

Options and Guidelines for Submissions to rapidmicrobiology.com

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Rapidmicrobiology is pleased to accept material for publication, this documents details the options available together with guideline specifications.

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- 1) **Press Releases** – rapidmicrobiology.com will accept press releases that focus on products and services relating to microbiology such as latest product improvements, product launches, issues resulting in product recalls and other business news (acquisitions, mergers, change of strategic direction). Text may be edited by rapidmicrobiology staff writers to conform to house style. Submissions should be sent to info@rapidmicrobiology.com.

- 2) **Sponsored Content** – these are paid for placements and are normally part of an advertising package. Content must be related to microbiology testing and can be sent in an email or Word document attachment and should include:
 - Headline Text – limit is 70 characters including spaces
 - Main Body Text - as we are an on-line only publisher we normally suggest text is kept fairly short. Recommended length is less than 700 words, focus on concise technical information, bullet points work really well. Longer articles will be considered depending on content.
 - Summary Text – limit is 250 characters including spaces, this will appear together with image thumbnail and headline in our enewsletter.
 - Image – 720px wide x 440px high or we can supply a library image, please send .jpg, .png or .gif files less than 80Kb in size.

A link to an example page will be sent to you for approval. Material deadline is 10 working days before publication date.

- 3) **Interviews** – we can conduct interviews with technical specialists, marketing personnel or senior managers. Interviews can either be by online voice calls or in a written format which is ideal if English is a second language. On completion of the call, the interview is written up and an example page sent to you for approval.

- 4) **Contributed Content** - by contributing an article to rapidmicrobiology.com you can demonstrate to our readership you or your company's technical expertise and ability to provide practical solutions to issues facing microbiology labs today. We would really like to work with you to achieve an interesting informative article on topics of interest to professional microbiologists.

Contributions can be, but are not limited to:

- A review or update on the latest 'hot topics' in microbiology, such as product recalls, FDA warning letters, regulatory changes etc. or other current trends.
- Review of a conference, meeting, seminar or webinar - a chance to communicate the key subject areas covered and opinions expressed at the meeting, include any interesting Q+A's. We can link to recorded versions where available.
- Personalized comments – this is a more informal style, a chance to express personal opinions reflecting those of the author, these can be on any topic relevant to microbiology.

Other suggestions are welcome.

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