# **Author Guide for Preparing Paper for Publication**

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#### **Abstracts**

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The paper typically should be limited to six to ten (6-10) single-spaced pages. This includes the bibliography, figures, diagrams, tables, appendices, etc

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## 2. PREPARATION OF MANUSCRIPTS

#### 2.1 General Appearance

The text of the Journal is English/French. Your paper should not contain page numbers or footers, but odd/even headers could be set as illustrated in this document. This document is printed in the format that should be used in the paper.

You should use Times New Roman typeface (font) for the paper.

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To ensure that all papers give an appearance of consistency and uniformity, you should adhere to the following specifications.

- 1) You may use this document as a template. For example, it is already set in A4 format for you and the title has already been set to 18-point type in the first page. Abstracts and keywords sections are 12 point type.
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## 3.2 References

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