

Guide for Authors

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Review papers are written by the authors who have at least ten scientific papers published and reviewed in international and national journals dealing with the subject related to the review paper. At the same time this implies that the ten scientific papers mentioned above have to be cited in review papers.

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Preliminary communications include new scientific results that need to be published previously.

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The author suggests the type (category) of his/her paper, while the final decision is made by the editorial board on the proposal of the reviewers.

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Paper length is limited to 12 pages in A4 paper for review papers. For all the other categories it is limited to 8 pages in A4 paper. This paper length includes all the tables, graphs, figures, schemes, etc. Papers should be written in 12pt, Times New Roman, 1,5 lines spacing. All the margins should not be less than 2,5 cm.

Review papers should consist of the following sections: Abstract, Introduction (with Literature Review), Discussion or Analysis, Conclusion, References and Abstract translated into Serbian (optional) and Acknowledgement (optional).

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The paper title should be concise, informative and written in small letters, font size 14 pt, without highlighting the text (bold, italic, underline), centered. The name and surname of the authors should be written without title of rank, in font size 12pt, centered, one empty line below the paper title. The name and address of the institution (organization) in which the respective authors are employed should be below the name of the authors, followed by the name of the city and country where the institution is placed (in *italics*). Also, the e-mail address of the corresponding author is necessary to be given.

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Key words (maximum 5 words), with a single space below the Abstract, are given in the following way: *Key words*: First key word, Second key word...Fifth key word.

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References are written in alphabetical order with full data (author, year, title, publisher, place of publication, pages).

Abstract translation into Serbian is optional. Following the pattern above, the Abstract translation should also include the paper title, author's name, the name of the institution (organization) in which the respective authors are employed, the name of the city and country where the institution (organization) is placed and Key words, as well, all in the format specified above and in the same language.

Also, the name and surname of the author responsible for correspondence and his/her e-mail address should be written below the list of *References* or *Abstract* translation.

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Nomenclature and units - use the international system of units (SI). If other units are mentioned, please give their equivalent in SI.

Authors and Editor(s) are, by general agreement, obliged to accept the rules governing biological nomenclature, as laid down in the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature, the International Code of Nomenclature of Bacteria, and the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature.

***Agro-knowledge Journal* applies Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA) style and advice for citing and listing references.**

Citations in the text (in-text citations) are in parentheses and include the author's name and year of publication, separated by commas. The number of the cited pages can be put after the year of publication and it is also separated by commas.

It is best to avoid the *abbreviations* unless they are generally known. When they are cited for the first time, each abbreviation needs to be explained, i.e., state the full name. The abbreviations in tables, graphs and figures need to be explained.

Footnotes should be avoided and only used when it is necessary to give further explanation for a part of the text.

Acknowledgements are placed at the end of the paper, after the section Conclusion and they usually includes information about the research support, projects, etc.

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Examples of in-text citations and reference list

These examples are intended to provide an overview of the citation style applied in this journal. The examples are given in Table 1.

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Tab. 1. Examples of in-text citations and citing reference sources

| Category | Subcategory | In-text citations | Citing sources |
|------------------|--|---|--|
| Books | One author | Hopkins (2009) presents... (Hopkins, 2009) | Hopkins, W. G. (2009). <i>Introduction to Plant Physiology</i> . New York: John Wiley & Sons. |
| | Two authors | Teiz and Zeiger (2002) present ... (Teiz & Zeiger, 2002) | Taiz, L., & Zeiger, E. (2002). <i>Plant physiology</i> . Sunderland: Sinauer. |
| | More authors | Sharp et al. (2002) presented ... (Sharp et al., 2002) | Sharp, J.A., Peters, J. & Howard, K. (2002). <i>The management of a student research project</i> . Aldershot: Gower. |
| | Editor or translator instead of the author | (Brickell, 2004) | Brickell, C. (Ed.). (2004). <i>Encyclopedia of gardening</i> . London: Dorling Kindersley. |
| | | (Royal Horticultural Society, 2004) – <i>first citation</i> (RHS, 2004) – <i>following citation</i> | Royal Horticultural Society. (2004). <i>Encyclopedia of gardening</i> . London: Dorling Kindersley. |
| | Chapter or some other part of the book | (Silber, 2008) | Silber, A. (2008). Chemical characteristics of soilless media. In Raviv, M., & Lieth, J.H. (Eds.), <i>Soilless culture: theory and practice</i> (pp. 209-244). London: Elsevier. |
| | Electronic book | (Conoloff, 2012) | Conoloff, A. (2012). <i>Salvaging the suburbs</i> . doi: 11.8870/6001/2122.442. 261 |
| (Gladwell, 2008) | | Gladwell, M. (2008). <i>Outliers: The story of success</i> . New York: Back Bay Books. Retrieved May 16, 2013, from http://www.amazon.com | |

