

INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

1. *General remarks*

1.1. *Matica Srpska Journal for Natural Sciences* (short title: *Matica Srpska J. Nat. Sci.*) publishes manuscripts and review articles as well as brief communications in different scientific fields as indicated by the title of the journal. Review articles are published only when solicited by the editorial board of the journal. Manuscripts that have already been published either fully or partially or have been submitted for publication to other journal will not be accepted. The journal is issued twice a year.

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1.3. Upon receipt of the manuscript, the authors will receive a manuscript ID, which has to be referred to in any further correspondence. The authors will be notified of the manuscript reception within seven days, and about the reviewers' opinion within two months after submission. All submitted manuscripts are reviewed and proofread.

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2.1. The manuscript should be provided on A4 size pages (21 x 29.5 cm) in electronic format with 2.5 cm margins, first line indent, and 1.5 line spacing. When writing the text, the authors should use Times New Roman font size 12 and for the abstract, keywords, summary, and footnotes the same font size 10.

2.2. First name, middle initial and last name should be given for all authors of the manuscript and their institutional affiliations, institution name, and mailing address. In complex organizations, a full hierarchy should be mentioned (e.g. University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Sciences – Department of Biology and Ecology). The institution of employment of each author should be stated below the author's name. The position and academic degrees should not be cited. If there is more than one author, institutional affiliation for each author should be indicated separately. The name and mailing address (postal or e-mail address) of the author responsible for correspondence should be given at the bottom of the first page. If there is more than one author, the address of only one author should be given, usually the first one.

2.3. The text of the original articles should be organized into Abstract, Keywords, Introduction, Material or Methods, or Material and Methods, Results or Results and Discussion, Discussion, Conclusion, References, Summary and Keywords in Serbian language, and Acknowledgements

(if there are any). Original articles should not be longer than 10 pages, including the references, tables, legends, and figures.

2.4. Titles should be informative and not longer than 10 words. It is in the best interest of the authors and the journal to use words in titles suitable for indexing and electronic searching of the article.

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(if the article has more than one author, et al. should be used for other authors) and running title of not more than five words.

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3. Review articles should be organized into Abstract, Keywords, Text of the manuscript, Conclusion, and References; Summary and Keywords in Serbian language should be submitted. Review articles should not be longer than 12 pages, including references, tables, legends, and figures.

4. Brief communication should be written according to the instructions for original articles but should not be longer than five pages.

5. References

5.1. References should be listed alphabetically. Examples:

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5.5. References should not be translated to the language of the article. The names of cited national periodicals should be given in their original, shortened form. For example, for the reference in Serbian language, put (Sr) at the end of the reference.

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6.1. SI units of measurement (Système international d’unités) should be used, but other officially accepted units are acceptable when necessary.

6.2. The names of living organisms should be given using Italics font style.

6.3. Abbreviated form of a term should be put into parenthesis after the full name of the term when it appears first time in the text.

6.4. Chemical formulas and complex equations should be drawn and prepared for photographic reproduction.

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7.1. Authors may use black-and-white photographs and good quality drawings.

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8.1. Tables should be submitted on separate sheets of paper and attached to the end of the manuscript.

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8.4. The place of the tables in the text should be indicated on the left margin.

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