

## **Guidelines for Manuscript Preparation**

The language of the Extended Abstract is English. Every paper will be reviewed by at least two referees. The papers should be written clearly and concisely. All unnecessary textual matter, figures and tables must be eliminated. Authors are requested to submit the Extended Abstract with author declaration form.

### **a) Typesetting and formatting**

- Language: British English only.
- Length: Maximum number of text pages in the Extended Abstract should be **five** (A4 size pages: 210 X 297 mm). Typed single side only.
- Margins: 2.5 cm wide at top, bottom and right and 3.75 cm at left.
- Line spacing: 1.5 line throughout the text.
- Page numbering: Each page of the Extended Abstract should be numbered in the bottom center of the page using Arabic numerals.
- Word processing software: MS Word® 2003 or higher versions for Windows.

### **b) Format of manuscript**

#### **1. Title page**

Title page should include followings:

- Title: The title of the Extended Abstract should be concise and informative of the work reported. Maximum characters of title should be 100 with spaces. (Font: Times New Roman, 14, Bold and Regular).
- Running title: It should be less than 25 characters.
- Authors: The names of all authors, their affiliation(s) and the full postal address should be indicated in the title page. If the present address is different, it should be indicated as footnotes. Indicate the corresponding author with an asterisk and provide the e-mail address on a separate line (Font: Times New Roman, 12).
- Author affiliations (Font: Times New Roman, 11, Italic).

## **2. Abstract**

- Maximum number of words in the text should be less than 300.
- No citations in the text.
- Font: Times New Roman, 12, Line spacing – 1.5
- All scientific names and non-English terms should be in italics.
- Key words: Not exceeding six words. Font: Times New Roman, 11, Italic.
- Avoid choosing key words from the title. They should be in alphabetical order and separated by commas.

*Note: Abstract with the text exceeding the maximum limit will be returned.*

## **3. Extended Abstract**

Following sections should be included in the Extended Abstract.

- Title: Font – Times New Roman, 14, Bold.
- In other sections, font type should be Times New Roman, size 12.
- Abstract
- Introduction: Rationalization of the research, research questions, objectives hypotheses and literature survey can be included.
- Materials and Methods: All materials, instruments, clinical subjects and samples used should be included. Analytical, survey and statistical methods should be explained concisely.
- Results and Discussion: It should be adequately explained.
- Conclusions (as applicable) – It should be concise and informative.
- References: Maximum 8 citations. The reference list should be in alphabetical order.

### **1. Journal**

James, V., Bowers, G. R. and Smith, O. D. (1984). Evaluation of soybean genotypes for seed viability during storage. *Sri Lanka Journal of Agricultural Science*, 21(3): 71-81. (Journal name should not be abbreviated)

### **2. Book**

Little, T. H. and Hills, F. J. (1978). *Agricultural Experimentation*. John Wiley and Sons, New York. 350 p.

### 3. Sections of Book

Gregg, B. R. (1982). Soybean seed quality and practical storage. *In: Soybean seed quality and stand establishment* (Eds. J. B. Sinclair and J. A. Jacobs). INTSOY series NO. 22, University of Illinois , Illinois. pp. 52- 56.

- Heading of the major sections (Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results and discussion etc.) should be centered and sub-headings should be placed on the left side.
- Make sure the paragraphs are aligned "Justified". Do not use an indent in the beginning of each paragraph.
- Tables and figures should be included within the text and numbered sequentially using Arabic numerals. The titles and captions should be self-explanatory. The titles should be placed above the tables and captions should be placed below the figures.
- Diagram, Line drawings and Photographs, if any, should be clear, properly numbered and captioned with high resolution (More than 300 dpi).
- SI units should be used.
- All abbreviations should be written in full at the first time of appearance.

**Note: Do not indicate the author names in the Extended Abstract.**

### 4. Full Research Paper

The author/s should be ready to submit the full research paper on request.