

# INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS FOR THE PREPARATION OF ARTICLES FOR *GEOGRAFSKI VESTNIK* (GEOGRAPHICAL BULLETIN)

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## 1 Introduction

The following instructions for preparing English-language submissions for *Geografski vestnik* are based on the requirements of the Slovenian Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, the Slovenian Research Agency, the Rules of Procedure for Journal Editorship, and decisions by the editorial board of *Geografski vestnik*.

## 2 Journal orientation

*Geografski vestnik* is the research journal of the Association of Slovenian Geographers. It is dedicated to presenting research findings in all areas of geography and related disciplines. It has been published since 1925. Since 2000 it has been issued twice a year in print format and electronically on the Internet (<http://zgs.zrc-sazu.si/en-us/publications/geographicalbulletin.aspx>; <http://ojs.zrc-sazu.si/gv>).

The first and main part of the journal contains articles organized into four sections. These are *Papers*, which includes lengthier, primarily research articles, *Reviews*, which includes shorter, generally survey articles, *Methods*, which includes articles clearly oriented toward presenting research methods and techniques, and *Polemics*, with articles about viewpoints on geography.

The second part of the journal contains informative articles organized into four sections: *Literature*, *Chronicle*, *Meetings*, and *Reports*. The *Literature* section presents Slovenian books, followed by Slovenian journals, and then foreign books and journals. In *Chronicle* and *Meetings*, the material is presented chronologically. The *Reports* section first presents the work of geographical institutions in alphabetical order (by name), followed by other reports. The »Instructions to authors for the preparation of articles for *Geografski vestnik* (Geographical Bulletin)« appear at the end of the journal.

## 3 Parts of an article

Articles must contain the following parts:

- The main title of the article;
- The author's suggestion for the section (the author should state which section – *Papers*, *Reviews*, *Methods*, or *Polemics* – the article is intended for);
- The author's full name;
- The author's degree, if he or she has one (e.g., PhD, MA, etc.);
- The author's mailing address, giving the institution name in full and without abbreviations (e.g., Indiana University, Department of Geography, Student Building 120, 701 E. Kirkwood Avenue, Bloomington, IN 47405-7100 USA);
- The author's e-mail address and ORCID;
- A one-paragraph abstract (up to 800 characters including spaces);
- Key words (up to eight);
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- A Slovenian key words (a Slovenian translation of the article key words);

- The article (up to 30,000 characters with spaces (without references and summary) for *Papers*, or up to 20,000 characters with spaces for *Reviews*, *Methods*, or *Polemics*);
- A Slovenian summary (4,000–8,000 characters with spaces, and the name of the Slovenian translator);
- Figures.

The sections of the article should be numbered using Arabic numerals (e.g., 1 Introduction, 2 Methodology, 3 Terminology). Articles must be divided into sections, and only exceptionally into subsections. The article should have sections titled »Introduction« and »Conclusion.« The last section must be »References.«

## 4 Text

Titles of articles should be as brief as possible.

The electronic version of the text should be completely plain, without any kind of special formatting, without full justification, without hyphenation, underlining, and so on. Only **bold** and *italic* should be used to mark text. Italic text is reserved for words in foreign languages (e.g., Latin, etc.). The entire text should use sentence-style capitalization without unnecessary abbreviations and acronyms. Use Times New Roman, font size 10. Line spacing must be set to single.

Footnotes and endnotes are not permitted.

For numbers greater than 999, use a comma to separate thousands, millions, etc. (e.g., 5,284).

Write the scale of maps with a colon with no space on either side (e.g., 1 : 100,000).

A space should stand between numbers and units (e.g., 125 m, 15 °C), but not between numbers and exponents, index numbers, or percentages (e.g., 12<sup>3</sup>, km<sup>2</sup>, a<sub>5</sub>, 33.4%).

Signs for mathematical operations are written with spaces on either side, except for parentheses; for example,  $p = a + c \cdot b - (a + c : b)$ .

More complicated formulas and so on must be written using the equation editor in Word.

*Table: The most important formatting elements for Geografski vestnik.*

Paper size	B5
Print space width	134 mm
Print space height with headers and footers	200 mm
Print space height without headers and footers	188 mm
Column width	64 mm
Column spacing	6 mm
Width vs. height ratio of print space with headers and footers	1 : 1.5
Maximum lines per page	49
Maximum characters per line	100
Maximum columns per page	2
Average characters per page	4,000

## 5 Citing sources

For in-text citations, cite the author's last name, the year of publication, and the pagination as necessary. Multiple citations are separated by a semicolon and ordered by year, and page numbers are separated from the author and year by a comma; for example, (Melik 1955, 11) or (Melik, Ilešič and Vrišer 1963, 12; Kokole 1974, 7–8). If a cited work has more than three authors, only the first author is cited; for example, (Melik et al. 1956, 217).

