

XIX International Silage Conference - Instructions for authors to prepare invited and 2–page offered papers (Heading: Arial 12, bold)

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Keywords: 3-5 keywords in alphabetical order separated by comma

Introduction Thank you for showing interest towards contributing to the XIX International Silage Conference! These instructions will guide you through preparation of invited and 2-page offered papers to the Conference. This text is written according to the instructions and can be used as a template. The whole text should be written in “Arial” font size 10 (line spacing 1.15) and must not exceed two pages for offered papers and 14 pages for invited papers.

Both invited review and short offered contributions should follow the general structure of a scientific paper and include the following sections: **Title, Authors, Abstract (only for invited review papers), Keywords, Introduction, Material and Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusions and References.** In short offered papers the sections Results and Discussion may be combined. Include tables and figures within the text.

Table 1. Deadlines and formats of scientific contributions to XVIII International Silage Conference.

Deadline	Contribution	Format	Length
30 November 2021	Initial short abstract	Current guidelines	Max. 1 page
31 January 2022	Notice of Acceptance		
31 March 2022	2-page paper	Current guidelines	Max. 2 pages
31 May 2022	The revised paper		
30 June 2022	Invited papers	Current guidelines	Max. 14 pages
30 June 2022	posters	Current guidelines	

Material and Methods The same technical instructions apply for long invited and 2-page offered papers. Title and headings are bolded. Manuscripts should be prepared in A4 format with left and right margins at 2.5 cm, top at 2 cm and bottom at 1.5 cm (as in this template). The layout in the Conference proceedings will be based on the version provided by the authors so please pay attention to clear and balanced presentation.

The text should be written in **correct English** and be well structured in both style and content. It is strongly recommended that authors of non-native English speaker have their manuscripts checked in regard to language accuracy before submitting them. Tables containing numerical data should be kept to a minimum and should include only essential information. Tables are numbered sequentially in Arabic numerals, and they should be cross-referenced in the text. Each table should have a concise self-explanatory legend, and abbreviations used should be defined directly below the tables. Prepare Tables by using the Table function of the word processor and centre the columns.

The figures should be consecutively numbered in Arabic numerals and concise self-explanatory legends provided below each figure. Colour figures or photos may be included and will be presented in the electric format, but authors should notice that the printed version will be black and white. Make sure that symbols etc. are also detectable in black and white versions.

Please describe materials and methods used in this study including information regarding the experimental design and statistical analysis. Provide sufficient detail to allow the work to be reproduced. Methods already published should be indicated by a reference: only relevant modifications should be described.

Results The International System of Units (SI) should be used. Accepted common names of active ingredients of chemical formulations should be used in preference to trade names. Papers should conform to internationally recognized codes of nomenclature. Generic and specific Latin names should be typed in italics. Do not use hyphenation. Numbers from one to five should be written. Use preferentially British English (adjust the word processor to use it). If US English is used, it should be done consistently through the manuscript. Statistical significance can be expressed using symbols *** ($P < 0.001$), ** ($P < 0.01$), * ($P < 0.05$) without explaining them. Also exact P-values may be presented. If $0.10 > P > 0.05$, then differences can be considered to suggest a trend, or tendency, to a difference, but the actual 'P' value should be stated.

Discussion This should explore the significance of the results of the work, not repeat them. Avoid extensive citations and discussion of published literature.

Conclusion Please give a short conclusion of your study.

References References in the text should consist of the name(s) of the author(s) and the year of publication. Please note that the name(s) of the author(s) should be written in lower case. Example: "Growth rate needs to be monitored, because the feeding level before puberty can affect mammary development (Little and Kay 1979, Sejrsen et al. 1982).

All publications cited in the text should be presented in a list of references following the text of the manuscript. References should be listed at the end of the paper in alphabetical order according to the name of the first author. The name(s) of the author(s) should be written in lower case. Journal titles are spelled out in full, i.e. cited in unabbreviated form. The following are examples of reference listings.

Journal article

Huhtanen, P., Rinne, M., & Nousiainen, J. (2007) Evaluation of the factors affecting silage intake of dairy cows: a revision of the relative silage dry-matter intake index. *Animal*, 1, 758-770.

Wilkinson, J. M., & Davies, D. R. (2013) The aerobic stability of silage: key findings and recent developments. *Grass and Forage Science*, 68, 1-19.

Book section

Rajala, A. & Peltonen-Sainio, P. 2000. Manipulating yield potential in cereals by growth regulators. In: Basra, A.S. (ed.). *Growth regulators in crop production*. Binghamton, New York, USA: Food Products Press. p. 27-70.

Book

Varian, H. 1992. *Microeconomic analysis*. 3rd ed. New York: W.W. Norton & Company. 506 p.

Conference paper

Wei, K., & Auerbach, H. (2012) Occurrence of volatile organic compounds and ethanol in different types of silages, In: Kuoppala, K., Rinne, M., & Vanhatalo, A. (eds). *Proceedings of the XVI International Silage Conference, Hmeenlinna, Finland, 2012*, pp. 128-129.