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Journal of the Croatian Botanical Society publishes

A/ contributions in accordance with acceptable topics of the journal in the form of:

1. Original scientific paper
2. Short scientific communication
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4. Short professional communication (new localities, nomenclature changes of the flora check-list, taxonomic changes of the flora check-list, revised identification keys, reviews, comments, other professional contributions etc.)

B/ contributions to the bibliography on flora and vegetation of Croatia

C/ news and other information related to the work of the Croatian Botanical Society as well as the broader botanical and biological community, and related professions and disciplines.

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About Croatian Botanical Society

Croatian Botanical Society (HBoD) was founded in Zagrebu, on November 18, 2002. For the membership in the Croatian Botanical Society contact Secretariat or look for more information on the website www.hbod.hr.

History

On the regular annual meeting of the Croatian Botanical Society, held in Zagreb on December 21, 2012 it was decided to launch a new botanical journal – Journal of the Croatian Botanical Society.

Journal of the Croatian Botanical Society is conceived as a journal intended for publishing scientific and professional articles about the biology of plants (including algae), in Croatian or English language, for domestic and foreign botanical community. Geographically it is primarily focused on the territory of the Republic of Croatia and adjacent areas (although not necessarily).

The need for the publication of the Journal of the Croatian Botanical Society stems from changes that occur in the professional and scientific scene in Croatia and the world, which particularly intensely began over last decades. It becomes increasingly difficult to publish professional and scientific contributions on the flora of Croatia in international magazines or magazines with pretensions to international publishing scene. Valuable knowledge of the national flora, especially contributions of botanists outside the system of science and higher education, therefore remains largely unpublished and inaccessible to the public.

On the other hand, the demand for data on the Croatian flora, vegetation, habitats, etc., is growing, as well as the demand for diverse scientific results in the field of phylogeny, floristics, biogeography and taxonomy of Croatian flora. Numerous professional and scientific data are needed for monitoring purposes in the environment, the implementation of protection programs, biodiversity assessment, risk of extinction assessment, planning and implementation of sustainable development with regard to biodiversity, monitoring of invasive species, knowledge on useful plants, for the monitoring of the phenomenon of endemism, impacts of biotic factors on flora and other related knowledge.

The intention of the Journal is to fill the void that was created between the growing demand and the difficulty of appropriate publishing of professional and scientific data about the flora. The intention is to ensure quick and easy publishing of smaller or larger, professional and scientific contributions in the Journal, with the dynamics adapted to the real needs of botanical community and related fields in an easily accessible electronic form. Croatian Botanical Society, as a professional association, ensures the technical and scientific quality and reliability of data.

Furthermore, the Journal serves as a means of dispersion of relevant information of the widest range to botanical and wider community in a way that has not yet been available. Such data and information include e. g. nomenclatural and taxonomic changes of the Check-list of Croatian flora, results of field observations on areas on which no data exist or those data are sparse or old, new findings of rare or threatened species, contributions to the bibliography of Croatian flora, as well as extensive professional and scientific contributions. The Journal would be a place for information and news from regular activities of the Croatian Botanical Society, information about new papers and publications, support for the implementation of symposia, workshops and conferences, popular-professional lectures, etc.

Instructions to authors

During a submission of the manuscript authors have to indicate the category of the manuscript.

Review process

1. Original scientific papers and short scientific communications pass at least two independent domestic and/or international reviews by experts in the field topic. Editorial Board evaluates if submitted manuscript will be 1/ accepted, 2/ accepted with minor changes, 3/ accepted with major changes or 4/ not accepted for publication. Editors reserve the rights to change initially preferred category of the manuscript after the review process.
2. Short professional communications and professional communications primarily pass the review process within the Editorial Board of the journal and if necessary they will be reviewed by one or two independent external reviewers.

