



INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

Papers will be written in English, with a **strong recommendation** for an even number of pages: 4 or 6 or 8 or 10, in Template Form in 2 columns (including tables, figures, and references).

Typing: You may use MS Word 2007 / 2010 / 2013 / 2016.

Page setup: A4 (210 x 297), Margins Top 2 cm, Bottom 2 cm, Right 2 cm, Left 2 cm, Header 1 cm, Footer 1.5 cm, Gutter 0 cm, Gutter position: Left.

Paper Title: edited in capitals, TNR 14, bold, alignment centered. The title should describe the article's content clearly and precisely. The title should not exceed 50 words on maximum 3 rows.

Authors: one space row down from the paper title, edited in TNR 12, bold, alignment centered, as follows: first name in small letters followed by the author's name in capitals. If there are more authors than one and belonging to various institutions, they have to be marked by 1, 2, 3 etc. superscript for identifying the institutions they belong to (if all authors belong to one institution, they will be not marked). Please, do not mention academic title, scientific position etc.

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Corresponding author email: Please, mention the Corresponding author email, at one space row down from the name of institutions, edited in TNR 12, small letters, alignment centered and then two points, followed by the email address of the contact person, which will be edited in small letters and regular style (not in bold, not in italic and without hyperlinks).

Abstract: one space row down from the name of corresponding author, edited in TNR 10, as follows: ***Abstract***, in bold and italic characters, alignment left.

The text will be typed at one space row down from the name ***Abstract***, edited in TNR 10, in italic characters, alignment justified, no indentation (the row starts right from the left margin) and minimum 200 and maximum 300 words.

Abstract will concisely summarize the content of the paper and will clearly tell the reader what information (s)he can expect to find in the paper. It will provide a brief introduction to the problem, a statement regarding the methodology and a brief summary of results. It is advisable not to include references to figures or tables, or citation of the reference in the abstract. Generally, the abstract will end with a comment on the significance of the results or a brief conclusion.

Key words: one space row down from the abstract text, edited in TNR 10, as follows: ***Key words:*** edited in bold and italic characters, next two points and then maximum 5 representative words in alphabetical order in italics, no bold, alignment left, and dot at the end. Please pay attention that the key words ensure the article is correctly identified in abstracting and indexing services.

Subchapters:

INTRODUCTION, MATERIALS AND METHODS, RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS, CONCLUSIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REFERENCES will be edited in TNR 12, bold, alignment left, at one space row down from the text.

INTRODUCTION

The introduction should synthetically present the problem being investigated, the background that explains the problem, the reasons for conducting the research, and the importance of the

research work in the scientific world. The authors will refer to the main information and results flow existing in the field and they could state how their work differs from the published work. The text will be edited at one space row down from INTRODUCTION with TNR 12, no indentation (the row starts right from the left margin), alignment justified.

MATERIALS AND METHODS¹

In this paragraph, the authors will refer to: biological or other type of materials used within the experiments; equipments and techniques used; organization of the experimental plots; databases used; research period and its location, area or region; biological, mathematical, statistical or other methods used; standard procedures; measurements and observations etc. The purpose of this section is to provide the readers enough details so they can replicate your research. All these aspects will be synthetically and clearly described.

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS¹

In this paragraph, the authors will present the main obtained results in a logical manner, and comment and interpret them correctly from a scientific point of view. The data are analyzed and presented in the form of figures (graphics, photos, maps etc), tables, and/or descriptions of observations. It is advisable to clearly identify any significant trends, to present the relationship between the results and the original hypothesis, to compare your results with those of previous studies, and to suggest practical applications of the obtained results. Also, give possible explanations for unexpected results and observations.

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CONCLUSIONS

This paragraph will briefly present the main ideas and results of the research. Conclusions will be concise and clear, no hypothesis and probability. Each conclusion will start on a new row.

