

Guide for Authors

Contributions should not generally exceed 10 printed pages in length including figures, tables and references. Online electronic appendixes may be added to include large materials. More extensive papers may be published in the supplementary volumes, subject to a previous agreement with the editors.

Manuscripts must be written in English. Submission implies that the paper has not been published in or submitted to any other journal.

Plant Sociology encourages authors to submit manuscripts on-line at:

<http://plantsociology.scienzadellavegetazione.it/ojs/>

In case of failure, submission can be done by e-mail to the Chief Editor: e.biondi@univpm.it

All papers will be peer reviewed. A list of at least 3 potential reviewers (including affiliation and e-mail) should be provided.

After acceptance, Authors will be asked to transfer copyright; a form facilitating transfer of copyright will be provided.

The corresponding Author will be provided, at no charge, with a PDF file of the article.

Supplementary volumes are completely at the Author's charge, as well as colour figures.

Manuscripts

Authors should arrange their manuscript according to the following standard: Title of the article, Running title (up to 5 words), Full name of the Author(s), Affiliation and address of the Author(s), Name and e-mail address of the corresponding Author, Key words (in alphabetical order), Text, Acknowledgements (optional), Reference list (in alphabetical order), List of the table headings, Tables (one for page), List of the figure captions, Figures (one for page). Manuscripts should be submitted as .doc, .rtf, .odt files.

The text should be subdivided into the following sections: Introduction, Materials and methods, Results, Discussion. The approximate desired position of all figures and tables should be indicated in the text.

Tables should be numbered consecutively with Arabic numbers (e.g. Tab. 1). Original tables should be in a separate file (preferred format: .xls). Each file should be named following the table's number (e.g. Tab01.xls).

Figures should be numbered consecutively with Arabic numbers (e.g. Fig. 1). Original figures should be in a separate file (preferred formats: .jpg, .png). Each file should be named following the figure's number (e.g. Fig01.jpg). Resolution must be adequate for printing. Figures will be printed in b/n (greyscale). Colour figures (CMYK) will be printed only if the costs are covered by the Authors.

All figures and tables must be quoted in the text, in numerical order.

Figures and tables exceeding the size of 2 consecutive pages can be published as electronic appendixes online and will not appear in the printed paper.

Syntaxonomic schemes must be arranged without indentation, according to the following formats (supplementary ranks will be formatted like the upper principal one):

CLASSIS Author(s)

ORDER Author(s)

Alliance Author(s)

Association Author(s)

Scientific names

All the scientific names of plants and plant communities in the text must be written in *italics*. Authors of *taxa* and *syntaxa* must be either cited when first mentioned in the text or all included in a single list or in the phytosociological tables; a reference to a standard taxonomic source is also accepted for the scientific names of plants.

References

When quoting references in the text, the Author's name and year of effective publication must be given [e.g. Meriaux (1983) or (Meriaux, 1983)]. Different papers by the same Author(s) published in the same year must be distinguished in the text and in the list of references by a letter (a, b...) after the year of publication. The symbol & is to be used between the names of two co-Authors [e.g. Poldini & Oriolo (1995) or (Poldini & Oriolo, 1995)]. In the text, *et al.* should be used in the case of more than two authors [e.g. Allegrezza *et al.* (2006) or (Allegrezza *et al.*, 2006)]. More than one reference in brackets should be separated by semicolon.

Authors of unpublished data and personal communications should not be cited in the reference list, but only in the text, in brackets. Articles already accepted for publication can be mentioned as being "in press" in the list of references.

References must be listed according to the following examples:

Allegrezza M., Biondi E. & Felici S., 2006. A phytosociological analysis of the vegetation of the central sector of the Adriatic aspect of the Italian peninsula. *Hacquetia* 5 (2): 5-45

Beguín C. & Theurillat J.P., 1984. Quelques aspects du complexe des falaises rocheuses sur silice dans le Haut-Valais (Alpes, Suisse). *Candollea* 39 (2): 647-673.

Meriaux J.-L., 1983. La classe des *Potametea* dans le nord-ouest de la France. *Coll. Phytosoc.* 10 (1981): 115-129.

Westhoff V. & Maarel Van der E., 1978. The Braun-Blanquet approach. In Whittaker R.H. (Ed.), *Classification of Plant Communities*: 287-399. W. Junk, the Hague

Any request for further informations should be addressed to the Chief Editor: e.biondi@univpm.it