



Announcing the call for the Special Issue on the 20th International Congress of the International Union of Pure and Applied Biophysics (IUPAB)—virtual meeting, October 2021

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Abstract

This Commentary describes a call for submissions for the upcoming Special Issue focused on the science presented at the 20th IUPAB Congress to be held in conjunction with the 45th Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Biophysical Society and the 49th Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 20th International IUPAB Congress will take place as a virtual meeting this year from October 4 to 8, 2021. This triennial IUPAB Congress will be held in loose conjunction with the 45th Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Biophysical Society and the 49th Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. To act as a complement to this virtual meeting, the *Biophysical Reviews* journal will base a Special Issue on the scientific topics of the meeting contributors selected from the range of invited speakers and poster presenters. This Special Issue will also work to highlight the host country's (Brazil) National Biophysical Society. Finally, this Special Issue will also serve to publish the meeting abstracts in supplemental form.

Review articles from IUPAB Congress speakers and poster presenters to the IUPAB Congress and associated conferences (the 45th Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Biophysical Society and the 49th Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology) are solicited. Similar to the SI based on the 19th IUPAB Congress held in Edinburgh summarizing Commentaries from session chairs are also

requested (Hall and dos Remedios 2017). The Special Issue for the 20th IUPAB International Congress will be prepared and edited by the current authors (Rosangela Itri, Mauricio Baptista, Richard Garratt, and Antonio Jose Costa-Filho).

Submission deadline Review articles are requested to be submitted prior to September 15th of 2021 with online publication scheduled for Issue 6 of that same year. Chairpersons of each scientific session are requested to submit a one- to two-page Commentary summarizing the session's speakers and topics prior to October 15th of 2021. When submitting your article, please choose the correct Special Issue assignment.

Submission format *Biophysical Reviews* publishes two types of review formats. A short review (3000–4,000 words, 3 figures) or a long review (10,000 words, 10 figures). A series of Commentaries (200–400 words, 1 figure, ~10 references) will also be requested from Session Chairs and selected Members of the IUPAB Council and Meeting Organizing Committee.

Journal homepage

<http://www.springer.com/journal/12551>

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We encourage all readers to attend the conference and for attendees to register their interest in participating in this IUPAB Special Issue. More information on IUPAB, the Brazilian societies for biophysics and biochemistry and molecular biology can be found at the following websites.

Relevant society websites:

IUPAB

<http://iupab.org/about-iupab/>

Brazilian Biophysical Society

<http://www.sbbf.org.br/>

Brazilian Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

<https://www.sbbq.org.br/>

Reference

Hall D, Dos Remedios CG (2017) Special Issue of Biophysical Reviews dedicated to the 19th IUPAB Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland (July 2017). *Biophys Rev* 9:269–271. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12551-017-0312-4>

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