This is a busy and stressful time. Many of us are actively readying to ramp-down research while supporting trainees and managing our own family responsibilities. We, like you, have been thinking about how to ensure that the next generation of biomechanical engineers is able to continue academic pursuits remotely and online - through data analysis, reviews, and writing. We would like to update you on some exciting news related to the Journal of Biomechanical Engineering that we hope will provide you and your trainees something positive to focus on as they work on literature reviews, etc.

As you may know, the Journal of Biomechanical Engineering has an Annual Special Issue that features invited reviews on topics of interest to the community. This year, in light of the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, we are making an open call for review articles for the Annual Special Issue. Our intent is to give students whose research is hampered or shut down by the crisis a venue for research and academic work that they can undertake from home.

All submissions will be peer-reviewed. There are no restrictions on length, but we would recommend 10,000-12,000 words (a quarter-column figure is roughly equivalent to 125 words) for a full-length review, and 3,000-4,000 words for a brief review. The latter type should be used for an extremely focused topic, not for superficial coverage of a larger topic.

Recognizing that the situation is highly fluid and is different for everyone, we will consider author-initiated review articles for regular issues as well as the Annual Special Issue throughout 2020 and 2021.

Be well, be safe - and be kind,
Beth A. Winkelstein and Victor Barocas

Topic Areas
Open to all areas in biomechanical engineering

Publication Target Dates
- Paper submission deadline: September 1, 2020
- Initial review completed: October 15, 2020
- Special Issue publication date: March 1, 2021

Submission Instructions
Papers should be submitted electronically to the journal at journaltool.asme.org. If you already have an account, log in as author and select Submit Paper at the bottom of the page. If you do not have an account, select Submissions and follow the steps. In either case, at the Paper Submittal page, select the Journal of Biomechanical Engineering and then select the Special Issue: Annual Special Issue 2021.

Papers received after the deadline or papers not selected for inclusion in the Annual Special Issue may be accepted for publication in a regular issue.

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