

## Call for Papers: Special issue of the WASCON 2026

Dear participants of WASCON 2026,

We are pleased to invite you to submit a manuscript to the Special Issue of the *Journal of Material Cycles and Waste Management* (JMCWM) on **WASCON 2026: Building a circular, sustainable society through construction with alternative materials and digital transformation**.

JMCWM published its first issue at the end of October 1999, and the latest issue, Vol. 28, No. 2, was published in March 2026. The journal was initially published biannually, and since Vol. 22 it has been published bimonthly. In 2024, JMCWM obtained an **Impact Factor of 3.8 and 5-year Journal Impact Factor is 3.5**.

The WASCON 2026 Special Issue welcomes submissions of original articles related to the themes of the conference. All manuscripts submitted to the WASCON 2026 Special Issue of JMCWM will follow the journal's standard rules and peer-review process, including review by at least two international experts. The deadline for paper submission is **August 31, 2026**. Accepted papers are expected to be published at September or November 2027 in Volume 30.

There will be no page charge for authors in the WASCON 2026 Special Issue of JMCWM. Authors who choose to publish open access in JMCWM are required to pay an article processing charge (APC). The APC for published open access articles is as follows, subject to VAT or local taxes where applicable: **£2,390 / US\$3,390 / €2,790**. Open access papers will be freely available to all readers.

Instructions for Authors are available on the JMCWM website on SpringerLink:

<http://www.springer.com/engineering/civil+engineering/journal/10163>

Please submit your manuscript using the online system, Editorial Manager:

<https://www.editorialmanager.com/jmcw/>

When submitting your manuscript, please specify that it is intended for the **Special Issue of WASCON 2026** in the Author Comments section.

We look forward to receiving your manuscripts.

Best regards,



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☆Your specification to submit for the **Special Issue of the WASCON 2026** in the space of comment should be appreciated.

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