The text will be edited at one space row down from CONCLUSIONS, with TNR 12, not numbered or bullet lists, no indentation (the row starts right from the left margin), alignment justified.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This paragraph is optional (if it is not necessary, this paragraph could be omitted) and is dedicated to thank you messages addressed to authorities, institutions or persons which have supported or provided the data collection and processing, organization of experiments, financial support etc.

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In this paragraph, the studied bibliography and cited in the text will be mentioned. It is advisable to cite the most recent papers that are relevant to your work.

References will be edited at one space row down from REFERENCES, in TNR 10, indentation hanging 0.5 cm, alignment justified. The references must be written in alphabetical order by authors' names, with the following elements: Name and surname of authors, year, article or book title, review, volume, issue, publishing house, locality, page number.

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Neagu V., Şandru A., 2004. The work processes shaping and efficient usage management of the agricultural aggregates. All Beck Publishing House, Bucharest.

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- **For article in a Book:**

Kubkin S., 1991. Measurement of radiant energy. In: Sestak Z., Catsky J., Jarvis P.G. (Eds.), Plant Photosynthetic Production. Manual of Methods, Junk, The Hague, 702-765.

- **For article in a Journal:**

Ilieva A., Blajev V., 1998. Aminoacid content of multifoliolate and trifoliolate alfalfa. Plant Science, 35(2):389-393.

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- The text within tables will be edited with TNR 10 or a smaller font size, depending on situation, so that the figures remain aligned in one row.
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- All texts and indications included in the graphics (e.g. *Legend*) must be written in English.
- Figures must have the proper resolution, contrast and sharpness in order to be readable in the printed version (for a better visibility of information, please consider that the printed version is in grayscale format).
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- Use standard abbreviations (h, min, g, mg, ml etc.) instead of writing complete words.
- With two exceptions (the degree symbol and percent symbol), a space should be left between numbers and the accompanying unit.
- Scientific names should be included for all species in italic font, except for the abbreviations "var.", "ssp.", "f.", which indicate rank (e.g., *Brassica napus* L. ssp. *oleifera* (DC.) Metzg.).

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 - Tables are referred to in the text as following: (Table 1);
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- All tables and figures must be inserted after their citation in the document.
- All the authors you are referring to their work in your paper must be presented in References section and cited within text as following:
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- This is the first bullet level; indentation: left 0.5 cm, hanging 0.5 cm.
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GENERAL POINTS

- The whole responsibility for the accuracy of the calculations, experimental data and scientific interpretations, as well as for the accuracy of the English text belongs entirely to the author(s).
- Submission of the paper implies that it is an original article and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere.
- If you use someone else’s words, ideas or results, you should always acknowledge this and refer to the original source.
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- Your paper will be peer reviewed, and the papers which do not comply with the Instructions may not be published.
- It is accepted to be published a maximum of 2 (two) articles as unique or the first article author.

FINAL PAPER CHECKLIST

After the completion of your paper, it should respect the Template Model:

- The first part of the paper contains: paper title, authors, institutions, corresponding author, abstract and keywords to be edited on the whole page width.
- Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results and Discussions, Conclusions, Acknowledgements and References, tables and figures, to be edited in two columns. If there are tables or figures exceeding the width of one column, a single-column section in the document should be used (separate this new section from the rest of the document using two *Continuous Section Breaks* from *Page Layout* → *Page Setup* (Office 2007, 2010, 2012), position the cursor in this section and set the number of columns of this section to *One* from *Page Layout* → *Page Setup* (Office 2007, 2010, 2012)).
- Respecting the Template form layout, a paper is **expected to have maximum 10 pages** and will have an **even number of pages** (4 or 6 or 8 or 10 pages).
- Ensure that the page breaks do not come between any heading and the next level of sub-heading or first line of body text after the heading (be sure *Paragraph* → *Line and Page Breaks* → *Pagination* → *Keep with next* option is checked).
- All two-columns sections should have: *Page Layout* → *Columns* → *More Columns... Equal Column width* option checked, *Width*: 81,2 mm, *Spacing*: 7,5 mm.
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