

Note: there are changes in effect for manuscript submission. We apologize for the confusion, but if you have already emailed your manuscript to MH2006, you will have to resubmit your manuscript online directly to JALCOM. Please see details below.

MH2006 is open for electronic paper (manuscript) submission. Deadline for submission has now been extended to **October 06, 2006** to help accommodate procrastinators as well as a change in MH2006 submission procedure just enacted by The Journal of Alloys and Compounds. It has been decided that manuscripts are now all to be submitted online directly to JALCOM, and **not emailed** to MH2006. We apologize for the confusion, but we were only just now provided with this option from JALCOM. This system will considerably shorten the time to publication. Remember, due to space limitations, contributed papers are limited to a **maximum of 4 journal pages** in length. Invited papers are limited to a **maximum of 6 journal pages** in length. If manuscripts are too long, they will be returned for shortening, causing a further delay in the refereeing process.

The general guidelines for paper submission to MH2006 have not changed from our original instructions and can be found at the **Journal of Alloys and Compounds - Guide for Authors** website:

<http://authors.elsevier.com/GuideForAuthors.html?PubID=522468&dc=GFA-Gen>. As the manuscripts will comprise a special issue of JALCOM, MH2006 organizers are responsible for getting all manuscripts refereed before JALCOM publication. We will be enlisting some of the participants in the near future to act as referees using JALCOM's online system. We appreciate your cooperation in assisting us in completing this task.

We are accepting electronic submissions only. Since we are using JALCOM's e-submission system, MSWord, WordPerfect, or Latex are all now acceptable. All participants, including those who have already submitted single-file PDF or MSWord versions to the MH2006 email address, should (re)submit their manuscript online directly to JALCOM at <http://ees.elsevier.com/jalcom/default.asp>. This requires that you register on their website if you are not already in their system. **JALCOM says that they prefer separate files for Figures and Tables but will accept a single-file manuscript in PDF as well as other formats during the initial submission stage.** Please contact them at the following e-mail address or telephone numbers should you have any problems using their online system:

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