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Guidelines to Authors

General Considerations

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All mss should be sent to the Editors-in-Chief, Prof. Mario R. Féliz or Prof José A. Caram. Manuscripts that are judged by the Editor to fall within the scope of the Journal will be sent on to the appropriate Associate Editors according to the subject. All further correspondence regarding the ms should be addressed to the Associate Editor.

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- All mss are received on the basis that they are original and unpublished and are not being considered for publication elsewhere, including the web.
- All types of mss should be written in English. The Editors could suggest a language revision or introduce minor corrections themselves when they are considered necessary.
- In both Letters and Articles the introduction should be a separate section. The introduction should clearly specify the aims of the study as well as the relationship with previous and current works in the field.
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[3] Mettam, G.R.; Adams, L.B., *How to Prepare an Electronic Version of your Article*, in: Jones, B.S.; Smith, R.Z. (Eds.), *Introduction to the Electronic Age*, E-Publishing Inc., New York, 1999, pp. 281-304.

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