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## Paper Preparation and Submission Guidelines

### Paper Preparation

#### 1. The first page of the paper:

- 1.1 Title: Include a concisely worded title.
- 1.2 Please do not include author details, acknowledgements and information about funding and grants on the first page of the article in order to facilitate the blind review process. You will enter those details online when you submit the paper through the Conference Management System.

#### 2. The second page of the paper:

- 2.1 Title of the paper
- 2.2 An abstract of at least 200 - 300 words and 3-5 key words

#### 3. Formatting: The papers should conform to the following formatting guidelines:

- 3.1 Page margins: 1” each side.
- 3.2 Font: Times New Roman, 12 point.
- 3.3 Spacing: Single-spaced. There should be only one space between words and only one space after any punctuation.
- 3.4 Text alignment: Justified
- 3.5 Title: Bold, center aligned, capitalize the first letter of each word in the title except prepositions and conjunctions.
- 3.6 Author names: Center aligned.
- 3.7 Author affiliations: Italics, center aligned
- 3.8 First level headings: Bold, left aligned and numbered using Arabic numerals such as 1, 2 etc.
- 3.9 Second level headings: Bold, left aligned and numbered using Arabic numerals using the 1.1, 1.2 etc.
- 3.10 Third level headings: Italics, left aligned and numbered using Arabic numerals in the format 1.1.1, 1.1.2 etc. We do not encourage headings beyond the third level.
- 3.11 Titles of tables/ figures/ appendices: Left aligned, capitalize the first letter of each major word. Numbered consecutively using Arabic numerals.
- 3.12 Language: All submissions must be in English and the American dictionary consistently for spellings.
- 3.13 Footnotes: Notes should be kept to a minimum and placed in the text as footnotes and not as endnotes.
- 3.14 Numbers in the text: All numbers under 10 should be spelt out in letters. All numbers of 10 or more should be rendered in digits. If a number is used at the beginning of a sentence, it should be spelt-out in letters. Indicate the source for external figures and tables

- 3.15 Abbreviations: Abbreviations should be defined in parentheses the first time they appear and used consistently thereafter.
- 3.16 Equations: Equations should be editable and not appear in a picture format. Number them consecutively using Arabic numerals in parentheses. You are advised to use Equation function in Microsoft Word for this purpose.
- 3.17 Reference style: APA style should be used for references and citations. Sort reference list alphabetically. Do not number. Use hanging indent. View the APA guidelines (<https://apastyle.apa.org/>) to ensure your manuscript conforms to this reference style.

#### **4. Tables and Figures**

- 4.1 Place all tables, graphs, figures, exhibits and appendices at the end of the manuscript after references. Indicate the places where they should be inserted in the manuscript as example <insert figure 1 here> etc.
- 4.2 Number them consecutively with Arabic numerals.
- 4.3 The title of a table / figure should be labeled above the table /figure.
- 4.4 Include table / figure descriptions / notes below the table / figure.

#### **5. Paper length**

- 5.1 Full papers should be single-spaced. They should not normally exceed 20 pages including the title page, abstract, manuscript, references, tables, graphs, figures, exhibits and appendices.
- 5.2 Extended abstracts should be single-spaced. They should not exceed 5 pages including references, tables, graphs, figures, exhibits and appendices.
- 5.3 Number the pages consecutively.

6. **File format:** The paper or extended abstract must be submitted as a single Microsoft Word file.

7. Submitted papers should not have been accepted for publication.

8. The corresponding author must ensure that the paper is complete, grammatically correct, free from spelling or typographical errors and conform to all the above guidelines.

9. Full papers will be given preference, but extended abstracts are also strongly encouraged.

#### **Paper Submission**

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