

Notes for the guidance of authors submitting papers

1. Contributions must be original. The primary aim of the *Journal* is to publish papers on Scottish geology, but papers of general or specialist interest are acceptable. Short papers and discussions of earlier papers are invited.

2. The maximum length of the text should not normally exceed 8 000 words. All papers should be preceded by a synopsis not exceeding 170 words; long papers should have, in addition, a list of contents. It is intended to deposit tables of data and other reference material with the National Lending Library, Boston Spa, Yorkshire, where such material will be stored on microfiches, copies of which may be obtained from N.L.L. using N.L.L. pre-paid coupons. The N.L.L. will accept material only through the Editors of the *Journal*, and all such material will be refereed as part of a published paper. The deposited copy must be prepared camera-ready by the authors; page size 300 mm × 210 mm, each page with descriptive heading or column headings for tabulation, all pages clearly numbered, brief introduction on first page. The published paper will refer to deposited copy with full details of its pagination.

3. Two copies of the text should be submitted, typewritten on one side of the paper with wide margins and double spacing. The text should be carefully checked before submission, and should be in its final form: *alterations in the proof stages will be charged to the author.*

4. Lay-outs and conventions should, so far as possible, follow the same practice as in the current part. Authors are requested to ensure consistency in their use of capitals and punctuation. Style should follow the recommendations of the Authors' and Printers' Dictionary by F. H. Collins (10th edition, revised, London 1967). Footnotes should be avoided. Localities should be clearly indicated on figures or by National Grid references inserted between [square brackets].

5. Authors should cite measurements in SI metric units, following the recommendations of The Royal Society Conference of Editors' pamphlet "Metrication in Scientific Journals" (1968).

6. All references should be arranged in alphabetical order of the authors' names and the abbreviated names of journals should be as given in the World List of Scientific Periodicals (4th edition, London 1963-5). References in text to articles should indicate relevant page(s).

7. Line-drawings should be in Indian ink on Bristol board or other suitable material at a size that may be reduced by about $\times \frac{1}{2}$ linear scale to a maximum of 190 mm × 125 mm. Very careful thought should be given to the best possible use of the page-size for illustrations. Photographs should be submitted unmounted except plates of fossils or photo-micrographs; letters to identify individual illustrations will be inserted by the printers. All illustrations should bear the author's name and their number, and should indicate clearly the exact reduction needed. Descriptions of illustrations should be typed separately and attached to the typescript of the paper. In addition to the originals of the diagrams, two photo-copies of each, preferably at the scale for publication, should be sent.

8. Papers submitted for publication should be sent to *The Editors, Scottish Journal of Geology, Scottish Academic Press Ltd, 25 Perth Street, Edinburgh EH3 5DW*. Every paper received by the editors shall be deemed to be the property of the Editorial Board, but papers not accepted shall normally be returned to the author. Any U.K. author who is to be temporarily overseas is requested if possible to nominate a home-based colleague to whom will be delegated responsibility for seeing his paper through the press.

9. Reprint copies of papers will be provided at cost if ordered when the corrected proofs are returned to the editors. Copies are normally distributed some 4-6 weeks after publication date.

10. The editors will be pleased to give assistance on editorial matters to intending contributors.

11. Subventions to assist with the costs of publication of papers would be welcomed by the editors, and should be sought by those authors who might obtain institutional support.