

Shallow Lakes 2005

Dear colleague,

The following information is enclosed to help you prepare your MS for submission before 1 October 2005 (the deadline for manuscript submission!) to the Editorial Committee (undersigned).

We have discussed with the Publishing Department of Springer and Editor-in-chief of *Hydrobiologia* the questions vis-à-vis the maximum number of accepted papers, manuscript size, quality, etc. In this respect I want the authors to make a note of the following:

1. The Proceedings Volume (Special Volume!) will have a space limit of 400± 10% pages: this has forced us to limit the Volume to about 40 ACCEPTED papers, including both oral and poster presentations and the invited state-of-the-art review papers. (Descriptive and taxonomic studies will not be considered for review process).
2. The acceptance a manuscript for inclusion in the Proceedings Volume will depend on the reviewers' recommendations and their final evaluation and prioritization by the Editorial Committee comprised of four guest editors.
3. The criteria for preparing a manuscript are that it is based on a study that: is original, i.e. it presents novel findings, is based on clear hypothesis testing, uses appropriate statistical tools to support the data interpretations, and critically discusses the findings in the light of our present knowledge based on internationally accessible scientific literature. The new or novel findings should be highlighted in the manuscript Abstract as well as listed explicitly in the Conclusions.
4. The manuscript should not exceed 20 A-4 typed pages (font 12, double spaced), including illustrations. The manuscripts that are weak in linguistics or are poor in readability, not well structured, or have long Tables and contain more than a reasonable no. of illustrations, will not be considered by the editorial committee for review process.
5. The manuscript should be submitted in triplicate (3X) both as hard copy, on CD (and by electronic mail (zipped!)) using appropriate format, and sent to the postal and email addresses given below.
6. "Instructions to Authors" for *Hydrobiologia* can be found at <http://www.springeronline.com> .

With best wishes of the Editorial Committee: (Ellen VanDonk, Eddy Lammens, Niels De Pauw and Ramesh D. Gulati)

Sincerely,
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