



## Instructions for Authors

### A. Research article

Research articles must be original and cannot be simultaneously submitted to other journals. The document must be written in Portuguese or English and cannot exceed 5000 words. Authors must use official nomenclatures and generally accepted abbreviations. However, the title must be clear and without abbreviations.

Research articles must be structured as follows:

#### 1. Title, Author(s) and Affiliations

The title must be in English and Portuguese (Times New Roman, size 13, bold).

- Avoid titles with more than 10 words.
- No abbreviations and acronyms.
- No italic or underlined words.
- Full stop is omitted by typographic convention

#### 2. Abstract

Abstracts must be in Portuguese and English.

Abstracts must highlight the main subject of the article, materials and methods, results and main conclusion(s).

Abstracts must not exceed 250 words and should only be one paragraph.



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### **3. Key words**

Authors can use 5-7 key words that identify the articles content and must be at the end of the abstract.

### **4. Background**

The background must be short, including the main literature and conclude with the object of the article. Authors should include state of art and must not exceed 700 words.

### **5. Materials and Methods**

This section must describe the materials and methods used, in a way that the test and statistics can be reproduced.

### **6. Results**

Authors must present the results without interpretation in this section, indicating any statistical differences and always referring P values. Figures, graphics and tables may be included in order to showcase results without duplicating any information and must be presented in separate pages at the end of the document.

### **Figures**

Drawings, maps and photographs should be presented with good resolution and large size in order to allow reductions. Authors should take into consideration the size of letters or words used in figures so that they are legible when size is reduced. Letters or words should be presented in black or white, according to the images colour.

## **Graphics and Tables**

Graphics and Tables must be comprehensible without any reference to the text. Each table must have a complete title (Times New Roman, size 10). Vertical lines must not be used; instead, authors should use two horizontal lines, one on top and another on the base. Values that show significant differences may be presented in bold.

Significant differences in graphics should be indicated with alphabetic letters on top of each bar. Notes must also be indicated with letters, alphabetically, starting over in each table or graphic. Notes should be presented under these items (Times New Roman, size 10).

## **7. Discussion and Conclusions**

This section must not exceed 2000 words and can be divided into two separate sections: Discussion and Conclusions.

On the Discussion section, authors must present:

- Correlations between results;
- Comparisons with previously published works;
- Possible errors and its potential effect on the results;
- Suggestions to correct possible problems;
- Authors must avoid describe the results.

Conclusions must be based on results of the authors own investigation, highlighting any new knowledge.

## **8. Acknowledgements**

This section is optional. Acknowledgements (Times New Roman, size 10) should be short and must not appear on the text as footnotes. Authors must recognize or thank individuals and/or organizations that contributed or financed the work.

## 9. References

The reference list must be at the end of the document (after the Acknowledgements) up to a maximum of 50 references.

References should only include the bibliography which is cited on the text and must be organized alphabetically according to the name of the first author. Every author and title of each article should be in the reference list. The journal or work title must also be displayed, complete or abbreviated.

Authors should follow the following organization:

- **Journals**

Armstrong, D. G. e Smithard, R. R., 1979. The fate of carbohydrates in the small and large intestines of the ruminant. Proc. Nutr. Soc., 38: 283-293

- **Symposiums, special numbers published on journals**

Iwata, M., Hirano, T. e Hasegawa, S., 1982. Behavior and plasma sodium regulation of chum salmon fry during transition into seawater. In: H.A. Bern e C.V.W. Mahnken (Eds), Salmonid Smoltification. Proc. Symposium, 29 June-1 July 1981, at La Jolla, CA, U.S.A. Aquaculture, 28:133-142.

- **Books**

Bartík, M. e Piskac, A. (Eds), 1981. Veterinary Toxicology. Developments in Animal and Veterinary Sciences, 7. Elsevier Scientific Publishing Company, New York, 346 pp.

- **Books with several authors**

Green, A.H., 1976. Field experiments as a guide to fertiliser practice. In: R.H.V. Corley, JJ. Hardon e B.J. Wood (Eds), Oil Palm Research. Developments in Crop Science, 1. Elsevier Scientific Publishing Company, New York, pp. 235-261.

- **Unpublished reports, department notes**

Dickson, J.W., Henshall J.K., O'Sullivan M. F. e Soane, B. D., 1979. Compaction effects under commercial and experimental cage wheels in comparison with rubber tyres on loose soil. Scot. Inst. Agric. Eng., Dep. Nob SIN/261 (unpubl.), 9 pp.

## **B. Review articles**

The Editorial Committee will invite specialists to publish review articles. However, review articles can be submitted to the Scientific Committee, without invitation. If these are considered appropriate, the authors will be invited to prepare the article for future publication.

These articles should follow the same instructions as research articles, except for:

- Only Background and Conclusions are mandatory. The remaining sections can be attributed by the author, according to the article theme;
- The review article must not exceed 9500 words (not including references).
- 6 to 8 keywords are allowed.
- Maximum of references: 120.

## **C. Preliminary reports**

Preliminary reports must be original and cannot have been submitted to other journals. These must not exceed 3 pages, in Portuguese or English. Authors must use official nomenclature and abbreviations, nevertheless no abbreviations are allowed on the title. Preliminary reports must follow the same instructions as research articles with the following exception: these must not be divided into separate sections (background, material and methods,...). These should have, such as the research articles, an abstract in Portuguese and another in English, and keywords.

## **Presentation**

### **Format**

The articles must be sent in Microsoft Word (.doc or docx) and PDF (.pdf), properly identified with the title and name of the first author. Text must be justified, in size 12 (with the exceptions previously presented), Times New Roman, with 1.5 line spacing.

The text should be as succinct as possible and avoid footnotes. Every table and figure must be mentioned in the text, preferably through a number, following an order.

### **Sending the documents**

The articles must be sent via e-mail, containing the following data: Full name, institutional and electronic address of the authors, indication of the corresponding author and a declaration of non-submission of the paper to another magazine.

The articles must be sent to the following email: [rpz@apez.pt](mailto:rpz@apez.pt).

### **Additional information**

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