Works in the »References« section should be alphabetized by authors' last names, and works by the same author ordered by year. If the list contains multiple works by the same author with the same year, a letter is added to the year (e.g., 1999a; 1999b). Each work cited is arranged into three »sentences« following Slovenian rules. The first »sentence« starts with the author's name and the year of publication (if there is more than one author, they are separated by a comma; a comma also separates the last name of an author and the initial of his or her first name, and there is no comma between the author's initial and the year) followed by a colon and the article title and any subtitle (separated by a comma). If the work cited is an article, the second »sentence« contains the name of the publication that it appears in, and, if the cited unit is a separate book in a series, the second »sentence« states the name of the series. If the work cited is an independent book, there is no second »sentence.« The publisher, press, and pagination are not cited. If the work is unpublished, the second »sentence« states the type of work (e.g., report, bachelor's thesis, master's thesis, doctoral dissertation), followed by a comma and the name of the institution where the work is held. In the third »sentence« the place of publication is given for published works, and the place the work is held for unpublished works. Places are not cited for articles. When citing works with a DOI (Digital Object Identifier) it is also necessary to add the DOI number at the end. DOI numbers are assigned to individual periodical articles and to chapters in books. The DOI number can be found in the articles and books themselves or at the website <http://www.crossref.org/guestquery>. The DOI must be written as follows: DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3986/AGS49205> (see the example below).

Some examples:

1) Journal articles:

- Williams, C. H. 1999: The communal defence of threatened environments and identities. *Geografski vestnik* 71.
- Fridl, J., Urbanc, M., Pipan, P. 2009: The importance of teachers' perception of space in education. *Acta geographica Slovenica* 49-2. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3986/AGS49205>
- Geršič, M., Komac, B. 2014: The complete geographical works of Rudolf Badjura. *Geografski vestnik* 86-2. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3986/GV86205>

2) Chapters in books:

- Hrvatin, M., Perko, D., Komac, B., Zorn, M. 2006: Slovenia. Soil Erosion in Europe. Chichester. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1002/0470859202.ch25>
- Zorn, M. 2011: Soil erosion of flysch soil on different land use under submediterranean climate. *Soil Erosion: Causes, Processes and Effects*. New York.

3) Books:

- Natek, K. 2001: *Discover Slovenia*. Ljubljana
- Zupan Hajna, N. 2003: *Incomplete Solution: Weathering of Cave Walls and the Production, Transport and Deposition of Carbonate Fines*. Ljubljana.
- Zorn, M., Komac, B. 2008: *Landslides in Slovenia*. *Georitem* 8. Ljubljana. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3986/9789612545505>

4) Reports, theses and dissertations, etc.:

- Richter, D. 1998: *Metamorphic Rocks in the Surrounding of Veliko Tinje*. Bachelor's thesis, Faculty of education, University of Maribor. Maribor.
- Šifrer, M. 1997: *Relief in Slovenia*. Report, Anton Melik Geographical Institute ZRC SAZU. Ljubljana.

Sources without authors and cartographic sources must be cited in the following form:

- Census of population, households, dwellings and agricultural holdings in Slovenia 1991 – final data. Institute of statistics of the Republic of Slovenia. Ljubljana, 1993.
- Digital Elevation Model 12,5. Surveying and mapping authority of the Republic of Slovenia. Ljubljana, 2005.
- National Topographic Map of the Republic of Slovenia 1 : 25,000, sheet Brežice. Surveying and mapping authority of the Republic of Slovenia. Ljubljana, 1998.

- Der franziszeische Kataster für Krain, cadastral municipality St. Agtha, sheet A02. Archives of the Republic of Slovenia. Ljubljana, 1823–1869.
- Buser, S. 1986a: Basic geological map of SFRY 1 : 100,000, sheet Tolmin and Videm (Udine). Federal geological survey. Beograd.
- Buser, S. 1986b: Basic geological map of SFRY 1 : 100,000, interpreter of sheet Tolmin and Videm (Udine). Federal geological survey. Beograd.

Authors are increasingly citing Internet sources. If the author and title of a cited work are known, cite them like this (the date in parentheses refers to the date the webpage was viewed):

- Vilhar, U. 2010: Phenological Observation in the Framework of Intensive Monitoring of Forest Ecosystems. Internet: [http://www.gozdis.si/impsi/delavnice/Fenoloska%20opazovanja\\_Vilhar.pdf](http://www.gozdis.si/impsi/delavnice/Fenoloska%20opazovanja_Vilhar.pdf) (19. 2. 2010).
- eLearning, 2012. Internet: <http://www.elearningeuropa.info> (22. 11. 2012).

If the author is unknown, cite only:

- Internet: <http://giam.zrc-sazu.si/> (22. 7. 2011).

If citing more than one work from the Internet, add a number:

- Internet 1: <http://giam.zrc-sazu.si/> (22. 7. 2011).
- Internet 2: <http://zgs.zrc-sazu.si/> (22. 7. 2011).

In the text itself, cite the author when known; for example, (Vilhar 2010). When the author is unknown, cite »Internet« only; for example, (Internet 2).

