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Subject: Impact of 2017 Hurricanes on Estuaries and Coasts in the Caribbean and the Gulf Coast regions

Dear Colleagues:

We are preparing a proposal for a special issue entitled: "Impact of 2017 Hurricanes on Estuaries and Coasts in the Caribbean and the Gulf Coast regions" for publication in the *Estuaries and Coasts* (ESCO) journal.

This journal publishes original research papers on broad topics ranging from hydrodynamics, hydrology, geochemistry, geology and biology and their interactions in marine waters influenced by connectivity to land. The journal's geographic scope includes coastal watersheds, tidal rivers, estuaries, lagoons, inland seas, wetlands, and near-shore coastal waters from polar to equatorial latitudes.

Initial inquiries about contributing manuscripts that describe the post-hurricane study results in this proposed special issue were very encouraging. The editorial board members of ESCO have also expressed their interest in hosting this special issue. We now are broadening our initial call for contributions and hope you will consider joining our effort with a contribution of your own.

At this stage, we would like to ask you to:

- Send us the initial title(s) of your manuscript(s), the author names and their institutional affiliations, and the region (Gulf of Mexico, South Florida, Caribbean) where the hurricane study was conducted.
- Forward this e-mail to your colleagues who may not be on the list-servers included in this e-mail.

Important information to consider before committing to the special issue:

 Submissions of manuscripts for the special issue will proceed through the normal Journal peer-review process and will meet the same scientific rigor as any other submissions. Each submission must individually stand on its own merits. Being associated with the special issue does not qualify for any special treatment.

- Guest editors will organize an ensemble of high quality, relevant
 manuscripts and will conduct rigorous review of all manuscripts before
 submission to ESCO to ensure that they meet ESCO, scientific and English
 language standards and make sure that they address the special issue
 topic.
- There are **NO page/printing charges**, but the open access fee is \$3000/manuscript (**this opportunity is OPTIONAL**). Color reproduction is free online and color print is \$11.50/paper
- Papers will be posted on the Journal's website as soon as they are accepted for publication (on-line first)
- The DEADLINE for manuscript submission to the guest-editors is <u>August</u>
 31st

As part of this effort and at the editor's suggestion, we are also planning to organize a special session on the same topic at the CERF 2019 Conference in Mobile, Alabama.

We hope you will indicate your interest in publishing a manuscript in this special issue and we are looking forward to receiving your e-mails confirming your commitment to this effort!

Best Regards,

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