

## INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS

### *Edaphologia*

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### **Aim and scope**

**Edaphologia** publishes peer reviewed original articles and short communications describing various fields of soil animal science including taxonomy and ecology. The scope of this journal consists of fundamental and applied aspects of soil animal science; points include community dynamics of animals in soil, their interaction with soil processes, and the taxonomic report.

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