Instructions for Authors of Nova Acta Leopoldina

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1. Headings

Title of the contribution
Name(s) of the author(s) with fully written given name(s), working place of the author(s).
Different levels of sub-headings should be indicated since the publisher will arrange these into a standard format.
Divisions should be classified according to the decimal system, e.g. 1.1, 1.2, .., .., .., 1.10, preferably using only two decimal positions.

2. Abstracts

Each paper must be preceded by an abstract in English and German.

3. Organization of the text

Please use a computer with a good printer (e.g. laser printer).
Paper sheets of DIN A 4 size should be used; pages should be numbered and typed on only one side.
Formulas, Greek words or letters and special signs should be inserted with black ink or by computer programme in a clearly legible manner.
Words or phrases of special display should be labelled in the manuscript; they will be printed in italics. Please avoid underlining for the printed text.

4. Citations and footnotes

Citations in the text:
Citations should be always by author names (not by numbering) followed by the year of publication in round brackets (a); publications with more than two authors should be cited by »et al.« behind the name of the primary author (b).
Examples:
(a) First experiments were performed by PFEFFER (1936). We are living in the »golden age of biology« (OHNO 1970).
(b) New results (MÜLLER and KRAUSE 1980, MEYER et al. 1981) indicate...

Footnotes should be indicated at the respective site in the text by consecutive numbering with exponent numbers.
Example:
Advised and assisted by HAECKEL subsequent to his stay at Leipzig WALTHER\(^1\) went to Munich.
Footnote:
\(^1\) Johannes WALTHER (1860–1937), XIX\(^{th}\) president of the Leopoldina, 1924–1931.
List of references:

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