

## Guide for authors

**Conference Abstracts** should be no longer than 500 words.

**Conference Papers** should be at least 4000 words (excluding references), will be written in English and may contain figures and tables in the text. It will be structured as follows:

### Title

The title must be clear, concise, suggestive, and straightforward, to appeal to a general reader, but detailed enough to properly reflect the contents of the presentation. Abbreviations in the title are not accepted.

### Authorship

Include full names and affiliations for all authors. If an author has multiple affiliations all the relevant institutions should be listed. The full address of the institutions must be specified. The ORCID code will be mentioned for authors who hold it. The name of the presenting author will be underlined and their e-mail address will be specified.

### Abstract

For Conference Papers, a concise and factual abstract is required. The abstract should state briefly the purpose of the research, the main results and major conclusions. The abstract is a single paragraph which should be around 100 to 200 words.

Provide three to five keywords that succinctly identify the topic of the article.

## Introduction

An introduction should ‘set the scene’ of the work. It should clearly explain both the nature of the problem under investigation and its background. It should start off general and then focus to specific research questions you are investigating. Ensure you include all relevant references.

## Materials and Methods

This section should include information about study site and all procedures involved in conducting experiments, and data analyses. Do not put results in this section. Mention relevant ethical considerations.

## Results

Your results should be organised into an orderly and logical sequence. Only the most relevant results should be described in the text, to highlight the most important points. Figures, tables, and equations should be used for purposes of clarity and brevity. Data should not be reproduced in more than one form, for example in both figures and tables, without good reason.

## Discussion

The purpose of the discussion is to explain the meaning of your results and why they are important. You should state the impact of your results compared with recent work and relate it back to the problem or question you posed in your introduction. Ensure claims are backed-up by evidence and explain any complex arguments.

## Conclusions

This should summarize the key results and to highlight the novelty and significance of the work. You can also include any plans for relevant future work here.

## Author contributions (optional)

In the interests of transparency, we strongly encourage authors of articles to include an "Author contributions" section in their manuscript. Contributions should be explained concisely.

## Acknowledgments

Contributors (those not already included as co-authors) may be acknowledged. Keep this section as brief as possible. You should also declare all sources of funding at this point.

## References

### Referencing in the text

The bibliographic references must be cited in the text with line characters, without highlights, in the following way:

- a) if the author's name is part of the phrase
  - work with one author: Orghidan (1965);
  - work with two authors: Orghidan & Dumitrescu (1973);
  - work by more than two authors: Orghidan *et al.* (1980);
- b) when the author's name is not part of the phrase, the bibliographic citation is included in brackets, for example (Orghidan, 1965; Orghidan *et al.*, 1980).

### Listing your references

The references themselves are listed in alphabetical order at the end of the article. The names and initials of all authors should be given in the reference. The references will be written entirely in line characters, not highlighted with **bold**, *italic*, CAPS, etc., as in the following examples:

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<https://doi.org/10.1128/AEM.70.6.3772-3775.2004>

- b) reference to a book:

Strunk Jr., W., White, E.B., 2000. *The Elements of Style*, fourth ed. Longman, New York.

c) reference to a chapter in an edited book:

Mettam, G.R., Adams, L.B., 2009. How to prepare an electronic version of your article, *in*: Jones, B.S., Smith, R.Z. (Eds.), Introduction to the Electronic Age. E-Publishing Inc., New York, pp. 281– 304.

d) reference to a website:

Cancer Research UK, 2005. Cancer statistics reports for the UK.  
<http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/aboutcancer/statistics/cancerstatsreport/>  
(accessed 13 March 2022).

Please include DOIs or web addresses in references if they exist.

## Units

„*Karst Science Days Symposium Proceedings*” requires you to use the international system of units (SI) which follows internationally accepted rules and conventions. If other units are mentioned within your article, you should provide the equivalent unit in SI.

## Electronic Artwork

The paper will be written with Microsoft Word, doc/docx files, with Times New Roman characters, size 12 for the body of the text, including bibliography and 10 for the figures and tables captions. Please submit equations as editable text and not as images. Number consecutively any equations that have to be displayed separately from the text (if referred to explicitly in the text).

Graphic figures or photographs are accepted in black/white or colour. These will not be included in the body of the paper, but will be sent as separate JPG files without compression or TIFF files, with all CMYK elements and a resolution of 300 dpi. RGB format or pixelated images with a lower resolution and artificially converted to 300 dpi are not accepted. Figure captions are included in a separate file list.

Please submit tables as editable text produced in Word processing software and not as images. Tables are not accepted in spreadsheet format, e.g. Excel. Tables can be placed

either next to the relevant text in the work, or on separate page(s) at the end. Number tables consecutively in accordance with their appearance in the text. Tables must have a caption and must be cited in the text.

## **Poster Abstracts**

Poster abstracts should include the title, authors' names, and their affiliation(s). The abstracts may contain several paragraphs, but should not exceed 500 words in total.