Tab. 1. Examples of in-text citations and citing reference sources (continued)

| Category | Subcategory | In-text citations | Citing sources |
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| Articles | In printed journals | Todorović et al. (2012) | Todorović, V., Gavrić Rožić, A., Marković, S., Đurovka, M. & Vasić, M. (2012). Influence of temperature on yield and earliness of lettuce grown in the winter period. <i>Agroznanje</i> , 13(3), 475-481. |
| | <i>In electronic (on-line) journal publications:</i> | | |
| | <i>Papers with DOI assigned</i> | (Wieger, 2012) | Wieger, M. (2012). The agri-food sector in Poland – an analysis and assessment of CAP results in 2000-2011. <i>Agroznanje</i> , 13(4), 619-631. doi: 10.7251/AGREN1204619W |
| | <i>Papers with no DOI assigned:</i> | (Shen et al., 2012) | Shen, G., Huhman, D., Lei, Z., & Snyder, J. (2012). Characterization of an isoflavonoid-specific prenyltransferase from <i>Lupinus albus</i> . <i>Plant Physiology</i> , 159(1), 70-80. Retrieved from: http://www.plantphysiol.org/content/159/1/70.full.pdf+html |

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| Category | Subcategory | In-text citations | Citing sources |
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| Other publications | Publications of various organizations and institutions | (U.S. Government Accountability Office [U.S. GAO], 2010) – <i>first citation</i> (U.S. GAO, 2010) – <i>following citation</i> | U.S. Government Accountability Office. (2010, March). <i>Information security: Concerted effort needed to consolidate and secure Internet connections at federal agencies</i> . Retrieved from http://www.gao.gov/assets/310/301876.pdf |
| | Laws, regulations and other legislation | (Law on agriculture, 2006) | Law on agriculture. (2006). <i>Official gazette of the Republic of Srpska, July, 24, 2006, 70/06</i> . |
| | Doctoral dissertation or master's thesis | Printed version (Caprette,2005) | Caprette, C. L. (2005). <i>Conquering the cold shudder: The origin and evolution of snake eyes</i> (Doctoral dissertation/ Master's thesis). Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. |
| | | Electronic version (Caprette,2005) | Caprette, C. L. (2005). <i>Conquering the cold shudder: The origin and evolution of snake eyes</i> (Doctoral dissertation). Ipeyzero ca (Retrieved from): http://www.ohiolink.edu/etd/send-pdf.cgi?acc_num=osu1111184984 |
| | Papers presented at seminars, symposiums or conferences | (Drinić & Savić, 2012) | Drinić, Lj., & Savić, M. (2012, March). <i>Problems in agriculture and rural development in Republic of Srpska</i> . Paper presented at the I International Symposium and XVII Scientific Conference of Agronomists of Republic of Srpska, Trebinje. Bosnia and Herzegovina. |

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| Category | Subcategory | In-text citations | Citing sources |
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| Electronic sources | Internet presentation | (http://www.seaturtles.org) | <p><i>If you do not cite a specific part of an internet presentation, but the internet presentation itself, this source needn't be included in the reference list, but it must be clearly emphasized in the text e.g.:</i></p> <p>The Sea Turtle Restoration Project homepage presents a wealth of compelling, well-researched information on the struggle to save the world's sea turtles from extinction (http://www.seaturtles.org).</p> |
| | Specific pages within the internet presentation (eg, report, explanation, article, etc.). | (Sea Turtle Restoration Project, 2006) | Sea Turtle Restoration Project. (2006). Threats to sea turtles. Retrieved from http://seaturtles.org/section.php?id=104 |