

# *Publication Policy and Guidelines for Authors*

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## **2. General Requirements**

### **2.1 Style and Form**

- 2.1.1 Write concisely and simply, using simple sentences of short and medium length as far as practicable. Writing in a succinct manner results in (a) economy in printing, and (b) economy of effort in reading. However, concentration should not be carried so far as to make the paper difficult to comprehend.
- 2.1.2 Use "I" and "We" (except in the abstract) rather than 'the (present) author(s)', and the active rather than the passive voice. In any case, do not mix "I" and 'the author' in the same paper.
- 2.1.3 Abbreviations should not be introduced abruptly without explanation. When it appears first, the name or title should be given in full followed by the abbreviation within parentheses, for example, 'Optical Character Recognition (OCR)'. Thereafter, the abbreviation may be used alone. However, popular acronyms can be used independently.

### **2.2 Title Page**

- 2.2.1 Manuscript should be submitted with a separate '*Title page*' containing the title of the article, name(s) of author(s), address for communication with PIN code, phone number and an e-mail address for quick correspondences. *Only the title of the paper should appear on the first page of the text.*

### **2.3 Title**

- 2.3.1 The title should be concise and informative. It should be free from ambiguous phrases like 'Contribution to the knowledge of .....', 'Some considerations on..... ', etc. Subtitle should be avoided unless absolutely necessary.
- 2.3.2 Use 'title case' style for the title of the paper submitted for publication.

### **2.4 Abstract**

- 2.4.1 The abstract should convey distinctly the *Purpose, Design/Methodology/Approach, Findings* and *Originality/Value* of the paper. The abstract, preferably not exceeding 350 words, must be intelligible on its own without reference to the main text. Do not include anything in the abstract that is not covered in the paper.

### **2.5 Keywords**

- 2.5.1 At most eight keywords separated by commas should be included which will indicate the principal subjects covered by the paper. Keywords are to be placed immediately after the abstract.
- A good title, abstract and appropriate keywords help secondary information services to publicise rapidly and facilitate future retrieval.*

## **3. Technical Requirements**

- 3.1 A full-length research paper (preferably within 5000 words) should be typed with a left-hand margin of about 3 cm on one side only of white, A4 size, consecutively numbered sheets of paper. Use double-spacing of lines including the abstract, references, tables, etc.
- 3.2 Do not italicise common Latin expressions or abbreviations, such as a priori, et al, ca, cf, eg., i.e. viz., etc. Use italics for special emphasis, for new terms when they are introduced, words in foreign language, and titles of journals.
- 3.3 Avoid using roman numerals.
- 3.4 Headings for sections and sub sections should be in the following pattern:
- 3.4.1 Sectional headings, subheadings, sub-subheadings should be placed properly and also are to be numbered with decimal subdivisions (e.g. 3, 3.4, 3.4.1, ..... ) in Arabic numerals.
- 3.4.2 Main section heading should be in Roman bold lower case, except the first letter and serious cases where capitals must be used, e.g. Proper nouns, abbreviations etc.
- 3.4.3 The subheadings should be in bold italics lower case, except the first letter and serious cases where capitals must be used.
- 3.4.4 The sub-subheadings should be in italics lower case, except the first letter and serious cases where capitals must be used.
- 3.5 Keep the number of tables to a minimum and make them as small and simple as possible. Avoid vertical lines in tables. Use double-spacing.
- 3.6 About author(s) within 100 words along with photograph (B/W) of each author should be added sequentially at the end of the article in a separate page.

## **4. Reference List**

- 4.1 The bibliographical references must be presented in accordance with the style and standards mentioned here.

- 4.2 Only published papers are to be included in the reference list, with the exception of Ph D Theses and Dissertations, and paper that have been accepted for publication and assigned to a specific issue of a periodical.
- 4.3 In the text, citations should be serially numbered at appropriate places preferably after the name of the author, or the title of the document. The citation numbers should be placed as **superscripts** at appropriate places.
- 4.4 The references should be listed following the serial numbers at the end of the text under the last name of author (or first author in case of multi-authored contributions) in all capitals, with the initials or other parts of the name in usual case within parentheses, for example RANGANATHAN (S R) or DASGUPTA(Arun Kanti).
- 4.5 Do not use 'et al' or 'and others' in the reference list, but write out all the names.
- 4.6 If no author entry, personal or corporate, can be determined, the publication should be listed under its title with first two words in capital letters. Avoid using the entry 'anonymous'.
- 4.7 As abbreviations may cause confusion, serial titles (e.g. Periodicals and Monographs series) must be given unabbreviated.
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- 4.11 For a serial having no volume number, but a running serial number, the latter may be given in brackets e.g. (137).
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- 4.14 Finally all the references and citations should be cross-checked to ensure accuracy and completeness before submitting the manuscript.

