

## AUTHOR TUTORIAL

### LOG IN

To begin using Editorial Manager, enter your username and password and click on 'Author Login'.

### AUTHOR MAIN MENU

You will be directed to the Author Main Menu:

The screenshot shows the Editorial Manager Author Main Menu. The browser address bar displays <https://www.editorialmanager.com/washdev/default.aspx>. The page header includes the IWA Publishing logo and navigation links: HOME, LOGOUT, HELP, REGISTER, UPDATE MY INFORMATION, JOURNAL OVERVIEW, MAIN MENU, CONTACT US, SUBMIT A MANUSCRIPT, INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS, and PRIVACY. The user's role is set to 'Author' and the username is 'EmmaBuckingham'.

The main content area is titled 'Author Main Menu' and features a 'SUBMISSION CHECKLIST' section with a checklist of items to ensure before submitting a paper:

- FULL MANUSCRIPT
- FIGURE/IMAGE FILES
- SUPPLEMENTARY FILES
- 3 RECOMMENDED REVIEWERS
- EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR ALL CO-AUTHORS
- PERMISSIONS FOR MATERIAL FROM OTHER SOURCES

The 'New Submissions' section includes:

- [Submit New Manuscript](#)
- Submissions Sent Back to Author (0)
- Incomplete Submissions (0)
- Submissions Waiting for Author's Approval (0)
- Submissions Being Processed (0)

The 'Revisions' section includes:

- Submissions Needing Revision (0)
- Revisions Sent Back to Author (0)
- Incomplete Submissions Being Revised (0)
- Revisions Waiting for Author's Approval (0)
- Revisions Being Processed (0)
- Declined Revisions (0)

The 'Completed' section includes:

- Submissions with a Decision (0)
- Submissions with Production Completed (0)

## SUBMITTING A MANUSCRIPT

To submit a new manuscript, click on the '**Submit New Manuscript**' link.

### Article Type

From the drop-down menu, select the article type that best describes your manuscript and click on 'Proceed'.

### Attach Files

All items for submission must be uploaded Editorial Manager. You should not email files to the Editorial Office.

Depending on article type, some items for submission will be mandatory. These elements are marked with an asterisk.

Use the 'browse' button to select the file you need to upload. The uploaded files are then listed at the foot of the page. Changing the numbers in the boxes on the left hand side of the list will change the order in which the files appear in the PDF. The files can be removed or replaced as necessary by clicking on 'Remove'. You can download and view the files by clicking on 'Download'.

You will then need to click on 'Proceed'.

## General Information

This section will require you to enter the following information:

### Select Region of Origin

Please ensure this matches the Corresponding Author's current country of residence.

### Select Section/Category

You must select the Category that best applies to your submission. Please choose carefully as selecting the correct category will ensure your manuscript is sent to the Editor best qualified to handle the review process.

### Select Classifications

You will now be asked to choose one or more classifications for the submission from a list that is predefined by the journal. Classifications will help Editors select suitable reviewers. This is a mandatory step. Click on 'Select Classifications' to open a new window displaying the Classification options. Click on 'Expand All' to view all the Classifications, and tick the box next to those that are appropriate to your manuscript. Next, click on 'Select'. When you are done, click 'Submit'. This will close the screen. Click on 'Proceed' to proceed.

**Region of Origin**

Select the Region of Origin related to your submission from the drop-down menu below.

**Required** ▼  
UNITED KINGDOM

**Section/Category**

Select the Section or Category related to your manuscript from the drop-down menu below.

**Required** ▼  
International and National Policy

**Classifications**

Please identify your submission's areas of interest and specialization by selecting one or more classifications.

**Required** \* Select 1 or more Classifications  
(None Selected)

Add Classifications

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## Suggest Reviewers

You must suggest at least 3 experts who could potentially review your paper. Enter the required details about each reviewer and click on 'Add Reviewer'. When you are done, click on 'Proceed'.

**Suggest Reviewers**

Please suggest potential reviewers for this submission and provide specific reasons for your suggestion in the comments box for each person. Please note that the editorial office may not use your suggestions, but your help is appreciated and may speed up the selection of appropriate reviewers.

