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1 Introduction

This article presents how to make a correct paper with pictures and tables. At the end are also examples of references.

The editors will edit each paper received for content, language, style, and overall uniformity of the entire proceedings volume. The better you prepare your manuscript and the more you adhere to the guidelines, the fewer work this will be, and the editors will be grateful to you for that. Nevertheless, do not be overly perfectionist either. Small changes in the final editing may have significant implications on the layout, and it would be a pity that painstaking fine-tuning efforts would prove futile in the end.

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2 How to make a picture

Here is an example of a picture (Figure ??). \LaTeX users should always use cross-references to refer to figures. We have a uniform scheme for labeling figures, reminiscent of the scheme for naming files. Please adhere to this scheme, also for the name of the figure file! \PDF\LaTeX accepts `.png`, `.jpg`, and `.pdf`. We give an example of each of them in this template article. However, always provide us with the original version of your figure as well if it has another format. Sometimes, this helps us to generate a better-quality conversion, if needed. Nevertheless, the responsibility for the quality of the picture is first and foremost the authors': the editors can only improve what is already in the picture in the first place! In particular, mind that it is very annoying for the reader to see text in a figure that is not or

only poorly readable! Also mind that the printed version of the proceedings is produced in black and white: colors in a graph may look nice in the on-line version, but make sure that you design your graph in such a way that no information is lost in the printed black-and-white version.



Figure 1 – The logo of the IMC 2018 is in PNG format. There is no need to mention the extension in the `\includegraphics` command.

As a general rule, we print figures column-wide, as Figure 1. In some cases, however, this may lead to such a small scale that essential details are lost. In this case, you may instead create a figure that spans both columns. Notice that the “h” and “b” options are not available to position these large figures. Finally, if a figure is composed of several subfigures, the `subfigure` package may be used to arrange them properly. Figure 2 is an example of such a figure.

3 How to write a table

Table 1 shows an example of a \LaTeX table. As for figures, always use cross-references to refer to tables.

In tables, captions are placed *above* the actual table. Also notice the use of “\0” to line up the numbers.



Figure 2 – This JPEG picture of Hotel Rozalka and its vicinity contain so many details that we have chosen to make it span both columns. This option should be used sparingly, however!

Table 1 – Numbers of different kinds of participants expected to attend the IMC 2024.

Species	Number
Sheep	3
Teddy bears	87
Big bears	7
Cows	13
Total	110

Only if a tables contains few columns, it will fit in a column. Therefore, authors may also use the

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\begin{table*}[!t]
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\end{table*}
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environment to create tables that span both columns. Notice that vertical lines are *never* used to separate columns!

4 Formatting and citing references

If you know BIB_{TEX} , please use it. We have provided the bibliography style file `imo2.bst` for that purpose.

The file `sheep.bib` provides examples of references that are books (Rendtel and Arlt, 2011), journals (Asher, 2010), or proceedings papers (Egorova, 2012).¹ Authors are requested to replace

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\bibliographystyle{imo2}
\bibliography{sheep}
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¹The *Instructions for all authors* explain how to cite references.

by the content of the file `sheep.bib` just before submitting the article to reduce the number of files involved.

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Although we do not explicitly disallow web pages in the list of references (e.g., Vaubailon, 2005), we ask to avoid this, as such references by their proper nature are unstable in the long run. Instead, use footnotes to refer to web pages.²

5 Conclusions and additional remarks

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²See also <http://imc2024.imo.net/guideline>.

³Packages such as `balance` have undesired side-effects and are therefore not used.

⁴Only their bounding boxes are taking into consideration, so that the layout is exactly the same as with the pictures.



Figure 3 – This very cute creature has illustrated L^AT_EX instructions for contributions to the IMC Proceedings ever since the 2010 edition in Armagh, as it is so endearing to both authors and editors. Therefore, it has become an IMC classic. This time, the figure is in PDF format.

addition, lines sticking out of the margin will be marked by black boxes.

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Thanks also to all authors who will use this template to ease the editors' work.

Finally, every resemblance between names, places, and situations referred to in this paper and actual names, places, and situations is unintentional and should be regarded as purely coincidental.

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