

Energy for Sustainable Development

Notes on the preparation of material for publication

All material for publication in ESD must be e-mailed to the Technical Editor, Gautam S. Dutt, at gdutt@fibertel.com.ar. The material must not have been sent for publication in any other journal.

Readership

The journal is directed towards all actors involved in the planning, decision-making, financing, establishing, managing, operating and using of energy systems of developing countries. This means that though the preoccupation is with the energy systems of developing countries, the readership is expected to come both from the South and the North.

Scope

The journal will view energy, not as an end in itself, but as an instrument of sustainable development. It will be directed to energy services, rather than the magnitude of energy consumption, as the measure of development.

The editorial board wishes particularly to encourage papers

- (1) likely to be of interest to more than one professional group.
- (2) summarising, at a sufficiently technical level, work done on special projects of interest.
- (3) offering extensive critical reviews.

ESD considers the publication of highly specialized work more appropriate to the many professional journals already being published. The criteria for acceptance of papers in the journal are therefore breadth of interest, irrespective of whether the paper reports research or development, theory or experiment, original work or review, and quality of work reported and its presentation (text, diagrams, etc.). It is important that authors write with clarity and simplicity to cater for readers for many of whom English is just a second language. The contributions will be selected for publication on the basis of editorial assessment and (especially for articles and short articles) reports from independent referees.

Categories of manuscript

News: Brief reports highlighting certain happenings in the areas of concern of the journal, including descriptions of meetings/ short courses on energy or new products in the field of energy.

Correspondence: Critiques of articles/reports in previous issues or some item of interest to the envisaged readership of the journal.

Articles: These are reports of research or innovative projects that have produced significant results/benefits or exhaustive reviews of research. They may also include exhaustive reviews of products or technologies in a particular field. The length of these should ordinarily fall in the range 2,500-10,000 words with up to 15 display items such as photographs, drawings, graphs and tables.

Short articles: Most contributions under this category will carry a single message. Specific energy projects, experiences with specific end-use devices, new developments in existing designs, novel methods of financing energy activities, and market studies for different types of energy products are some examples that would qualify for publication under this category. Normally the length of these contributions will not exceed 2,000 words of textual matter and six display items (figures and tables).

Discussions: Papers that analyse the merits of alternative technologies, energy policies, etc., may be designated as discussions rather than as articles or short articles. Discussions could also include analyses of recent news or developments in energy. Their length is flexible.

Book reviews

Material for publication

All material must be submitted in MS Word format. Figures may be included in the Word document or sent as separate files in jpg format. As ESD usually does not have colour pages, figures other than photographs should preferably be in grey with regions or lines differentiated by patterns rather than by colours, so that they can be easily distinguished in print. The text must be divided into sections, generally starting with an introduction as the first section, and ending with "Conclusions". The main sections should be numbered 1, 2, etc., sub-sections 1.1, 1.2, etc. Articles and longer discussions should be preceded by an abstract, preferably of 200-500 words.

Tables must be numbered consecu-

tively in arabic numerals in the order of occurrence in the text. They should be self-contained and have a descriptive title.

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Appendices should be labelled with capital letters, Appendix A, Appendix B, etc. Figures and tables in appendices should be labelled, e.g., Figure A1 (first figure in Appendix A), Table B3 (third figure in Appendix B), etc.

Units and associated symbols must invariably follow SI practice.

References should be cited in the text by author and year, not by number. If there are more than two authors, they should be cited in the text by the first author followed by et al. References at the end of the paper should be listed alphabetically by authors' names, followed by initials, year of publication, title of the article, name of the journal (abbreviated according to standard practice), volume number, and numbers of first and last pages. References to books should include: name(s) of author(s), initials, year of publication, title of chapter (if any), title of the book, edition if not the first, initials and name(s) of editor(s) (if any) [preceded by ed(s)], place of publication, publisher, and chapter or pages referred to. References to theses must include the year, the title of thesis, the degree for which submitted and the university.

Notes should be numbered consecutively, and should appear at the end of the article.

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