectives, and Practitioner's Reports on experiences of general interest to the journal's community. Highly welcome are also critical reviews and contributions to the Discussion Forum stimulating a scientific debate.

Each manuscript submitted for this topical issue is subject to peer reviewing under the same quality demands as any other paper. Needless to say that (edited) sequences of PPT charts are not acceptable. If larger amounts of raw data or individual results shall be included, their presentation as Electronic Supplementary Material is recommended. Please consult the Instructions for Authors which are accessible via ACQUAL's homepage www.springer.com/769. In order to reduce the 'technical barriers to understanding' ACQUAL expects the authors to comply with the internationally agreed rules, such as the Vocabulary of Metrology (VIM3, ISO 2007) and the recommendations of the IUPAC Green Book (3rd edn., 2007).

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