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Dear Drs. Matsuda and Montresor

We are happy to reply favourably to your proposition that Perspectives in Phycology publish a special issue on diatom biology linked to the Molecular Life of Diatoms conference this year in Kobe. As we discussed, depending on the number of manuscripts submitted we will also be able to extend this offer to a second special issue if necessary.

Note that authors are free to propose a title and can invite additional authors to help with their contribution if they wish. Articles should be about 2500 words long, not including the abstract and the references, but there is not a strict limit on word length. Note that PiP usually publishes review articles rather than primary publications but it would be acceptable for the submitted articles to contain some novel data, if necessary. Author guidelines can be found at <http://www.schweizerbart.de/journals/pip/instructions>. There will be no page charges or fees for colour figures. Open access to articles is available as an option.

Contributors will be provided with an access to the journal's online submission system and their submissions will be peer reviewed before publication. As agreed, submissions for the special issue should be received by October 31st at the latest. If the authors have any further questions about PiP or the submission process, please do not hesitate to contact us. To submit an article, please log on at this page: <https://www.schweizerbart.de/submit/pip>.

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Yours sincerely,



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