Preparation of the manuscript:

Original scientific paper should be organized in following chapters: (1) title, (2) full name(s) and surname(s) of all author(s) (indicate with * author for correspondence), (3) adresse(s) and institutional affiliation(s) of the author(s), (4) e-mail adresse(s) of the author(s), (5) abstract, (6) keywords (up to five, in alphabetical order), (7) introduction, (8) material and methods, (9) results, (10) discussion, (11) acknowledgements (to individuals, institutions, sponsors, projects and similar, if necessary), (12) literature, (13) appendices (if necessary).

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1. manuscripts could be written in **Croatian** or in **English**;
2. manuscripts in **Croatian**, must contain title, keywords and abstract in English;
3. manuscripts in **English**, must contain title, keywords and abstract in Croatian;
4. manuscripts must be grammatically, clearly and concisely written in correct English or Croatian language. Editors reserve the rights to reject the manuscript for linguistic improvements even before the review process;
5. typical original scientific paper could contain from 5000 to 10000 words (including all contributions). In exceptional cases larger manuscripts could be also accepted for publication;
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Literature citation **in the manuscript text** should be as (Horvat 1957). More literature (authors) citations within brackets have to be organized chronologically e.g. (Lovašen-Eberhardt 1988, Liber et al. 2000, Franjić & Škvorc 2010) for papers written in English.

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- **Mered'a, P., Hodálová, I., Kučera, J., Zozomová-Lihová, J., Letz, D. R., Slovák, M. (2011):** Genetic and morphological variation in *Viola suavis* s.l. (*Violaceae*) in the western Balkan Peninsula: two endemic subspecies revealed. *Systematics and Biodiversity* 9(3): 211-231.

For books:

- **Simpson, G., M. (2006):** Plant systematics. Elsevier, London,

For internet sources:

- **Nikolić, T. (ed.) (2015):** Flora Croatica Database. University of Zagreb, Faculty of Science, Department of Botany and Botanical Garden, Zagreb. <http://hirc.botanic.hr/fcd> (accessed September 10, 2015).
- **DAISIE European Invasive Alien Species Gateway (2008):** *Oxyura jamaicensis*. <http://www.europe-aliens.org/> (accessed September 2015).

For chapter in journals:

- **Lovašen-Eberhardt, Ž. (2000):** *Campanula* L. In: Nikolić, T. (ed.): Flora Croatica. Index florae Croaticae, Pars 3, *Natura Croatica* 9, Suppl. 1: 64-67.

For chapter in a book:

- **Heywood, V. H. (1968):** *Fumana* (Dunal) Spach. In: Tutin, T. G., Heywood, V. H., Burges, N. A., Moore, D. M., Valentine, D. H., Walters, S. M., Webb, D. A. (eds.): *Flora Europaea* 2. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 291-292.

For abstract in proceedings:

- **Brana, S., Rešetnik, I. (2005):** *Ophioglossum vulgatum* L. (*Ophioglossaceae*) in Istria (Croatia). In: Martinčič, A., Wraber, T., Zupančič, M. (eds.): *Symposium Flora and Vegetation of Slovenia and neighbouring countries*. Botanično društvo Slovenije, Slovenska akademija znanosti in umetnosti, Ljubljana, 32-33.

For qualification thesis:

- **Štefoković, V. (2004):** Vegetacijska sukcesija na Đurđevačkim pijescima. Graduate thesis. Faculty of Science, University of Zagreb.

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5. providing enough personal time for quality review, which sometimes can be challenging
6. numbered your comments to facilitate of subsequent processing and correspondence with the author or authors
7. focuses on scientific content, and on other manuscript aspects is tolerant (quality of language, grammar, etc. - part of the work of the editorial board)
8. particularly focuses on the conclusions that clearly define the scientific contribution of the manuscript
9. checks the quality of the methods used, sample size, scope, etc., in order to ensure verification or repetition of the results

Other notes in accordance with an established publishing practices (compare eg. [How to Perform a Peer Review](#)).

Editorial team, 20. June 2016., Zagreb, Croatia