Guidelines for authors submitting papers to THE NEW JOURNAL - a template to follow

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**Abstract.** Having a well prepared abstract should allow the reader to identify the basic content of the paper in a quick and accurate way. It should summarize the contents of the paper and have between 70 and 150 words. The font size should be set in 9-point and should be inset 1.0 cm from the right and left margins. We recommend using the provided styles in this documents by choosing the “JIM\_Abstract” style.

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1 Introduction

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1.1 Research areas to be addressed

The multidisciplinary nature of this journal strongly suggests the need for a multidisciplinary Editorial Board that will have to cover competences that will have to range from the Social Sciences to Technology Areas. To cope with this diversity we will have at least one Associate Editor for each of the following two areas: Social Sciences and Technology.

1.2 Accepted types of paper

This journal accepts papers addressing the multidisciplinary nature of the innovation process combining principles and concepts originating from social sciences and from technology research and development. In this context, technology should be looked upon as an enabler or as a trigger of the innovation process that resulted in the development of a new concept for a product or service.

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1.3 Review Policy

The Peer Review process is a very important step in any academic journal, and critical for its success and prestige. This publication is no exception and, to this end, we build on the competence of each associate editor was well as on the competence of each member of the editorial board. We will require a blind review process by at least two reviewers. Upon submission, the authors will be asked to provide the name of four possible reviewers for their paper.

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2 Before submitting a paper JIM

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2.4 Submission

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This document serves as an instruction file to authors willing to submit a paper to JIM, so it should be used as a template because it regards the correct format and layout expected to all the JIM papers.

3.1 Structuring a paper

There are many interesting resources online that may help authors to structure their paper. JIM suggests reading the resource from the TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITÄT WIEN, available in <http://www.webcitation.org/5OIem27q6>, that suggests the following structure:

* Title
* Abstract
* Keywords
* Introduction
* Related Work
* 2-4 main sections
* Results
* Conclusions (and Future Work)
* Acknowledgments
* References
* Appendix

3.2 About the File Format

The papers will be published in PDF, but there will be a version in HTML or XHTML format. In any case, authors must submit their paper in Rich Text Format (RTF). Any common word processor is able to save the file in this format.

3.3 About the Layout and Style

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**Table 1.** Font sizes of headings. Table captions should always be positioned *above* the tables and set to 9 points font size with no paragraph space after.

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| **Heading level** | **Example** | **Font size and style** | **Paragraph space** |
| Title (centered) | **Lecture Notes** | 14 point, boldJIM\_Title | 12 pts after |
| 1st-level heading | **1 Introduction** | 12 point, boldJIM\_H1 | 12 pts after and 18 pts before |
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| a2 + y2 = z . | (**1**) |

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Acknowledgements. If the authors want to dedicate a chapter to acknowledge something or someone, they should structure the paper so that this acknowledgments appear before the References.

Appendices. In case there are any appendices to include in the paper, they must be presented after References with the heading “Appendix”.

4 Checklist submission

JIM provides the following list in order that, authors willing to submit a paper to JIM, can check the presence of each item and submit afterwards (we also provide an example for the use of bullets and numbering in different levels):

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* Postal address
* Telephone or Mobile number
1. Keywords
2. All figure and table captions
3. References are according the template provided and cited in the text
4. The paper has been spellchecked and grammar-checked
5. References are in the correct format for this journal (APA Style)
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5 References

For referencing as for citations, JIM follows the APA Style, available online (http://www.apastyle.org/index.aspx) for further reading. The reference list should be arranged alphabetically. We provide some examples of different types of documents referenced (books, scientific journal article published in an electronic journal, Book editor(s); chapter with own author, scientific journal article in a printed journal and a URL):

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