Dear Colleague:

It is my pleasure to invite you and members of your research group to submit an article for a special issue of **ELECTROPHORESIS**, on the subject of "*METABOLOMICS*" for which I serve as Guest Editor. The article may be an original research paper describing complete investigations, or a brief communication reporting recent results that are timely and important. Review articles highlighting recent innovations in electrophoresis, liquid phase separations and related microseparation technique development (including their hyphenation to mass spectrometry), detailed experimental studies, theory, or applications in metabolomics related research are also welcomed. Please note that papers in this area are <u>not limited to electrophoresis</u> based methods, but can include all liquid phase separation and MS based analysis.

While we expect most contributions focusing on non-targeted metabolomics, we also hope to include a good number of papers that describe improvements in sample preparation, data treatment and novel targeted profiling methods, in conjunction with mass spectrometry.

Contributions from your coworkers are, of course, also welcome. The deadline for manuscript submission is the 30th of OCTOBER, 2012, with an intended publication date in March 2013. Please submit your article on-line using the Electrophoresis website (http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/elpho). All manuscripts will be peer-reviewed according to standard Journal procedures and policies.

I do hope that you will be able to accept this invitation and join to the on-going success of this special issue. Please let me know of your decision, and of the tentative title of your contribution, at your earliest convenience, preferably by July 31, 2012 (cbarbas@ceu.es). Thanks for considering this invitation.

Sincerely,

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