

ACCELERATED PUBLICATION PROCEDURE

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Once a manuscript is accepted for publication in *Coloration Technology*, it joins a queue of other articles awaiting publication, and articles are generally published in order of date of acceptance. For all submissions, in order to address the need for faster publication times, the editorial staff are working with referees to ensure that processing times are kept to a minimum. However, there is a procedure in place by which **short communications** can be processed via an accelerated route. In order for submissions to be considered for the Accelerated Publication Procedure (APP), we ask authors to work with us to improve presentational aspects when preparing manuscripts. Authors are asked to pay special attention to requirements for conciseness, standard of English, number and quality of figures, etc. We hope that APP manuscripts submitted to *Coloration Technology* will be of high quality, and normally will require little, if any, revision before acceptance. If the referees recommend substantial revisions, this may result in the submission being stripped of its APP status.

The aim is to drastically reduce the need for detailed editing of papers, figure preparation and time-consuming negotiations with authors on technical and presentational issues. The result is that the time to publication of such articles will be reduced, with the possibility of manuscripts being accepted within one month of receipt, and the aim that accepted articles will be published online within two months of acceptance.

The detailed guidelines are outlined below. Authors should provide a statement outlining why their paper should be considered for the APP. Provided the editors can see that a conscientious effort has been made to conform to the guidelines, every effort will be made to ensure that papers are processed rapidly. However, it must be stressed that the eligibility of any article for the APP is solely at the discretion of the journal's editors.

GUIDELINES

- English must be of sufficient standard to require a minimum amount of copy-editing.
- The manuscript must be submitted in its entirety in an electronic format that can be read and processed by the journal's editorial office. Where appropriate, high quality original figures must be provided on initial submissions.
- Authors must make a conscientious attempt to conform to the journal's **Author Guidelines** and any other reasonable requests made by the editorial staff.
- The length of the article should be no more than 2500 words, excluding references.
- There should be no more than a total of nine tables/figures/schemes *etc.*

Please contact the journal's Managing Editor, Dr Catherine Barber (colorationeditorial@wiley.com) with any questions.