

## MCBIOS 2012 Conference Proceedings

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| March 19, 2012 | – Manuscripts should be submitted to Jonathan Wren   |
| April 23, 2012 | – Reviewers return comments to editors   |
| May 14, 2012   | – Revisions due back from authors  |
| May 28, 2012   | – Final decisions made on submitted papers by reviewers  |
| June 4, 2012   | – Editors notify authors of acceptability of papers  |
| June 25, 2012  | – All final manuscript revisions due to editors along with payment of article processing charges due to MCBIOS |

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