

## Call for Papers

### The Second Edition of Focused Section on TMECH/AIM Emerging Topics

Submissions are called for the Second Edition of Focused Section (FS) on TMECH/AIM Emerging Topics (renamed from previous TMECH/AIM Concurrent Submission). This Focused Section is intended to expedite publication of novel and significant research results, technology and/or conceptual breakthrough of emerging topics within the scopes of TMECH ([www.ieee-asme-mechatronics.org](http://www.ieee-asme-mechatronics.org)). It also provides the rapid access to the state-of-the-art of TMECH publications within the mechatronics community.

The submitted paper must not exceed 8 TMECH published manuscript pages, excluding photos and bios of authors, and will be subject to a normal peer review process in the standard of TMECH. All accepted papers from submissions to the Focused Section will be published in August Issue of TMECH in 2021 and will be presented in the 2021 IEEE/ASME International Conference on AIM (AIM 2021, [aim2021.org](http://aim2021.org)). The rejected papers from submissions will be transferred to the Program Committee of AIM 2021 to be further reviewed and considered as contributed conference papers.

The review process for submissions to the Focused Section will be conducted with one round of Major/Minor Revision allowed, and the final decision falls into one of the following two categories:

1. Accept for publication in Focused Section. In this case, the paper will be accepted by AIM 2021 concurrently for presentation only with full information of the paper to be included in the preprinted proceeding of AIM 2021. The final publication in TMECH, however, will be subject to the completion of presentation in AIM 2021 with paid full registration fee.
2. Reject for publication in Focused Section (in the first and second round). In this case, the paper, as well as all review comments, will be forwarded to the Program Committee of AIM 2021 for further consideration. A final Accept/Reject decision will then be made by the Committee as a contributed conference paper for AIM 2021.

#### Manuscript preparation

Papers must contain original contributions and be prepared in accordance with the journal standards. Instructions for authors are available online on the TMECH website.

#### Manuscript submission

Manuscripts should be submitted to TMECH online at: [mc.manuscriptcentral.com/tmech-ieee](http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/tmech-ieee), selecting the track 'TMECH/AIM Emerging Topics'. The cover letter should include the following statement: This paper is submitted to the Second Edition of Focused Section on TMECH/AIM Emerging Topics. The full information of the paper should be submitted concurrently to AIM 2021 online at: [ras.papercept.net/conferences/scripts/start.pl](http://ras.papercept.net/conferences/scripts/start.pl), noted with the given TMECH manuscript number.

#### Submission/Review/Decision Timeline:

Opening Date of TMECH/AIM FS Submission Site (first submission):	November 1, 2020
Closing Date of TMECH/AIM FS Submission Site (first submission):	December 31, 2020 (extended)
Full Information of TMECH/AIM FS Paper Submitted to AIM Site:	December 31, 2020 (extended)
First Decision for TMECH/AIM FS Submission:	March 1, 2021
Revised TMECH/AIM FS Submission Due by:	March 26, 2021
Final Decision for TMECH/AIM FS Submission:	May 1, 2021
Final Version of TMECH/AIM FS Submission Due by:	May 15, 2021
Publication of Focused Section in TMECH:	August 2021

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