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# Guide for Authors

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## Typescript

Articles should be submitted electronically in word format. Editors will accept for publication original research material, review articles and case studies – analysis of actual events. The script should be in the Polish language or official languages of the United Nations and not exceed 20 sides (A4, Times New Roman 12 pts., 1.5 interspaced), written without a division into columns (Total 40,000 characters, including spaces).

## Types of articles

A. Original scientific article – describes the results of not yet published research and scientific experiments carried out by the author, or a team of scientists directly subordinated to him/her. The results are new in relation to the foregoing knowledge and achievements in the particular field, and constitute original contribution to the world's science. Such publications are usually scientific primary sources.

B. Short scientific report (initial report; survey report) – describes initial but at this stage promising results of conducted, but still unfinished research;

C. Review article – describes the current state of knowledge in the particular thematic field, sometimes providing controversial issues and contentions; involves both theoretical (current and properly chosen literature) and practical description of the topic; the author should include into the article unresolved problems related to the issue.

D. Case study – analysis of actual events – an article of this type includes: description of the untypical event/case (one or more), difficult from the scientific and practical point of view; the analysis of this event, discussion based on the up-to-date literature and conclusions derived from the conducted analysis.

E. Best practice in action – the basis for this type of article are experiences related to carried out rescue actions and other fire protection operations, conclusions of which can have practical application in other similar cases.

## Structured abstracts

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1) Abstract structure of an original scientific article/short scientific report

- Purpose – should clearly state the hypothesis which is formulated in the article
- Project and methods – tools and methods used in the research
- Results – the outcome of the study
- Conclusions – the outcome in relation to the hypothesis and possible directions for future research

- 2) Abstract structure of a review article/case study – analysis of actual events
  - Purpose – main questions made in the article
  - Introduction – context/background of the issue/problem introduced in the article
  - Methodology – methods or tools used in the analysis
  - Conclusions – main conclusions derived from a review article/analysis of actual events
- 3) Abstract structure of an article best practice in action
  - Purpose – main questions made in the article
  - Introduction – context/background of the issue/problem introduced in the article
  - Conclusions – main conclusions derived from the review article/analysis of actual events
  - Practical significance – presentation of suggested application for practice

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- 1) Title – in one of official languages of the United Nations (Times New Roman 16 pts., upper-case CAPITALS) and in English (Times New Roman 14 pts., lower-case)
- 2) Structured Abstract – four paragraphs with headings in boldface type, about 2500 characters – including spaces in main language's title (but not less than 2400) and about 2500 characters – including spaces in English (but not less than 2400); Times New Roman 10 pts. (Native English-speaking authors are requested to provide the abstract only in English language)
- 3) Keywords (in Polish, official languages of the United Nations, or only in English in case of native English-speaking authors, a total of 10 phrases; Times New Roman 10 pts.)
- 4) Introduction
- 5) Methods
- 6) Results
- 7) Discussion about methods and results
- 8) Summing-up/Conclusions
- 9) Literature
- 10) Biographical note about the author (s)

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- 1) Title – in Polish (Times New Roman 16 pts., upper-case CAPITALS) and in English (Times New Roman 14 pts., lower-case)
- 2) Structured Abstract – four paragraphs with headings in boldface type, about 2500 characters (but not less than 2400) and about 2500 characters – including spaces in English

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