

# Instruction to authors

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Text should be double-spaced throughout (including references and figure captions), with each page numbered. The typescripts should be arranged as follows:

1. Title, which should be concise yet informative.
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4. Main text. This should be organized according to the system of headings described in section 2.2.
5. Appendices, if necessary.
6. References (see section 2.5).
7. Tables, each on a separate sheet, together with its caption.
8. List of figure captions.

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The layout for palaeontological systematics should follow the conventions adopted by the Palaeontographical Society. Synonymy lists should be in the same style as those in *Palaeontology* (e.g. 1996, 39, 1068). Open nomenclature should follow Matthews (1973, *Palaeontology*, 16, 713–719) and Bengston (1988, *Palaeontology*, 31, 223–227).

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Any new lithostratigraphic terms should be rigorously defined to conform to the various codes for lithostratigraphic nomenclature. Their establishment, naming and hierarchy. Fossils forming part of a lithostratigraphical unit name have a capital initial letter and are not italicized (e.g. *Plenus Marls*, *Boueti Bed*).

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All references cited in text and captions must appear in the list, and vice versa. The accuracy of references is the responsibility of the authors. Within the text, the citation should be name and date: Young & Bird (1822) or (Young & Bird 1822) depending on context. Where the reference has three or more authors, the text citation should be first-named author *et al.* Periodical titles should be quoted in full, and follow the wording on the title sheet. Where indication of the country or region of origin would assist in the identification of the periodical, additional wording should be included: e.g. *Journal of the Geological Society, London*. Accents should be included in all foreign book and serial titles. Postgraduate theses are treated as published books.

Cassar, J. & Vella, A.J. 2003. Methodology to identify badly weathering limestone using geochemistry: Case study on the Lower Globigerina Limestone of the Maltese Islands. *Quarterly Journal of Engineering Geology and Hydrogeology*, 36, 85–96, <https://doi.org/10.1144/1470-923602-007>

Corfu, F., Gasser, D. & Chew, D.M. (eds) 2014. *New Perspectives on the Caledonides of Scandinavia and Related Areas*. Geological Society, London, Special Publications, 390.

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Hambrey, M.J., Christoffersen, P. *et al.* 2007. Neoproterozoic glaciated basins: A critical review of the Snowball Earth hypothesis by comparison with Phanerozoic glaciations. In: Hambrey, M.J., Christoffersen, P., Glasser, N.F. & Hubbard, B. (eds) *Glacial Sedimentary Processes and Products*. Blackwell, Oxford, 343–399.

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