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LASTNAME (Other part). *Title of the book*. Vol No. Year. Edition. Publisher; Place.  
 Pagination.  
 e.g.  
 RANGANATHAN (S R). *Prolegomena to library classification*. 1989. 3rd ed. Sarada Ranganathan Endowment for Library Science; Bangalore. p59-88.

### **For a contribution to a Composite Book**

LASTNAME (Other part). Title of the contribution. *In* : LASTNAME (Other part), Ed. *Title of the book*. Vol No. Year. Edition. Publisher; Place. Pagination.  
e.g.

RANGANATHAN (S R), KRISHNAMURTI (R) and INDIRA (B). Slant in abstracting. *In* : RANGANATHAN (S R), Ed. *Documentation and its facets*. 1963. Asia Publishing House; Bombay. p526-35.

### **For a Journal Article**

LASTNAME (Other part). Title. *Journal Name*. Volume, Issue; Year, Month. Pagination.  
e.g.

BHATTACHARYYA (G). Information: its definition for its service professionals. *Iaslic Bulletin*. 41, 3; 1996, Mar. p97-112.

### **For a contribution to a Conference**

LASTNAME (Other part). Title of the contribution. *Title of the Conference*, Number. Name and address of the organizing agency, Place of Conference, Month Date, Year. Publisher ; Place of Publication. Year. Pagination.  
e.g.

GOPINATH(M A). Colon classification, edition 7 : theory and practice. *DRTC Refresher Seminar*, 17<sup>th</sup>. Documentation Research and Training Centre, Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore, Bangalore, Oct 26-28, 1988. Documentation Research and Training Centre; Bangalore. 1988. p25-66.

### **For a Thesis/Dissertation**

LASTNAME (Other part). *Title of the thesis*. Name of the University along with the Country awarded the degree. Degree. Year. Pagination. (*unpublished*)  
e.g.

BHATTACHARYYA (G). *A general theory of subject indexing languages*. Karnataka University, India. Ph D Thesis. 1980. p161-201 (*unpublished*).

## **For a Web Document**

LASTNAME (Other part). *Title of the document*. Uniform Resource Locator. (Date of Hosting/ Updating). (*Visited on: Date of Search*).

e.g.

GLASSEL (Aimee). *Was Ranganathan a yahoo?*. <http://scout.cs.wise.edu/toolkit/enduser/archive/1998/euc-9803.html>. (Mar 01, 1998). (*Visited on: Mar 17, 2002*) .

## **5. Table Headings and Illustrations**

5.1 Table headings and figure legends should be, distinct, legible, self-explanatory and as short as possible. Use of unnecessary and irrelevant tables, lengthy tables may disqualify the paper.

5.2 *Colour in illustrations, tables, graphs or even in text must be avoided*. They should be presented in black and white.

5.3 Illustrations should be submitted in original.

## **6. Submission of Manuscripts**

6.1 It is strongly recommended that before submitting a manuscript, the author(s) should check thoroughly to avoid grammatical errors, inconsistencies and violations of the instructions for authors.

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6.7 *Authors are requested to include their mobile numbers and e-mail addresses for quick correspondences.*

## 7. Editorial Treatment

- 7.1 When the Editor receives a manuscript, receipt is acknowledged and the manuscript has to pass through physical verification process to check whether the manuscript is prepared in conformity with the prescribed guidelines.
- 7.2 The manuscript is then sent to referees for blind review. After review and editorial scrutiny, the manuscript is accepted, rejected or communicated to the author(s) for improvement. After proper revision, the manuscript is accepted and provisionally assigned to a specific issue of the IASLIC Bulletin. *Rejected manuscripts are not returned to the author(s).*
- 7.3 The first author will receive a complimentary copy of the respective issue of IASLIC Bulletin in which the article is published.
- 7.4 The Editorial Board will not be held responsible for the opinion expressed by the author(s).

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