**Suggesting 3 reviewer(s) is Required for Submission.**

Current Suggested Reviewers List

There are currently no Suggested Reviewers

+ Add Suggested Reviewer

**Enter Suggested Reviewer Details**

Given/First Name \*

Middle Name

Family/Last Name \*

Degree \*

Position

Institution \*

Start typing to display potentially matching institutions.

Department

E-mail \*

Reason \*

Back Proceed

## Additional Information

In this step, you should answer the questions in the text box provided. We will also ask you to enter your manuscript highlights here and any ethical questions which may be required.

Click on 'Proceed' to proceed.



Please respond to the presented questions/statements.

Questionnaire

Please enter the word count of your paper, including the space taken up by Abstract, References, Tables and Figures. Allow 350 words for each table and figure. Word limits can be found in the journal's [Instructions for Authors](#).

Instructions  
Answer  
Required:

Does the submission report research involving human subjects? Please refer to [instructions for authors](#) for more details about the journal's requirements.

Answer  
Required:  Please select a response Please select a response.  
 Yes - Human subjects are involved  
 No - Human subjects are not involved

If the submission reports on research undertaken in a country please confirm that at least one author is from that country. Please refer to [Instructions for authors](#) for further information.

Answer  
Required:  Please select a response Please select a response.  
 Confirmed. The submission is from the country.

## Enter Comments

In this step, you can enter any comments you would like to send to the Editor. These comments do not appear in your manuscript, but will appear in the information sent directly to the Editor. This is where you should enter information you would normally add to a cover letter.

Click on 'Proceed' to proceed.

## Manuscript Data

Editorial Manager has a LiXuid Submission interface which should automatically extract key elements from your paper to pre-fill many of the boxes in this section. You will need to check that the information pulled is correct, in addition to entering any missing information.

### Article Title

Enter an Article Title and a Short Title. This is mandatory. Click on 'Next' to continue.

### Abstract

This allows an author to cut and paste their abstract into a textbox. It is mandatory for most article types. Click on 'Next' to continue.

### Add/Edit/Remove Authors

You will then open a section where you must add other authors who have contributed to the manuscript. You **do not** need to re-enter yourself in the list of authors, as you are listed already as the corresponding author. Only the corresponding author will receive email communications regarding the submission.

Clicking on the Add Author button will open a new screen where you should add the required details for each author who has contributed to the manuscript. When you are finished, click on Submit.

You can change the order of Authors as they would appear on the manuscript by rearranging the numbers beside their name.

You may change the person designated as the corresponding author, but this person must also be a registered user for the journal, as they will need to be contacted throughout the submission process. Other authors do not need to be registered with the system. A first name, last name and e-mail address are required - affiliation information is not a required entry, but it will aid an Editor who wishes to select Reviewers who aren't affiliated with the authors of the manuscript.

Click on 'Next'.

### Funding Information

If your research has been funded through a grant or organisation which should be recognised in the published manuscript, please enter the information here. If there is no funding information to be added, please click the tickbox to say 'Funding information is not available.'

The screenshot shows the IWA Publishing Editorial Manager interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: HOME, LOGOUT, HELP, REGISTER, UPDATE MY INFORMATION, JOURNAL OVERVIEW, MAIN MENU, CONTACT US, SUBMIT A MANUSCRIPT, INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS, and PRIVACY. The user is logged in as 'Author' with the username 'EmmatBuckingham'. Below the navigation bar is a progress bar with seven stages: Article Type Selection (green checkmark), Attach Files (green checkmark), General Information (green checkmark), Review Preferences (red exclamation mark), Additional Information (red exclamation mark), Comments (green checkmark), and Manuscript Data (blue download icon). Below the progress bar is a form with a warning message: 'When possible these fields will be populated with information collected from your uploaded submission file. Steps requiring review will be marked with a warning icon. Please review these fields to be sure we found the correct information and fill in any missing details.' The form has four fields: Title, Abstract, Authors, and Funding Information, each with a plus sign and a warning icon. There is also a link for 'Insert Special Character'. At the bottom of the form are three buttons: 'Back', 'Save & Submit Later', and 'Build PDF for Approval'.

Once all of the required information has been entered, you can start the PDF generation process by clicking on '**Build PDF for my Approval**'.