Cite legislation in the following format (name of legislation, name of publication, place of publication); for example:

- Agricultural Land Act. Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia 59/1996. Ljubljana.
- Act on Protection against Natural and Other Disasters. Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia 64/1994, 33/2000, 87/2001, 41/2004, 28/2006, 51/2006. Ljubljana.

If legislation has been amended, this must also be cited. Cite the legislation in the text with its full title if it is short or with the first few words and an ellipsis if it is long; for example, (Agricultural Land Act 1996) or (Act on Protection ... 1994).

The »References« section must include all works cited in the article, and other works not cited should not be included.

Authors should also take into account the instructions for citing sources if the owners or transmitters of these define them; for example, the Surveying and Mapping Authority of the Republic of Slovenia has its instructions for citing sources defined in the document »Pogoji uporabe geodetskih podatkov« ([http://e-prostor.gov.si/fileadmin/narocanje/pogoji\\_uporabe\\_podpisani.pdf](http://e-prostor.gov.si/fileadmin/narocanje/pogoji_uporabe_podpisani.pdf)).

The authors are obliged to cite similar, already published articles in the *Geografski vestnik*.

## 6 Tables and figures

All tables in the article must be numbered and have titles (do not use automatic numbering). Place a colon after the number and a period after the title; for example:

- Table 1: Population of Ljubljana according to various censuses.
- Table 2: Variation in average air temperature in Ljubljana (Velkavrh 2009).

Tables should be formatted as simply as possible, without shading, using only one border style, and without abbreviations within the table. Tables should not be excessively large; they should fit on one page and be easy to read.

All figures (photos, maps, graphs, etc.) in the article must be numbered the same way and have titles (do not use automatic numbering). Place a colon after the number and a period after the title; for example:

- Figure 1: Population growth in Ljubljana according to various censuses.
- Figure 2: Detail of 1 : 25,000 topographic map, Kranj sheet.

Figures may be 134 mm wide (full page width) or 64 mm (half width, one column), and no more than 200 mm high.

Maps should not have titles because the title already appears in the caption. Map legends should use Times New Roman, font size 8, and map colophons should use Times New Roman, font size 6. The map colophon should state the following (top to bottom): scale (graphically or, exceptionally, in prose), designer, cartographer, source, and institution or copyright holder. When creating maps, follow the examples available on the *Geografski vestnik* website (<http://zgs.zrc-sazu.si/en-us/publications/geographicalbulletin.aspx>).

When selecting and defining colors for figures, use the CMYK color model (not RGB or any other). Figures should be submitted in .pdf, .ai or .cdr format; however, photographs should be submitted in .jpg or .tif format.

For maps produced using the ArcGIS Desktop (ArcMap) program, where vector layers are used along with raster layers as a base, submit two separate files. The first one should contain vector layers without any transparency (in .pdf or .ai format), and the second one should contain the raster base (in .tif format). Both files should be accompanied by a .jpg file showing how the map will look with all the layers. When submitting the article, state what any transparency levels should be.

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Submit figures produced using Gimp, Inkscape, CorelDRAW or Adobe Illustrator or similar in the original file format (e.g., .cdr for CorelDraw) and a .pdf file accompanied by a .jpg file showing how the figure should appear.

Graphs should be created using Excel or CorelDraw. In addition to the graph, Excel files must also contain a table with all of the data used to produce it.

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## 7 Other journal articles

Articles in the *Literature*, *Chronicle*, *Meetings*, and *Reports* sections should not exceed 8,000 characters including spaces. These articles may include figures, which may have captions as necessary.

For publication notices, the title of the article must be followed by the place and year of publication, the name of the publisher, the number of pages, and (as applicable) the number of maps, figures, tables, and so on, as well as the ISBN or ISSN.

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Articles about the seventieth birthdays or deaths of prominent geographers should be accompanied by photographs of the person in digital format with suitable resolution.

For reports on work, the title of the article should be followed by the name of the institution and, if possible, its website address.

## 8 Accepting articles

Authors should submit articles written in Word.

Word documents should be saved under the author's surname (e.g., smith.doc) and enclosed figures with the surname and number of the enclosure matching the sequential order in the text (e.g., smith01.tif, smith02.cdr, smith12.ai, smith17.xls). Figures must not be included in a Word file.

If authors have trouble submitting an article electronically because of the size of the attached figures, they should consult the editorship in a timely manner to agree on the best way to submit the article.

Authors of articles must enclose a copied, completed, and signed Submission Form. The Submission Form fulfills the function of a cover letter and copyright agreement. The Submission Form is also available on the *Geografski vestnik* website (<http://zgs.zrc-sazu.si/en-us/publications/geographicalbulletin.aspx>).

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## 9 Reviewing articles

Articles for the *Papers*, *Reviews*, *Methods*, and *Polemics* sections are reviewed. The review process is anonymous. Reviews are provided by qualified experts; only articles in the *Polemics* section are reviewed also by selected members of the editorial board. The reviewer receives an article without knowing who the author is, and the author receives the review without being told who the reviewer is. If the review does not require any corrections or additions to the article, the review is not sent to the author. The editorship may reject an article based on the opinion of the editor or a reviewer.

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