



PANTIL

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Directorate of Research and Postgraduate Studies
Programme for Agricultural and Natural Resources
Transformation for Improved Livelihoods

ANNOUNCEMENT

THIRD WRITERS' WORKSHOP FOR ENHANCING OUTPUT ON SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

The PANTIL Programme plans to hold a third WRITERS' WORKSHOP for SUA researchers in March 2010. The first and second writers' workshops have had appreciable impact on target beneficiaries. Out of around 100 manuscripts reviewed, about 60 were subsequently submitted to national, regional as well as international peer reviewed journals and to date about 30 have been accepted for publication. Writers' workshops therefore, have been identified as best practices by the Programme.

Hence the PANTIL Programme is organizing a third writers' workshop from 8th to 12th March 2010 in Dar es Salaam at a venue to be announced later.

OBJECTIVES OF THE WRITERS' WORKSHOP

The main objective of the 3rd writers' workshop is to provide an opportunity for PANTIL and other SUA researchers and students who have publishable research findings to upgrade their manuscripts to standards that meet the requirements of national, regional and international peer reviewed journals.

The specific objectives are to:

- (a) Make better use of graduate research to enhance scholarly publications
- (b) Drafting of Journal articles from research reports and proceeding papers and peer review of the same.
- (c) Assess progress on scholarly publishing by SUA researchers and students

METHODOLOGY:

- (a) All PANTIL and other SUA Researchers who have publishable results from their research work in the form of Research Progress Reports, Terminal Reports, Proceedings papers, MSc Dissertations or Excellent BSc Special projects are invited to prepare draft papers which will be refined for publication in specific (relevant) journals of their choice during and after the workshop.
- (b) Invited researchers will be grouped along thematic areas to start working on their papers according to generic social science and Bio-sciences "Instruction to Authors" (See Annex 1) The draft papers will be exchanged among peers for editing and refined further during the workshop.
- (c) Plenary sessions will be held on the last day of the workshop to enable groups present their experiences /challenges and way forward.

Guidelines on the preparation and presentation of the papers are attached.

Annex I

GUIDELINES FOR PAPERS PREPARATION

A: NOTES TO AUTHORS

1. Title and author's names, institutional affiliation and mailing address:
Follow the example given below:

Poverty Reduction: Experiences from the Programme for Agricultural and Natural Resources Transformation for Improved Livelihoods (PANTIL)

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2. **Abstract:**

This summarizes the objectives, methodology used, tangible results, conclusion and recommendations. The maximum length allowed is 300 words.

3. **Main text:**

Structure the paper into logical sections which, in case of a research paper, should include the introduction, materials and methods, results, discussion and conclusions. Maximum allowed number of pages for the entire article is 10 when single-spaced.

4. **Style:**

- Justification and font: All text should be justified. Use Times New Roman font size 12 for the entire text, with exception of the title, which should be size 14.
- Title and subtitles: Title to be centred, bold and not capitalised. Subtitles should be left aligned, bold and not capitalised.
- Scientific names: These should be italicised
- Paragraphs: Do not indent for paragraphs. Skip a line instead (one space)
- Spelling check: Use the United Kingdom English dictionary.
- Layout: Use size A4, white bond, 80 mg/m² paper. Maintain a one-inch margin and 1.5 space throughout the text. Page numbers should be centred at the bottom of the page. Avoid using page and/or section breaks.
- Tables: While preparing tables keep in mind the size of the printed page (use portrait orientation). Tables should be numbered and referred to in the text in a consecutive order. All titles should be placed on top of the table, immediately following the number. Capitalise only the first letter of the title. Do not bold.
- Illustrations (e.g., Figures, diagrams, charts): All illustrations should be numbered and referred to in the text in a consecutive order. Figures should have no borders. All captions for figures should be at the bottom of the figure. Do not use colour.

5. **References:**

All authors referred to in the text should appear on the list of references in alphabetical order. Distinguish between 1) journal, 2) books, 3) a book chapter and 4) conference proceedings. The following can serve as an example for these different cases:

- 1) S. Knauf , E.K. Batamuzi , K. Mätz-Rensing , F.H. Leendertz and A. Wehrend (2009). Exfoliative vaginal cytology: a diagnostic tool for sexual cycle stages in nonhuman primates. *Tanzania Veterinary Journal* 26 (1): 1-6.
- 2) Kleinbaum, D.G., Kupper, L.L. & Morgenstern, H. (1982). *Epidemiological Research*. Van Nostrand Reinhold, New York, 529 p.
- 3) Munyanziza, E. (1999). Agroforestry systems, tree species composition and its effect on ectomycorrhizal fungal diversity in Africa. In Bagyaraj, D.J. Verma, A. Khanna, K.K. & Kehri, H.K. (Editors). *Modern Approaches and Innovations in Soil Management*. Rastogi Publications, Meerut, India, pp. 91-103.
- 4) Mligo, J.K. & Myaka, F.A. (2002). Potential and acceptability of short duration pigeon pea genotypes in Tanzania. In: Batamuzi, E.K. & Tarimo, A.J.P. (Editors). Proceedings of the first collaborative research workshop on food security held at Muslim University from 28th – 30th May, 2002, Morogoro, Tanzania. pp 2-21.

6. Submission:

Submit two hard copies of the manuscript and an electronic copy in MS Word to:

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7. Deadline for receiving: Full Draft Manuscripts is Monday 15th February 2010