

# IFMBE Proceedings Series– Instructions for Authors

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**Abstract—** This paper presents instructions for preparing papers for the IFMBE Proceedings series. The template is intended to guide the authors in preparing the electronic version of their paper. Only papers prepared according to these instructions will be published in both, the paper and online version of the IFMBE proceedings. In this abstract section you should provide an abstract of your paper, not longer than 300 words.

**Keywords—** Enter up to five keywords and separate them by commas.

## I. INTRODUCTION

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## II. WRITING THE PAPER

### A. Descriptive rules

**Paper Size:** Select the custom size of paper, i.e. 21 x 27.7 cm in Page Setup in your Word Processor. Only this paper size can be accepted.

**Length:** The maximum document size for regular and Young Investigator Competition papers is four pages. Abstracts only will not be published.

**Margins:** The page layout should be "mirror margins". Leave 2.5 cm margin at the top, 4 cm at the bottom, 1.9 cm on the inside and 1.4 cm at the outside side of the page.

**Page Layout:** Type the paper in two columns 85,5 mm wide with a space of 6 mm between the columns. Each column should be left and right justified.

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**Abstract:** Provide an abstract of the paper (9 point bold) no longer than 300 words.

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distinction between tables and figures: tables only contain alphanumerical characters and no graphical elements.

Table 1: Font sizes and styles

Item	Font Size	Font Style
Titel	14	Bold
Author	12	Regular
Authors' info	9	Regular
Abstract	9	Bold
Keywords	9	Bold
Body text	10	Regular
Chapter heading, 1st letter	12	Regular
Chapter heading, other letters	8	Regular
Subchapter heading	10	Italic
Table caption, 1st letter	10	Regular
Table legend	8	Regular
Column titles	8	Regular
Table data	8	Regular
Figure caption, 1st letter	10	Regular
Figure legend	8	Regular
Acknowledgment	8	Regular
References	8	Regular
Author's address	8	Regular

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$$A + B = C \quad (1)$$

$$X = A \times e^{xt} + 21kt \quad (2)$$



Fig. 1: IFMBE logo

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  - Second item
1. Numbered first item
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### B. Using macros

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Table 2: Table caption

Table legend
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## IV. CONCLUSION

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