



Call for papers and authors' instructions

The Scientific Committee of 10th World Rabbit Congress is pleased to call for scientific communications which are expected to be numerous and to stimulate the discussion during oral and poster sessions.

Congress Proceedings Book and CD-ROM

Full invited papers and the abstracts of scientific communications will be printed in the **Proceedings Book of the 10th World Rabbit Congress, which will be published** thanks to the support of



Invited papers and scientific communications will be published in extended form on the **CD-ROM of 10th World Rabbit Congress**.

The Congress Proceedings Book and CD-ROM will be provided at time of registration to all delegates along with the program booklet.

The scientific communications will be published in the Congress Proceedings Book and CD-ROM only if **the corresponding authors are pre-registered** for the Congress before **May 30, 2012**. One registered author cannot be the corresponding author for more than three scientific communications at the Congress.

Language and evaluation of scientific communication

Scientific communications are reserved to the presentation of results of experimental studies and must be written in English.

Scientific communications must be prepared and submitted following the instructions detailed below. Authors are asked to avoid splitting the same experiment into two or more communications.

The communication will be submitted for a referee evaluation and will be accepted after eventual revision by the responsible members of the scientific session. This latter group will also decide about the form of presentation: oral communication or poster presentation. Authors can express their preference to present their paper as oral communication or poster.

Whatever the presentation during the congress (oral or poster) all accepted communications would be published in CD-ROM (in the extended version 1+4 pages) and in the Abstracts Book (as 1-page abstract, *i.e.* the first page of each communication).

Deadlines

The title of scientific communications must be submitted **from October 15 to December 15, 2011**.

The scientific communications must be submitted **from December 15, 2011 to February 29, 2012**.

Papers submitted after this latter deadline will not be considered.

An earlier deadline (December 15, 2011) is set for submitting a communication in order to obtain a WRSA grant (for more details, see information on this website).

The corresponding author will be notified by the Scientific Secretariat immediately after the scientific communication is received.

The corresponding author will receive the paper evaluation and suggestions for revision **before April 15, 2012**.

The author will transmit the revised version of the paper **within 15 days** and in any case **before May 15, 2012**.

The corresponding author will receive notice of the final acceptance of the paper and will be informed about the type of presentation (oral or poster) **before May 25, 2012**.

Guide for authors

The authors are kindly requested to carefully follow the guidelines below and to refer to the sample communication for assistance.

Download a sample scientific communication from the Web site

Download the form for submitting a scientific communication from the Web site

Submission procedure

Authors should send Word files (please indicate the version number of your Word processor) to the **Scientific Editorial Committee** of the congress only by e-mail to the address:

editorial.committee@wrc-2012.com

Names of electronic files

1. Save the file of your scientific communication with the Surname and Name of the **corresponding/registered author** as follows:

SurnameNameComm.doc (e.g. SmithJohnComm.doc)

If more than one scientific communication (**maximum of 3**) will be presented by the same **corresponding/registered author**, use progressive numbering (e.g. SmithJohnComm1.doc, SmithJohnComm2.doc).

2. Fill the submission form with the requested information: title of the scientific communication, authors, corresponding/registered author, preferred scientific session, preferred presentation form (oral or poster). Save the file of your submission form with the Surname and Name of the **corresponding/registered author** as follows:

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Length of the text

Invited main papers should not be longer than **20 pages**, included abstract, references, tables and figures.

Regular scientific communication must not be longer than **1+ 4 pages**, *i.e.* 1 page with exclusively title, authors name and address, abstract and keywords, and a maximum of 4 additional pages with communication text itself, including all references, tables and figures. (see sample model)

Type-setting

Word processor. Use Microsoft Word.

Page size. Papers should be formatted in a A4 size page (21.0 x 27.9 mm), but the body of the text should occupy only 16.0 x 22.9 cm on the page (2.5 cm blank borders).

Font. Use Times New Roman font.

Font size. Use 11-point size for text; 9-point size for tables and references. Use other sizes when specified.

Text must be single-spaced, left and right-justified.

Superscript and subscripts should be at least 8 points in size, clearly visible and easy to identify.

Separate paragraphs by a blank line. Do not indent the beginning of paragraphs.

Use italics for names of species (e.g. *Oryctolagus cuniculus*), of loci, genes or markers and expressions such as *et al.* and *ad libitum*.

Layout of text

The title should be 14-point sized, in upper case, bold type, and centered at the top of the page. Leave two blank lines (11-point sized) below the title.

The authors' names should be 11-point sized, in lower case, bold type and centered at the top of the page. Leave one blank line (11-point sized) below the authors' names.

Authors' affiliation, mailing address and e-mail address of corresponding author should be 9-point sized, in lower case, normal type and centered. Use superscripts 1, 2, ...for different locations. Do not leave blank lines between different affiliations. Leave two blank lines (11-point sized) below the e-mail address line.

Write **ABSTRACT** as main heading, centered, in upper case, bold type and with no full stop. Leave one blank line below.

The abstract is one-paragraph text limited to 20 lines (300 words) maximum. It should be complete, informative, and understandable without reference to the paper. Leave one blank line below the abstract.

Start the line with **Key words:** (bold type) and list three to five key words (normal type). Leave two blank lines below.

