

Special Issue

One way to disseminate particularly to the scientific communities is to use existing scientific journals, particularly via creating special issues related to RI relevant needs. This is convenient way to have relevant articles together, to gain some control on the editorial work related to the articles, and to help on targeted communication to science communities. However, the method does only work for results which can be published in such journals, including the need for passing editorial and peer review.

Advantages: Visibility for the RIs, knowledge transfer, deepen collaboration.

Challenges: Convince the potential, good reputation journal to open a special issue for the chosen topic. Advertising the issue and engage potential authors to contribute. Negotiating the time schedule with the journal can be challenging. To get a good balance of topics covered in the special issue.

Resources: Person with good contacts to potential journal(s) to convince the journal to open a special issue. Communication responsible to advertise the special issue to scientist. Person to coordinate and attract scientist to contribute.

Recommendation: Good contacts to well appreciated scientist and convince them to contribute to the special issue.

COOP+ special issue. The COOP+ special issue includes articles describing how international RIs can address environmental global challenges. The aim of it is to put the international cooperation of RIs in the scientific arena. In compliance with European Commission standards, all the manuscripts should be open access. The original goal was to get at least 14 articles, but only 10 was received. The special issue is being prepared to the Environmental Research Letters journal.