

Instructions for Authors

1. Periodicals which are published:

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2. Types of publications

- 2.1. **Review articles, up to 15 pages** of A4 typescript presenting a state and a direction of development of science in the field of the selected topic.
- 2.2. **Scientific articles, up to 10 pages** of A4 typescript, including original results of the finalised theoretical or experimental research, the content of which may influence the increase of the scientific knowledge concerning agricultural engineering.

3. General and formal requirements concerning the preparation of the studies

3.1. Materials, which are submitted to the Editor through the web page <http://agriceng.ptir.org> should be **complete** (with an abstract, key words, tables, indexes, figures and bibliography); **unambiguous** with clearly determined hierarchy of titles (main title, titles of sections, subtitles, correctly numbered pages, precisely indicated illustrations, precise formulas, special signs, etc.) and **final** (author's modifications are possible only in justified cases) except for modifications introduced upon the request of reviewers, subject Editors or the Editor's office. The articles should be sent in Polish or English.

3.2. Formal requirements

- **a title of an article**, placed at the beginning of an article,
- **subtitles** should not exceed one line;
- **Authors' names and last names**, names of institutions, where they are employed (in case of the University Centres, a name of the Institute, the Department or the Unit should be additionally given);
- **Author's contact details** (name, last name, e-mail, full address data) in case of joined paper please indicate one contact person.
- **abstract**, which should contain **the objective and the scope of the study, methods of research and the most essential conclusions** (min. 10 lines);
- **key words** written with small letters in a singular form (min. 4- max 8 words);
- **introduction** (initial presentation of issues, which are discussed in the article, justification of the chosen subject);
- **objective and the scope** of the study and descriptions of the **research methods**;
- **main part** (ca. 2/3 of the content)- description and analysis of the research results;
- **conclusion** (a concise summary of the issues discussed in the article) or conclusions strictly resulting from the presented results;

- **references - min. 10 literature titles** (all sources should be given, which were used in the study, including websites according to APA quoting scheme);

3.2. Text

A text delivered by the Author should be prepared in the MS WORD software in the following form:

Font (colour: standard text -black; 12 pt, Times New Roman CE), margins 2.5 cm, character spacing - standard, 0 pt, line spacing - 1.5, justified text

The presented text should not include any special formatting (e.g. Shift+Enter), hard spaces, forced text and words division, pages nor footer or a header).

Enumeration and listing in the text

- enumeration and listing used in the text should be uniform for the whole material in regard to the format
- listing (enumerations) which come one after another should have an additional 10 mm indentation,
- it is recommended to use not more than three-stage enumerations.

Tables

- numbers of tables should be presented in the whole text with Arabic digits;
- a title should be placed over a table and written down in the following line under the word “table” and its number. The table title, does not include a full stop neither after the number nor the title;
- a table should have only external horizontal lines visible, whereas internal vertical and external lines should be invisible;
- description included in a table (font 10 pt, Times New Roman CE, black colour, without thickening);
- source should be given under a table, and in case of author’s own research **the space should be left blank;**
- source given under a table (font 10 pt. Times New Roman CE), right justification),

Figures

- title of a figure should be placed under a figure;
- a title should include a full stop after the number;
- descriptions of axes and values in a figure – **font 10 pt, Times New Roman CE, black colour, without thickening, starting with a capital letter;**
- under a figure there should be a source given and in case of author’s own research **the space should be left blank** (font 10 pt Times New Roman CE), right justification);
- figures should be prepared in a separate editable file and sent to the Editor’s office and figures should be placed in the text in appropriate spaces;
- if figures present photos or readouts from measuring cards, beside a version copied into the Word, should be delivered to the Editor's office in the form of graphic files or in the replicable form (file format - JPG, TIFF - min. 300 DPI).

Formulas

- mathematical formulas should be eligible, particularly symbols and they should be given in appropriate places and levels; it is recommended to use an **equation editor, e.g. Microsoft Equation 3.0;**
- all **variables** should be written in **italics**, numbers and digits - **in straight font;**

- units should be placed outside the formula in the same line;
- numbers of formulas should be given in brackets near the right margin of the text;
- The SI international system is in force.

Text elements

- **dates** - in digital recordings of dates, an uniform record with Roman numbering should be applied (e.g. 16 VII 2010r.);
- **abbreviations** - in case of using abbreviations, they should be given consequently within the whole text and according to generally accepted rules (e.g. **Polish currency - PLN, ton per hectare-t·ha⁻¹**);
- **units** should be given in tables in round brackets acc. to applicable SI system e.g. **(°C, MPa, UR, kW)**;
- **explanation of abbreviations** – abbreviations not commonly accepted, doubtful or determined specially for a particular text should be explained the closest to the place, where they were used, only at the first use of the abbreviation, and within the text if they need to be more explained;
- **distinguishing elements of a text** - abbreviations and terms specific for a particular scientific discipline, foreign phrases, titles of the quoted documents, works, to which the author wants to draw the reader's attention shall be distinguished.
- **types of distinctions** - distinction of elements of a text may take a form of italics or bold font. Distinctions should be used consequently through the whole text; they should not be used to distinguish different categories of text elements.

References

- references should contain only publications, which an Author quotes in a text;
- reference titles should be placed in an alphabetical order according to the authors' names;
- articles of one author should be placed in an **chronological order** additionally marking the articles published in the same year with the symbols a,b,c etc. behind the year of publication;
- quoting a reference title, the author's last name should be given in **a round bracket** or in case of more than two authors, the last name of the first author and "et al." with the year of publication, e.g. **(Surynt, 1974a); (Nowak and Howaniec, 2002) or (Nowak et al., 1963);**
- quoting few titles at the same time, requires the use of a **semicolon** for separation e.g. **(Kowalski, 1987; Michalek et al., 1994);**
- another way of quoting - According to **Kowalski et al., (1995)**.
- Internet sources are provided in the same manner as the description of publication in the paper version + instead of the issuing place and the publisher please place a note: **Obtained from: here provide the www.**
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