Guide for Author

1. Introduction

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Papers published in the Acta Fytotechnica et Zootechnica uses conventional format of scientific papers based on IMRAD structure – IMRAD refers to the standard structure of the body of scientific manuscripts:

- Introduction,
- Material and Methods,
- Results,
- Discussion and Conclusions.

2. Languages

Papers submitted to the journal should be written in British/American English and papers submitted to the journal should be written in grammatically correct English.

3. Type of Articles

- Original papers
- Reviews
- Short communications

4. Paper/Article Structure

**Original Papers**

- Title Required
- Author names and affiliation, corresponding author Required
- Abstract Required
- Keywords Required
- Main Text Required
  - Introduction Required
  - Material and Methods Required
  - Results and Discussion Required
  - Conclusions Required
- Acknowledgement(s) Optional, if applicable
- References Required
Reviews and Short Communications

- Title: Required
- Author names and affiliation, corresponding author: Required
- Abstract: Required
- Keywords: Required
- Main Text: Required
- Acknowledgement(s): Optional, if applicable
- References: Required

4.1 Title
Clearly expressing the content of the article. Informative. Max. 60 characters (include spaces).

4.2 Author Names and Affiliation
Rule for name(s): Name Surname, Name Surname, Name Surname

Indicate all affiliations with a lower-case superscript letter immediately after the author's name. Corresponding author must be identified by asterisk (*). Valid e-mail is required. Provide the full postal address of each affiliation, including the country name.

English name of institution (decreasing order – i.e. University, Faculty/Institute, Department/Centre). Contact details must be kept up to date.

4.3 Abstracts
Informative. Whole text of abstract as one paragraph. Must be described goals, materials, methods and results of research. Abstract is an independent, autonomous part of the text.

4.4 Keywords
Maximum 5 keywords in logical order. Do not use sentences, but words/customary phrases only.

4.5 Main Text

**Introduction**
Introduction should be brief, clearly and briefly states the objectives and research background of the study, hypothesis or purpose of research. Introduction provides detailed survey of literature related to research theme, too.

**Material and Methods**
The main purposes are to describe, and sometimes defend, the experimental design and to provide sufficient detail so that a competent worker can repeat the study. Describes what kind(s) of research methods were used and how the study was constructed or implemented.

**Results**
This part of work collates and summarizes the data collected and calculates totals or trends, statistically significant findings, etc., should be concise and clear.
Discussion/Conclusions
Author(s) discusses applications or implications of the results.

4.6 Acknowledgement(s) (if applicable)
Optional session after Discussion/Conclusions.

4.7 References

Referencing System – General
Required system for resources referencing: Harvard System of Referencing (HSR). Harvard Referencing System is known as the Author and Date system and there are two parts:
1. the author and the date are referred to in the main text of manuscript (paper, article, book ...),
2. all of the resources referred to in the main text are included in the reference list,
3. all references must be written in English (please, see details in How to ...).

A citation is a brief form of reference inserted parenthetically within the running text or appended as a note at the foot of the page, at the end of a chapter, or at the end of the complete text. The citation serves to identify the publication from which quoted matter within the text, an idea paraphrased, etc. was taken, and to specify its precise location within the source publication. The citation shall contain sufficient data to ensure an unambiguous correspondence between the citation and the bibliographic reference for the item identified. (ISO 690).

Method for establishing correspondence between citations in text and reference list: first element and date method.
References are set out in a list in the alphabetical order of the first elements, with the year of publication.

Elements for referencing
Principles/elements for print resources referencing:
- author(s) and date,
- title,
- city where published,
- publisher.

Principles/elements for electronic resource referencing:
- author(s) and date,
- title,
- medium,
- URL address or name of database,
- date viewed.

Reference list
Arranging the reference list:
Reference list (complete list of all the citations used in text, bibliography) has to be sorted alphabetically (be first author/person primarily responsible for the intellectual content).

- If there is no author/person primarily responsible for the intellectual content, list alphabetically according/sorting to the title.
- In the case of two or more references by the same author, then list them in order of publication date with the oldest work first.
- Do not use the expression „anonymous“ or „anonymous author“, use the title of the resource.

Formatting the reference list:
- Same font face and font size as a main text.
- Justification: left (left aligned).
- Author(s) name formatting: Surname, Name initial(s).

**How to reference resources**

- **Books**
  
  **Book with one author**
  
  SURNAME, Initials. (Year) *Title*. Edition (if not the 1st). Place of publication: Publisher.
  
  
  **Book with two or three authors**
  
  SURNAME, Initials. and SURNAME, Initials. (Year) *Title*. Edition (if not the 1st). Place of publication: Publisher.
  
  
  or
  
  
  **Book with more than three authors**
  
  
  **Book with editor(s)**
  
  SURNAME, Initials. (ed./eds.) (Year) *Title*. Edition (if not the 1st). Place of publication: Publisher.
  
  
  **Chapter in book**
  
  AUTHOR(S). (Year) Title of chapter. In: AUTHOR(S)/EDITOR(S). (ed./eds.) *Book title*. Edition (if not the 1st), Place of publication: Publisher, pages.
  
E-book

- **Articles**
  AUTHOR(S). (Year) Title of article. *Title of journal*, vol., no., pages.

- **Papers in conference proceedings**
  AUTHOR(S). (Year). Title. In: *Title of conference proceedings. Place and date of conference*. Place of publication: Publisher, pages

- **Web site**

- **Online (e-journals) article**

- **Translated resource in references**
  Original:

  Required:
5. Data in articles

Tables (Table)
Description of tables must be above the table body and footnotes below. In case, that data in tables are re-utilized by author, primary source must be cited in text and reference must be included in list of references. Tables must be consecutively numbered in the order of their first citation and appearance in the text.

Figures (Figure)
Figures = all image objects (photographs, pictures, graphs). Figure description must be below the object. In case, that image object is re-utilized by author, primary source must be cited in text and reference must be included in list of references. Figures must be consecutively numbered in the order of their first citation and appearance in the text. Recommended type: vector graphics. Min. resolution: 300dpi and more. Colours: RBG, Greyscale.

Nomenclature and scientific names
Botanical names must be conform to the International Code of Nomenclature for algae, fungi, and plants (ICN) and, if it concerns a plant cultigen, the additional cultivar and/or Group epithets must conform to the International Code of Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants.
Animal names has be conform of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN or ICZN Code).

Units and measurements
For units use the international system of units (SI), derived or arbitrary units.

Equations
Equations should be run in to paragraphed text if at all possible.