

Instructions for Authors

General guidelines. Only manuscripts prepared in English will be accepted. Authors whose native language is not English are encouraged to have their manuscripts read by native English-speaking colleagues or by Proof-reading services prior to submission. Nomenclature must be in strong agreement with the [International Code of Zoological Nomenclature](#) (1999) or the [International Code of Botanical Nomenclature](#) (1999). Author(-s) of species name must be provided when the scientific name of any biological species is first mentioned. The year of publication is mandatory, as also a full reference of this in the reference list. Metric systems should be used. Use the following page format: A4, if possible, use the common font Arial with as little formatting as possible (use only **bold** and *italics* where necessary and indentions of paragraphs, do not use multiple line separation for paragraphs). Special symbols like male (♂) or female (♀) signs and other should be replaced by #m and #f, because they are likely to be altered when processing the files on different OS machines. Codes #m and #f will be replaced to the standard biological symbols by editors during formatting the manuscript. The personal style of each author will be generally respected, but all authors must follow the following general guidelines.

The **title** should be concise and informative, providing names of higher taxa containing the taxa dealt with in the paper: e.g. *Review of the Genus Ccc Author, Year (Order: Family)*. We suggest maximum title length of 10 words.

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The **abstract** should be brief but informative. Any nomenclatural changes proposed in the paper should be mentioned. Each abstract should be followed by a list of **key words** that might be present or not present in the title.

The arrangement of the **main body text** varies with different types of papers, but should usually start with an **introduction** followed by **materials & methods** and end with **acknowledgements** and a list of cited **references**.

New taxa descriptions should contain **new taxon name** followed by **fam. nov.**, **gen. nov.** or **sp. nov.** in bold, **type material information** including data on type material store, **derivatio nominis** for etymology, new taxon **distribution**, taxon **description** including measurements, **sexual dimorphism**, **differential diagnose** and **remarks** (if necessary).

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Smith J., Bērziņš J. 1802. Title of the Chapter. *In*: Smith J., Bērziņš J., Smith C. (eds) *Title of Book*. Publisher name and location: page range x-y.

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1 Head with eyes; five setae present on front femur; antennae longer than elytra; legs black in colour ... Species A

- Head eyeless; two setae present on front femur; antennae shorter than elytra; legs pale brown in colour ... 2

2 Antennomere II longer than antenomere III ... Species B

- Antennomere II shorter than antenomere III ... Species C

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