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Instructions to Authors

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Two main categories of manuscript may be submitted, in slightly different formats:

(A) Original research papers

(B) Review and synthesis papers

(A) Original research papers

Manuscripts reporting original research should be laid out in the following order:

Title page

Abstract with keywords

Introduction

Materials & Methods

Results

Discussion

Conclusions

References

Acknowledgements

Appendices – text (must be well organised and concise)

Figure texts, Table texts, Photo texts (outside frames or picture) - all in one file

Tables, graphs, drawings in separate files, unless Word file format is used. In that case, last in the main file.

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Details of contents and layout

TITLE PAGE

This must contain the name(s) of the author(s). The title must be brief and informative; it should not give authorities for scientific names.

ABSTRACT

The Abstract must not exceed 250 words; it must be self-explanatory without reference to the text; it should state the aims of the work, the methods used and the main results and conclusions. At least six, at most ten, keywords should be given, to facilitate retrieval. The keywords should not repeat words in the title or in the Abstract. Give the name(s) and address(es) of the author(s). Where there is more than one author, the author responsible for correspondence must be indicated and his or her E-mail address provided.

INTRODUCTION

The Introduction gives essential background to the work, states why it was done and what its aims were, and outlines the hypothesis or hypotheses on which it was based. Major issues raised in the Discussion should be presented in the introduction.

MATERIALS & METHODS

This states where, and with what materials, the work was done. It must provide enough detail to enable the critical reader to repeat the experiments or observations. The statistical methods used, including sources of statistics packages, must be given here.

RESULTS

This section states the main results of the study, in the form of simple, declarative sentences, and provides cross-references to tables and figures for details. No reference should be made to other workers' results in this section.

DISCUSSION

In this section, the significance of the results in relation to the aims of the study is discussed, and the results are placed in the context of other published work. Note that issues raised in the Introduction should be fully developed in the discussion.

In a longer article, it may be meaningful to organize the material in several sections, each with a specific M&M, Results and Discussion, combining a General Discussion and Conclusions in order to sum up the entire paper.

CONCLUSIONS

The main conclusions to be drawn from the study are stated here, and implications for future work indicated. May be incorporated in the Discussion.

REFERENCES

The reference list may cite published references only, and must conform to the Harvard System of citation (see below). The names of periodicals should be given in full. Recent issues of *Studia Forestalia Suecica* should be consulted for examples.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Briefly acknowledge support from funds, institutions and persons. May not exceed five lines of text.

(B) Review and synthesis papers

Such papers need not conform in detail to the outline above, but must be organised into appropriate sections, which in general follow the pattern Introduction, Review of the subject, Discussion, References, Acknowledgements. Illustrations, tables, etc., should be treated as in (A) above.

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The table number must be given above the table. All table texts should be included in the electronic version. An example of a table text is given in the stylesheet.

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For references with three or more authors, the names of all authors must be given at the first citation in the text. Thereafter, the reference should be abbreviated to the name of the first author, followed by 'et al.', thus 'Bloggs, Black & White (1987)' becomes 'Bloggs et al. (1987)'. The names of all authors of a paper must be included in the reference list.

The use of punctuation in references is illustrated in the stylesheet. For further examples, see recent issues of *Studia Forestalia Suecica*.

Information

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