While the PDF is being created, the submission is moved to the '**Submissions Waiting for Author's Approval**' folder. The PDF will not open automatically but you will see a '**View Submission**' link when the PDF is ready to be viewed.

### Reviewing and Approving Your Submission

You must click on '**View Submission**' in order to approve, edit or remove the submission. The submission will open in Adobe Acrobat and the uploaded elements will appear in the order selected at the **Attach File** stage. If you choose to approve the submission, the Editor is notified by e-mail and you will also receive a letter of confirmation.

When you approve your submission, it will be filed in the '**Submissions**

**Being Processed**' section in your Author Main Menu. If you click on **'Revise Submission'**, you will be brought back to the start of the submission process.

### **TRACKING THE PROGRESS OF YOUR SUBMISSION**

Once your manuscript has been submitted to the journal, you can track its progress by viewing your submission in the **'Submissions Being Processed'** section (accessed through a link on the Author Main Menu page). The status date may change periodically as activity from the Editor and Reviewers take place, but you will only be notified directly when a decision is made.

### **REVISING YOUR SUBMISSION**

If the Editor dealing with your submission decides that your submission needs to be revised, you will be notified by e-mail. The submission will move from the **'Submissions Being Processed'** folder to the **'Submissions Needing Revision'** folder, which can be accessed through a link on the Author Main Menu page.

Clicking on **'Submit Revision'** will bring you back into the first submission step and allow you to make changes where necessary. After uploading the revised elements, a new PDF is generated for you to approve and this will return the revision to the Editor.

If you need more time to revise your submission, you should contact the Editor via the system. In the far left column of the table displaying information regarding your submission(s), there is a **'Send E-mail'** link. This opens an e-mail that you can customise and send directly to the Editor.

### **REINSTATE A DECLINED REVISION**

Some Authors accidentally remove a submission they intended to revise, by clicking on **'Decline to Revise'** or **'Remove'**. This moves the paper into the **'Declined Revisions'** section in your main menu. If this does happen, you should click on **'Declined Revisions'** in your main menu. On this page, click on the **'Reinstate Submission'** link. This will move the submission back into the **'Submissions Needing Revisions'** section in your main menu.

### **INVITATION TO SUBMIT AN ARTICLE**

Some journals may decide to invite authors to submit an article for a Special Issue. If this happens, you will receive an invitation via e-mail. Log into the system and you will see a new section on your Author Main Menu called **'Invited Submissions'**.

Click **'My Invitations'** followed by **'View Proposal'** for details of the proposed submission. You can decide whether to submit a paper and notify the Editor by either clicking on **'Agree to Submit'** or **'Decline to Submit'**.

#### **Agreeing to Submit a Proposed Manuscript**

If you agree to submit a manuscript based on the proposal, this proposal will then move to a section entitled **'Accepted Invitations'** under the heading **'Invited Submissions'** in the Author Main Menu.

When you are ready to submit the manuscript, click on **'Submit Invited**

**Manuscript** and submit the proposal via the usual Author Submission process.

### **INVITATION TO SUBMIT A COMMENTARY ON A MANUSCRIPT**

An Editor may invite you to submit a commentary on a certain manuscript that may or may not have been accepted for publication. You will receive an invitation via e-mail. The invitation will appear in the **'My New Invitations'** section of the Author Main Menu, under the heading **'Invited Submissions'**.

On the next page you will be presented with a table showing you information about the submission. Click on **'View Submission Requiring Commentary'** to see the manuscript before clicking either **'Agree to Submit'** or **'Decline to Submit'**, which will notify the Editor of your decision.

#### **Submitting a Commentary**

If you agree to submit a commentary on the manuscript, this invitation will then move to a section entitled **'Accepted Invitations'** under the heading **'Invited Submissions'**, displayed on the Author Main Menu page.

When you are ready to submit the Commentary, click on **'View Submission Requiring Commentary'** and submit via the usual Author Submission Process.

### **CONTACTS**

You will receive notification once your submission has been assigned to an Editor. If you have any queries during the review process you can send a General Communication e-mail directly to the Editor in the way described above. If you are having difficulty using the system, please contact [washdev@iwap.co.uk](mailto:washdev@iwap.co.uk).