



Editorial

This is the first of a series of monographic issues that our journal will periodically devote to selected PhD theses involving twin research.

This series, which has been suggested by some major US university departments, has been implemented to provide the scientific community ready access to original, high-quality research results and primary data that might otherwise go unnoticed or be hard to locate and obtain. Furthermore, it is hoped that the prospect of publication may serve as a stimulus for graduate students to undertake high-level twin research culminating in polished dissertations and for department chairmen to encourage them to do so.

To be considered, a PhD thesis should involve recent twin research and contain original and still unpublished information. Two complete copies of the manuscript, prepared according to the journal's style and instructions to authors, should be submitted by the department chairman with a recommendation that the thesis be considered for publication. The manuscript may be submitted only after it has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate university committees and successfully defended by the doctoral candidate. Although this stipulation shall be taken to imply that the department chairman or student's preceptor takes full responsibility for the scientific, technical, and editorial quality of the work, the manuscript will be submitted to independent refereeing. For acceptable manuscripts, requested editorial changes and abridgements shall be kept within reasonable limits in an effort not to alter the original text and the unique character of the thesis.