The text should contain: a short **INTRODUCTION** (half page maximum) to justify the objectives avoiding large reviews and including a sentence with the objectives, clearly defined; a

MATERIALS AND METHODS section with enough information to know how the experiment was carried out (number of animals per treatment, age or weight, breed, type of housing, statistical model with the effects, and the experimental units clearly defined, etc.); a RESULTS AND DISCUSSION section focused on the results, with a short discussion; a short CONCLUSION section, if not included at the end of the previous section; ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (if appropriate); REFERENCES list (essential).

Main headings (e.g. **INTRODUCTION**) must be written centered, in upper case, bold type, and without full stop. Leave one line blank below the main heading.

Secondary headings should be left justified, in lower case, bold type and without full stop. Leave one blank line below the secondary heading.

Lesser headings should be left justified, lower case, in italics and without full stop. Leave one blank line below lesser headings.

Within each section, leave one blank line between paragraphs.

At the end of each section, leave two blank lines and write the next main heading.

Tables

The body of the tables should be 9-point sized, single-spaced and placed in the correct position in the text.

Leave one blank line before the table title and after the table. Do not leave blank space after the title.

Tables should be numbered with Arabic numerals as “**Table 1:**” (in bold type) starting at the left margin. They should be followed on the same line by a title which is comprehensible without reference to the text. The title should be 11-point sized, in lower case and normal type and without full stop.

Each column or row heading should only have the first letter of the first word in capitals. Units should be shown in the headings in parenthesis and not in the body of the table. Tables should have horizontal lines on the top and bottom and under column headings. There should be no vertical lines between columns. Put only one numeric information per cell in the table (i.e. 1 heading, 1 row). Only significant digits (preferably 3) should be presented (e.g. 657 g; 12.3%; 2.45 mg/kg).

Footnotes (9-point sized) should be put under the table without blank space and referred to in the table by small case, normal type, superscript.

When they are referred to in the text, tables should be typed in full (e.g. Table 3).

Figures

Authors are encouraged to take full advantage of the colours widely available in computer graphics packages since the proceedings will be on CD-ROM. Figures should be numbered with Arabic numerals in the form “**Figure 1:**” (in bold type) starting at the left margin.

They should be followed on the same line by a title which is comprehensible without reference to the text. The title should be placed under the figure using 11-point sized, lower case and normal type and without full stop.

Lettering on the figures should be in lower case using Times New Roman font.

Legends and symbols should be defined in the figure or in the title. Axes should be labelled with units in parentheses.

When they are referred to in the text, figures should be typed in full (e.g. Figure 1).

Photographs

An electronic text may be enriched with one colour picture when deemed necessary (backyard production system, coat colour, etc.).

Pictures should be numbered as Figures and a title should be placed under the photograph with the same format as Figures.

References

Reference citation in the text and reference list should follow the instructions given by World Rabbit Science, the journal of WRSA, years 2010, as reported below:

Reference citation in the text

Citations should be made in lower case. Apart from main papers, the number of citations in the scientific communication should be limited; select only the most pertinent ones. When two or more citations are included in a grouping within a sentence, the citations must be arranged in chronological order, and if needed, alphabetically within the year. For two authors "and" (e.g. Blasco and Ouhayoun, 1996) is employed; but for three and more authors cited "*et al.*", is used (e.g. Coudert *et al.*, 1992). If two papers are abbreviated identically in the text, place a different letter after the date for each paper, both in the text and in the references list (e.g. Lebas *et al.*, 1992a) A semi-colon should separate references of different authors when cited within parentheses.

Examples of citations in the body of the text:

1. in agreement with others (Lebas, 1986a, 1986b; Lebas and Ouhayoun, 1987; Gidenne, 2000; Perez *et al.*, 2002)
2. as indicated by Lukefahr *et al.* (2003) and McNitt (2005).

Reference list

A complete list of references cited in the text must be given in alphabetical order at the end of the paper and be preceded by the major headline, REFERENCES.

The references (9-point size) should be given in full with the name and forename initial(s) of the author(s), year, full title of the article, and journal of publication with indication of the volume, and first and last page of the article. In the list of references, the order should be alphabetical with papers by the same authors arranged in the order 1) single author, 2) two authors alphabetically according to the name of the second author, and 3) three or more authors chronologically with a,b,c etc. for papers published in the same year. References should be abbreviated in accordance with the rules of Biosciences Information Service (Biosis). If uncertain about the correct abbreviation, the full journal title should be provided.

Names of authors are in lower case, name of the journal and number of the journal in italics. Some examples are given below:

- Adamson I., Fisher H. 1973. Amino acid requirements of the growing rabbits: an estimate of quantitative needs. *J. Nutr.*, 103, 1306-1310.
- Colin M. 1993. Rabbit production in East European Countries. *World Rabbit Sci.*, 1, 37-52.
- Koehl P.F. 1988. The performance of rabbit production units followed through technical and economical management. *In Proc.: 4th World Rabbit Congr. Budapest Oct., 1, 318-325.*
- Lebas F., Coudert P., Rouvier R., de Rochambeau H. 1986. The rabbit: husbandry, health and production. *F.A.O., Rome, Italy.* 227 p
- SAS. 1998. SAS/STAT User's Guide (Release 6.03). *SAS Inst. Inc., Cary NC, USA.*
- Smith J.E., Lang G.H. 1992. Composition of rabbit blood. *In: Foster R. P., Manners J.P.R. (Eds.). Biology of Mammals. Boff Inc., Corronsak SD, USA, 789-792.*
- Yu B., Chio P.W.S., Young C.L., Huang H.H. 1987. [A study of rabbit T-type canula and ileal digestibility]. *J. Chin. Soc. Anim. Sci.*, 16, 73-81.

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