



Guidelines for Abstract Submission to the Meeting of the Zoological Society of Israel

The abstract should be submitted in .doc or .docx format. The file should be named in English with the first author's name in English, *e.g.* Cohen_Joseph.doc (note the surname should come first, with no additional names). Files with other naming formats will not be handled. **Abstracts that do not follow the guidelines below will be rejected!**

Abstract preparation

- The abstract will be written in English in 12 pt Times New Roman font, with 1.5-line spacing. Margins should be 2.5 cm on each side. The length of the abstract should be no more than 300 words.
- The title of the abstract is limited to 120 characters, including spaces with main words capitalized. It should appear at the top of the page, center-justified in **bold** font. Under the title, the full names of all authors should appear, with the name of the institution where the study was carried out. This will be followed by the e-mail address of the first author. **The first author is also the presenter.** If the study was carried out in more than one institution, the affiliation of each author should be indicated by a superscript number, and the institutions should be listed in order with their identifying number. The list of participating institutions should be single spaced, and not in 1.5 spacing as the rest of the abstract. All of the abstract's text should be full-justified, with no indent. The document should have margins of 2.5cm on each side. Note: Only the first author's affiliation will be listed in the meeting program. The full affiliations will appear in the abstract book.
- **Abstract structure:** The abstract should start by presenting the study objectives and the general question it addresses. This should be followed by the general methodology (field observation, lab experiment, simulation etc.) Finally, the results and conclusions should be presented. The abstract should be clear and concise. Ideally, the abstract should be a single paragraph, and in no case more than two paragraphs. The abstract should not include any headings (*e.g.* Methods, Results or similar). The abstract should be preferentially written in the first person (*e.g.* "we did X" and not "X was done").

Example abstract:

A Cock and Bull Story – Interactions between Farm Animals in the Negev

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Poultry and heavy farm animals don't interact in the wild, but the farm environment often brings them closer together than they would normally be. In this study, we monitored the behavior of roosters and bulls when placed in shared enclosures. We counted the number of positive interactions and negative interactions and analyzed these using a relaxed Monte-Carlo simulation. We found that negative interactions were significantly more common than positive interactions, leading us to conclude that cocks and bulls do not get along well in captivity.