

**Physica A Policy Statement:**

As of August 2007, Physica A has a new Special Issue policy/procedure which reflects our general Physica A aim to constantly improve the journal and focus now more than ever on quality whilst ensuring publication of a balanced selection of contemporary topics.

Therefore Physica A has decided that we no longer have the policy to publish proceedings, but we are looking out for the occasional conference on a paradigm topic. In principle, Physica A will be moving from publishing conference proceedings towards publishing topical issues on hot emerging areas.

Proposals for these topical issues will be thoroughly evaluated by all 4 main editors and the publishing team of Elsevier and a joint decision will be taken. If the decision is positive, an agreement will be set up between the guest-editor and Elsevier. New proposals should be sent to Y.Wang at [y.wang@elsevier.com](mailto:y.wang@elsevier.com).

A Physica A topical issue proposal should contain: -2 page (maximum) document explaining the intention and why this issue will have a great impact on the journal and its community -List of agreed contributors

It is important to note that as of now, topical issues will in principle be no longer than 200 pages. Each year we have only a limited amount of pages available for topical issues. Once a topical issue is agreed upon, the papers should be submitted within 1-3 months so that when they appear in print (typically 3-6 months after all the papers are accepted and received at Elsevier) they are not already out of date.

We look very much forward to receiving your high quality topical issue.

Editorial,  
Physica A