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THE FUTURE ROLE OF LEY-FARMING IN CROPPING SYSTEMS
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Instructions for the preparation of full-length manuscripts

GENERAL INFORMATION

After your abstract has been accepted, you are invited to submit a full-length contribution for EGF-Symposium 2023. The 3-page paper must be submitted to EGF2023 scientific committee before 1st of December 2022 [via OASES](#) submission system. Only papers submitted this way will be considered for publication. An extension of this deadline will not be possible due to the whole review, editing and proceeding preparation process.

The accepted full-length contributions will be published in the conference proceedings, which will be published as volume 28 of the book series 'Grassland Science in Europe'.

Please note, that only registration fees payment received from the presenting author (institution) entitles you to have your manuscript published in 'Grassland Science in Europe'.

REVIEW PROCESS

All submitted full-length manuscripts will be peer-reviewed by at least two reviewers. Therefore, submission does not guarantee acceptance of a manuscript.

The reviewed papers will be returned to you for revision and asking to improve it according to reviewers' comments or corrections. Manuscripts showing serious shortcomings in layout or formatting will be rejected. Note that all papers should fit within the theme of the Symposium: "The future role of ley-farming in cropping systems". Assignments of papers to oral or poster presentations will be made by the Scientific Committee after final review of all submitted papers.

The authors are strongly encouraged to present research based data, which are of good scientific quality, innovative, informative and contribute improving scientific knowledge in the area. The inclusion of a key table or figure is strongly recommended. Manuscripts which only present a planned endeavor (declaration of intent) will not be accepted.

Acceptance of the manuscript is required to present the corresponding research during the symposium (inclusive poster presentation).

LANGUAGE

Papers must be written in English (British spelling). Prior to submission please have your manuscripts checked by a native English speaker to ensure correct language, punctuation, and spelling. Manuscripts with serious linguistic shortcomings will not be accepted for publication.

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Length of paper

The total length of the manuscript is 3 pages, including tables, figures and references. If the length of the manuscript exceeds this limit, it cannot be accepted.

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Ritchie M.E. and Olf H. (1999) Herbivore diversity and plant dynamics: Compensatory and additive effects. In: Olf H., Brown V.K. and Drent R.H. (eds) *Herbivores: Between Plants and Predators*. The 38th Symposium of the British Ecological Society, Blackwell Science, Oxford, UK, pp. 175-204.

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