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Author Guidelines for the Proceedings of the PSE 2008

1 General Remarks

Plasma Processes & Polymers is a critically reviewed journal covering all aspects of state-of-the-art in low temperature plasma science. The proceedings of the PSE 2008 will appear as an online Supplement Volume of the journal with free online access on WileyInterscience. The proceedings will be distributed to the regular conference participants on CD. An additional hardcover edition will be produced on request (to be ordered separately).

All manuscripts must be **submitted online**, the corresponding link **will be provided** on the journal's homepage (www.plasma-polymers.org) by **July 1, 2008**.

There is a separate submission system for the Proceedings volume - do not submit your manuscript as a regular submission to the journal. Both erroneous submissions to the regular journal and hardcopy submissions will not be considered for publication.

The submission must consist of a single file; accepted formats are MS Word/RTF, Postscript, and PDF (with fonts included). (La)TeX users please submit Postscript or PDF files. Authors will receive acknowledgement of receipt of their manuscript.

IMPORTANT: When submitting your manuscript, please insert additionally in the field "manuscript title" the **number of your contribution as listed in the program**, e.g. "Or1307 - New Si-B-C-N coatings: Ab-initio calculations and experimental verification".

Color graphics are welcome, but part of the additional cost for color print must be paid by the author. Details will be provided during the acceptance and typesetting procedures.

Please note the page limitations for the various types of contributions which are shown in the following table.

Type of Contribution	Maximum Length of Text ^a	Maximum Number of Figures/Schemes
Plenary	30	10
Keynote	18	6
Regular	12	4

^a DIN A4 format (no specific margins required), 12 pt, doubly spaced; including title page, text pages, all literature citations, footnotes, tables, and legends to figures/schemes.

The publisher will reserve the right to reject any paper which exceeds these page limitations.

All papers that are suitable for consideration will be sent to at least **two independent referees**. Based on the referees' recommendations, the editors will make a decision on whether to accept a contribution. Manuscripts must not have been published previously, except in the form of a preliminary communication (details requested).

Details that could be of importance to the referees, but that are unlikely to be of interest to the reader, can be submitted as an enclosure for the referees. **Supporting Information** for readers not contained in the article itself may also be submitted (please clearly identify as such). If the article is accepted, this information will be made accessible in the Internet (see below).

2 Manuscript Preparation

General Styling

Authors are requested to take special care with the formal details of the manuscript. Please refer to regular issues of *Plasma Processes and Polymers* for questions of style.

Either American or British spelling can be used as long as it is consistent throughout the text.

Manuscripts should be typed with **double spacing** (DIN A4, 12 pt Times New Roman; Greek letters in the character font Symbol).

Avoid using any special characters from non-standard, region-specific character fonts!

All pages including those containing the references, tables, and legends must be numbered consecutively.

The sequence of sections should be: title page, keywords (please see keyword list on the journal homepage), summary (max. 700 characters), text pages (Introduction, Experimental Part, Results and Discussion, Conclusion, possible Appendices, Acknowledgements, collected references, captions to figures/schemes), tables, figures, schemes, and formulas (if not part of the main text).

The title page should include:

- (i) The manuscript title, a possible dedication, and the author names including their **full first name**, with the name of the correspondence author marked by an asterisk (*),
- (ii) The full postal address of the institute or laboratory in which the work was carried out together with Fax number and E-mail address and, if appropriate, a footnote giving the current addresses of authors.

Please **do not use italics** for Latin or other special phrases or words unless in reference to biological genus or species names, e.g., '*Arachis hypogaea*' but 'ab initio'.

Experimental Part

The Experimental Part should contain only descriptions of experiments. It must be sufficiently clear to enable a repetition of the work. The source and purity of all relevant starting compounds should be mentioned. Methods used for sample characterization should also be described (apparatus, conditions, etc.).

The relevant literature should be cited for known methods and for the description of known compounds; only modifications should be described.

Mathematical and Chemical Equations and Physical Quantities

Equations (both mathematical and chemical) must be numbered consecutively in parentheses at the end of the line.

Bold Arabic numerals should be used for numbering structural formulae.

For the sake of clarity, products of units should be written with multiplication points. Physical quantities should be typed in *italics* and those for units in upright characters, e.g., $l = 2.4 \times 10^3$ m, $\Delta H_f = 21$ kJ · mol⁻¹.

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Tables, Figures, Schemes and Formulas

Tables are part of the text, but must be given on separate pages together with a caption above them that makes the tables comprehensible without reference to the text. Footnotes to tables must be indicated consecutively (line by line) in superscript letters, e.g., ^{a) b)} etc. Please avoid using footnotes in the table caption.

It is highly recommended that tables are prepared with, e.g., the according Word function. Please do not format table columns using multiple spaces and avoid inserting tables into the text as graphical objects.

In the final manuscript version/production data (see following Section) all figures, schemes, formulas and equations containing graphical elements (but not mathematical ones!) should be submitted as separate data file(s) and not be integrated in the main text. However, their location in the text must be indicated in numerical order.

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Journals: [6] [6a] J. Friedrich, G. Kühn, R. Mix, W. Unger, *Plasma Process. Polym.* **2004**, *1*, 28; [6b] H. Yoshioka, N. Koide, F. Higashide, *Kobunshi Ronbunshu* **1974**, *31*, 25; *Chem. Abstr.* **1975**, 82, 32269 d.

Books: [23] “*Low Temperature Plasma Physics*”, R. Hippler, S. Pfau, M. Schmidt, K. H. Schoenbach, Eds., Wiley-VCH, Berlin 2001.

Compilations: [26] R. E. Bareiss, “Polymolecularity Correction Factors”, in: *Polymer Handbook*, 3rd edition, J. Brandrup, E. H. Immergut, Eds., J. Wiley & Sons, New York 1989, p. VII/149 ff.

Patents: Country code (for abbreviations: see “*CASSI*”), number, registration year (in parentheses), holder, inventor(s); *Chem. Abstr.* reference:

[36] Ger. 838217 (1952), Farbenfabriken Bayer AG, invs.: W. Lehmann, H. Rinke; *Chem. Abstr.* **1957**, *51*, 14362 i.

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Abbreviations/acronyms must be defined where they appear for the first time in the main text.

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The rules and recommendations of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC), the International Union of Biochemistry (IUB), and the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP) should be adhered to.

Supporting Information

Succinct text and the necessary graphics must be submitted together with the final version/production data as **one** separate MS Word document file. The file should include the following: A title “Supporting Information for ...”, the names of all authors. Please note that here the graphics must be imported into the Word file. Color and animated multimedia applications are also welcome. The authors must keep a copy to make available to readers who do not have access to the Internet.

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Please note that the production data used for typesetting must be formatted differently from the manuscript version used for online submission/refereeing!

To guarantee short publication times, authors must submit their production data not later than five days after receipt of the acceptance E-mail!

The final document must be kept as simple as possible. Please avoid any complex formatting, avoid unnecessarily using the formula editor of your word-processing system, and avoid using automatic endnotes, enumerations or listings as far as possible. Tables are edited in the text and should therefore be part of the main text document and placed at the end. On the other hand, formulas, figures and schemes should be saved in separate files.

The production data files should be prepared as follows:

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Files for graphics must have a resolution of at least 300 dpi (final print size).

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Further details will be provided during the acceptance procedure.

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