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We warmly invite you to contribute to the special issues of 'Analytical and Bioanalytical Chemistry' (ABC) and 'Accreditation and Quality Assurance' (ACQUAL) that will be dedicated to *Twelfth International Symposium on Biological and Environmental Reference Materials*. The special issues are being prepared with the aim of providing readers with a focused overview of the many new trends and developments in biological and environmental reference materials presented at the conference.

All author teams will be provided with complimentary copies of the special issue in which their contribution is published. Publication of the special issues will be March 2010. Our request is that you submit a full paper based on your oral or poster presentation. All submitted manuscripts will be subject to customary peer review and should thus contain only new, previously unpublished results. With submission of their papers, authors may express their journal preference, but publication in the preferred journal will be subject to acceptance by the journal editors. We suggest that papers focusing on analytical methods development, and development, certification and use of reference materials be submitted to ABC, whereas papers focusing on quality assurance should be submitted to ACQUAL. Authors are also invited to submit additional related research papers not presented at the conference.

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We look forward with great interest to receiving your contribution to the special issues on the *Twelfth International Symposium on Biological and Environmental Reference Materials*. Should you require any further information or have any questions, please contact either ABC at abc@springer.com, or ACQUAL at editor@acqual.de.

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