

# Instructions to Authors 2015

## 1. General

CHIMIA, a scientific journal for chemistry in the broadest sense, covers the interests of a wide and diverse readership. Contributions from all fields of chemistry and related areas are considered for publication in the form of *Review Articles* and *Notes* under the headings of Editorial, Research, Technology/Applied Chemistry, Columns, SCS Society News, Information, and CHIMIA Report/Company News. A characteristic feature of CHIMIA are the special topic issues, in which the contents of one issue are devoted to an area of chemistry of current significance. Membership of the *Swiss Chemical Society (SCS)*, the publisher of CHIMIA, or in one of the organizations named in the masthead (impressum), is not a prerequisite for the acceptance of a manuscript. The decision to accept a contribution rests with the Editorial Committee of CHIMIA. Copyright laws apply, and no payment will be made for contributions.

## 2. Forwarding Address

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For information on submitting a manuscript please refer to Section 7 of these instructions. Correspondence concerning submitted manuscripts should be sent to the same address quoting the manuscript.

## 3. Types of Manuscripts

The authors should consider the fact that the heterogeneous readership of CHIMIA, although trained in fundamentals, may not have extensive knowledge in specialized topics.

**Review Articles.** Preference will be given to creative reviews that are timely and critical. Historical reviews and reviews with an educational background are also welcome. For clarity, divisions and subdivisions should be used, *i.e.* 1. ..., 1.1 ..., 1.1.1 ... with appropriate titles.

**Notes.** Brief communications or limited studies in any area of special interest.

## 4. Preparation of Manuscripts

**General Considerations.** Bearing in mind the international readership of CHIMIA, authors are strongly encouraged to submit manuscripts in English; however, manuscripts in German or French can also be accepted for publication. The manuscript should be prepared with a suitable word processing program (please refer to Section 7 for details).

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b) The authors' full first names, middle initials, and last names should be given, followed by the address (or addresses) of the contributing institution(s). The author to whom correspondence and/or inquiries should be directed should be indicated by an asterisk\*.

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- Names of all authors of cited publications should be given. Use of '*et al.*' in the list of references is not acceptable.
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**Books without editor:** D. J. Adams, P. J. Dyson, S. J. Tavener, 'Chemistry in Alternative Reaction Media', Wiley, Chichester, **2004**.

**Books with editor:** K. Schirmer, R. Behra, L. Sigg, M. J. F. Suter, in 'Safety aspects of engineered nanomaterials', Eds. W. Luther, A. Zweck, Pan Stanford, Singapore, **2013**, p. 141.

**Miscellaneous:** a) A. Viger, Ph.D. Thesis ETH Zürich No. 16060, **2005**; b) E. Kuebler, B. Oesch, P. Price, WO Patent Appl. No. WO2003029813, **2003**; c) MOLEKEL 4.0, P. Flükiger, H. P. Lüthi, S. Portmann, J. Weber, Swiss Center for Scientific Computing, Manno (Switzerland), **2000**; d) Pubchem, <http://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>, accessed June 23, **2014**.

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All new compounds should be named in accordance with IUPAC nomenclature rules. As an additional guideline, the Index Guide of Chemical Abstracts can be consulted. Some special conventions particular to CHIMIA are:

For common solvents, reagents, or other compounds, the molecular formulae or accepted abbreviations may be used: *e.g.*  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , NaCl,  $\text{SOCl}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  (or MeOH), DMF, DMSO, THF, Py. Please consult a recent issue of CHIMIA for other commonly used abbreviations and symbols.

Different substituents should be designated by superscripts:  $\text{R}^1$ ,  $\text{R}^2$ ,  $\text{R}^3$ , *etc.* (Subscripts denote the number of substituents.) Individual atoms should be referred to as C(2), N(5) (not C-2 and N-5) *etc.* For 'the hydrogen atom attached to the carbon atom 4' *etc.*, CHIMIA prefers the notation H-C(4).

An *ad hoc* abbreviation may be used for a name or formula that occurs repeatedly. This must be clearly defined the first time it appears, *e.g.* tetrahydrocannabinol (THC).

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SI units are to be used, especially in contributions dealing with physical chemistry. However, some non-SI units are acceptable, *e.g.* Å, l, ml, µl, mg, µg, Hz, MHz, min, h, d, °C, mbar, eV.

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Manuscripts are submitted in electronic form. The following guidelines should be followed:

- The text should be saved in a standard document format (doc or docx). This will be used for processing. In addition a pdf version of the manuscript including the tables and graphics in the position they should appear in the final version, should be submitted, which will be used as a definitive version in the event of errors in processing.
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