GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING PAPERS

TO THE ITU JOURNAL: ICT DISCOVERIES

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Abstract – This document provides detailed guidelines for submitting papers to the ITU Journal: ICT Discoveries. Papers must be in American English and in black ink. The abstract should appear in italics at the top, about 1.2 cm/0.5 inch below the title and author’s area. Leave two returns between the title and the author’s area, and between the author’s area and the abstract. Separate abstract and keywords with a return. The abstract should normally contain 100 to 150 words, and in no case shall it exceed 200 words. All symbols used in the abstract should be defined, and in the text the first time used. Do not cite references in the abstract.

Keywords – One, two, three, four, five (List approximately five keywords in alphabetical order, separated by commas.)

NOTE: Title, abstract and keywords must be identical to the ones submitted electronically in EDAS – Editor’s Assistant. Use Times New Roman font, 9-point for notes if needed.

# 1. INTRODUCTION

This document provides detailed guidelines for submitting papers to the ITU Journal: ICT Discoveries. The next sections describe style, fonts and spacing to adopt. Please use this Microsoft Word document as a template. ITU will do the final formatting of your paper.

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# 2. SUBMITTING YOUR PAPER

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Papers must be within three to eight pages, including abstract, figures, tables and references. Each paper must contain an abstract, which should approximately be between 100-150 words, and in no case, should it exceed 200 words.

All text, illustrations and charts must be kept within a print area of 17.5 cm/6.9 inches wide by 24.4 cm/9.6 inches high. Do not write anything outside the print area. The top margin must be 2.5 cm/1 inch, except for the title page, and the left and right margins must be 1.75 cm/0.69 inch. All text must be in a two-column format. Columns are to be 8.5 cm/3.35 inches wide, with a 0.5 cm/0.20 inch space between them. Text must be fully justified, A4 size (21 cm wide by 29.7 cm long, or 8.27 inches by 11.7 inches). If the last page of your paper is only partially filled, arrange the columns so that they are evenly balanced if possible, rather than having one long column.

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# 4. PAGE TITLE SECTION

The paper title (on the first page) should begin 3.5 cm/1.38 inches from the top edge of the page, centered, in uppercase letters, and in Times New Roman font 14-point, bold face type.

The authors’ name(s) and affiliation(s) are to appear below the title in capital and lower case letters, and in Times New Roman font, 11-point.

# 5. TYPE-STYLE AND FONTS

Main text should appear in Times New Roman font, 11-point. Please use single line spacing, with 0-point before and after.

# 6. MAJOR HEADINGS

Major headings (for example, “1. Introduction”) should appear in Times New Roman font, 12-point, all capital letters, bold face, at the left margin, with one blank line before, and one blank line after. Use a period (“.”) after the heading number, not a colon.

## 6.1. Subheadings

Subheadings should appear in Times New Roman font, 11-point, in lower case (initial word capitalized), and in bold face. They should start at the left margin with one blank line before, and one blank line after. Use a period (“.”) after the subheading number, not a colon.

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Sub-subheadings, as in this paragraph, are discouraged. However, if you must use them, they should appear in Times New Roman font, 11-point, in lower case (initial word capitalized), and in italics. They should start at the left margin with one blank line before, and one blank line after. Use a period (“.”) after the sub-subheading number, not a colon.

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Images (figures and tables) can be either color or black and white prints. Images must appear within the designated margins. Caption and number every image. Figure captions must be placed on the bottom, not top, of the figure. Table captions must be located on the top of the table. Use the abbreviation “Fig.” but do not abbreviate “Table”. Figures and tables should be numbered numerically. Figure and table captions and text should appear in Times New Roman font, 10-point, single spaced. Keep titles with images using column breaks if necessary.

Table 1. Use cases, applications, and requirements

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|  | 5G PPP/ 5GMF | METIS | 5G Forum |
| Use cases and/or applications | Stadium traffic | Stadium traffic;  Traffic efficiency and safety | Smart cars;  Medical  education;  Games;  Disaster relief |
| Peak data rate | 10 Gb/s | 10 Gb/s | 50 Gb/s |
| Data volume | 10 Tb/s/km2 | 9 Gbytes/h in busy periods;  500 GB/mo  /subscriber | — |
| Number of devices | 1 M/km2 | 300 K/access point | — |
| End-to-end latency | 5 ms | 5 ms | 1 ms |



Fig. 1. Evolution of non-voice applications in Japan

# 8. FOOTNOTES

Use footnotes sparingly (or not at all!) and place them at the bottom of the column on the page on which they are referenced[[1]](#footnote-1). Use Times New Roman font, 9-point, single-spaced. To help your readers, avoid using footnotes altogether and include necessary peripheral observations in the text (within parentheses, if you prefer, as in this sentence).

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List and number all bibliographical references at the end of the paper. Use the provided “References” style for formatting it. The references should be numbered in order of appearance in the document. When referring to them in the text, type the corresponding reference number in square brackets as shown at the end of this sentence [1].

# 10. PAGE NUMBERING

Please number all pages in your paper on the right bottom side.

# 11. AUTHORING RECOMMENDATIONS

Define abbreviations and acronyms the first time they are used in the text, even if they have already been defined in the abstract. Abbreviations and acronyms should be avoided in the title.

Units should be expressed as much as possible in international units, and a dot (“.”) should be used to express decimal points (not “,”).

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* Overall recommendation
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# 14. CONCLUSION

The main conclusions may be presented in a short final section. This section is not required.

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