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State the names of all co-authors, without titles (e.g. Jan Novák).

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A set of keywords should be comprehensive, but concise, typically 7–10 words or phrases. Initial letters of keywords are written in lower-case.

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Introduction should provide wider context, substantiation of the need of writing and publishing the paper, its goal.

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In the interest of reproducibility, please provide a concise description of research material and used scientific methods. If these are not original methods, give reference to the paper where this method was originally published.

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This section should provide a concise summary of the most important findings in relation to the goals set. Please state only facts here, polemic is reserved for the Discussion section.

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1 author:

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2–3 authors:

WIT, J. S., PONEMAN, D. B. and GALLUCI, R. L. 2004. *Going critical: the first North Korean nuclear crisis*. Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution Press.

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HOLLIDAY, A., HYDE, M. and KULLMAN, J. 2004. *Intercultural communication: an advanced resource book*. [Online]. London: Routledge. Available at: <http://www.dawsonera.com/>. [Accessed: 2001, August 15].

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BENEŠOVÁ, A., ŘEZNÍČEK, V. and BLAŽEK, J. 1997. Hodnocení souboru genotypů jabloní vyselektovaných na rezistenci vůči strupovitosti (*Venturia inaequalis* Cke. Vint.). *Acta Univ. Agric. Silvic. Mendelianae Brun.*, 46(4): 47–56.
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JONES, P. and EVANS, J. 2006. Urban regeneration, governance and the state: exploring notions of distance and proximity. *Urban Studies*, 43(9): 1491–1509. [Online]. Available at: <http://web.ebscohost.com>. [Accessed: 2010, August 17].
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- **Website:** SURNAME, INITIALS (can be the name of copyright owner). Year of publication/copyright. *Name of the webpage*. [Online]. Available at: URL. [Accessed: date of access].
LABOUR PARTY. ©2010. *Policy guide*. [Online]. Available at: <http://www.labour.org.uk/policies/home>. [Accessed: 2010, August 13].
- **Law:** NAME OF THE COUNTRY. Year of publication. Law title. In: *Collection of laws title*, Edition (částka): page numbers. Available at: URL (if applicable).
ČESKO. 1999. Zákon č. 106 ze dne 11. května 1999 o svobodném přístupu k informacím. In: *Sbírka zákonů České republiky*, částka 39: 2578–2582. Available at: <http://www.mvcr.cz/sbirka/1999/sb039-99.pdf>.
- **Standard:** STANDARDS AGENCY NAME. Year of publication. *Name of the standard*. Standard number. Place of publication: Publisher.
INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OFFICE. 1998. *Information and documentation: Bibliographical references: Electronic documents*. ISO 690-2. Geneva: ISO.
ÚNMZ. 2011. *Informace a dokumentace – Pravidla pro bibliografické odkazy a citace informačních zdrojů*. ČSN ISO 690 (01 0197). Praha: Úřad pro technickou normalizaci, metrologii a státní zkušebnictví.
- **Patent:** SURNAME, INITIALS OF INVENTOR/PATENT OWNER. Year of issue. *Title of patent*. Number of patent. Country/patent agency. Available at: URL (if applicable).
SMITH, P. L. 2002. *Particle trap for compressed gas insulated transmission systems*. US Patent 4554399. United States Patent and Trademark Office.
NOVOTNÝ, J. 2011. *Propustek s deformační zónou*. IPC: E01F 5/00. Česká republika, Úřad průmyslového vlastnictví. Available at: <http://spisy.upv.cz/Patents/FullDocuments/302/302313.pdf>.

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$$k \leq 0,$$

$$a_1 + b_1 + c_1 + d_1 = 0,$$

$$2(p + 1)$$

$$k = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

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