

Guidelines for Authors

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Format

- An informative title not exceeding 10 words.
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- Results should be presented in an orderly fashion and make use of tables and figures where necessary.
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- Sources of funding should be listed in the acknowledgements.

References

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Journal (online): Osborne K, Dolman AM, Burgess S, Johns KA, 2011. Disturbance and the dynamics of coral cover on the Great Barrier Reef (1995–2009). *PLoS ONE* <http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0017516>

Book: Brammer H, 2012. *The physical geography of Bangladesh*. Dhaka, Bangladesh: University Press Ltd.

Book (edited): Fuglie KO, Sun Ling Wang, Ball E, eds, 2012. *Productivity growth in agriculture: an international perspective*. Wallingford. UK: CAB International.

Book (chapter): Warner K, 1997. Patterns of tree growing by farmers in eastern Africa. In: Arnold JEM, Dewees PA, eds. *Farms, trees & farmers: responses to agricultural intensification*. London: Earthscan Publications, 90-137.

Conference proceedings (published): McIntosh RA, 1992. Catalogues of gene symbols for wheat. In: Miller TE, Koebner RM, eds. *Proceedings of the Seventh International Wheat Genetics Symposium*, 1987. Cambridge, UK: IPSR, 1225–1323.

Agency publication: Grace D, Jones B, eds, 2011. *Zoonoses (Project 1) Wildlife/domestic livestock interactions*. A final report to the Department for International Development, UK.

Dissertation or thesis: Lenné JM, 1978. *Studies of the biology and taxonomy of Colletotrichum species*. Melbourne, Australia: University of Melbourne, PhD thesis.

Online material: Lu HJ, Kottke R, Martin J, Bai G, Haley S, Rudd J, 2011. Identification and validation of molecular markers for marker assisted selection of Wsm2 in wheat. In: Plant and Animal Genomes XIX Conference, abstract W433. [http://www.intl-pag.org/19/abstracts/W68_PAGXIX_433.html] . Accessed 20 April 2012.

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- Number with arabic numerals, *eg* Table 2.
- Refer to tables in the sequence in which they are presented.
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