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1. Focus and Scope

AJOCC (ARCHAIUS, THE JOURNAL OF CHAMELEONOLOGY AND CHAMELEONOCULTURE) is a peer-reviewed international journal for rapid publication of high quality papers on any aspect of Chamaeleonology (defined as Part of Zoology, with special focus on the members of the family Chamaeleonidae) and Chameleonoculture (defined as Part of Herpetoculture, dealing with naturalistic captive husbandry and reproduction of chameleons), of the following scale:

- Large original works,
- Reviews and Revisions,
- Compendiums,
- Short notes,

and, on the following topics:

- Systematics and taxonomy,
- Zoogeography,
- Life history,
- Captive management,
- Health and diseases.

The Journal is divided formally into three parts:

- **CHAMELEONOLOGY** - marked with blue: for original scientific papers,
- **CHAMELEONOCULTURE** - marked with red: for original papers on the aspects of keeping chameleons in captivity,
- **CHAMELEONOPROMOTION** - marked with green: for free style communications on any aspects of chameleon existence not covered with the previous two topics.

The allocation of the papers to the formal parts should be done by authors upon submission.

AJOCC considers papers on all aspects of chameleon existence, especially encouraging publication of short communications on original observations.

Open access publishing option is the policy of *AJOCC*.

2. Publication Assistance

AJOCC offers a unique service for unexperienced authors, based on mentoring by senior authors and/or co-authorship with them. Inquiries are to be sent to the chief editor.

3. Publication Policies

AJOCC guarantees open submissions, all publications are indexed and peer reviewed.

The publication of any paper is free of charge and will be published usually within one month from their acceptance by the editors.

In case of urgent publication requests, special fees as per policy (require at the head editor) are applicable: 1000/500/300 EUR for the guaranteed publication within a week/two weeks/month in case of manuscripts not longer than 4000 characters, including the peer-review process. For longer manuscripts, individual conditions are to be agreed.

4. Peer Review Process

All manuscripts will be subjected to peer review before acceptance by editors.

5. Subscriptions

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6. Subscription Information

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The subscriptions are available in the following key:

# of issues	Price per issue in EUR	Total price in EUR
1	10	10
2 – 10	9	90
11 – 50	8	400
From 51	7	n.a.
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7. Instructions for Authors

Three categories of papers are considered.

1) Research article

Research articles are significant papers of three or more standard printed pages reporting original research.

AJOCC encourages large comprehensive works. There is no upper limit on the length of manuscripts.

It is thought to be written in high quality scientific format with comprehensive citations of sources.

2) Practice report

Practice report especially on the field observations and captive husbandry observations of three or more standard printed pages reporting original research.

AJOCC encourages large comprehensive works. There is no upper limit on the length of manuscripts.

It is thought to be written in high quality common language format with the statement, all are original observations of the authors if not stated otherwise (in verb., in litt.) or cited.

3) Short note

High quality and important short manuscripts of normally 1 to 3 pages are considered to be published to keep the original information available for citation.

AJOCC publishes the following types of short notes:

- INTERESTING NOTE: opinions and views on current issues of interests to the readers of *AJOCC*
- COMMENTARY: commentary on or additions/corrections to papers previously published in *AJOCC*
- IN MEMORIAM: obituary in memory of deceased chameleoneologists and chameleonoculturists
- TAXONOMY NOTE: taxonomic/nomenclatural notes of importance
- REVIEW: book reviews meant to introduce readers to new or rare books or publications
- FIELD NOTE: papers reporting on field observations of special behavior, predation or interaction
- RANGE NOTE: papers reporting on field or museum observations of biogeography like range extensions, introductions, new localities and reproduction sites

A Short note should have no more than 10 references and its total length should not exceed three printed pages (except editorials). Neither an abstract nor a list of key words is needed; major headings (Introduction, Material and methods...) should NOT be used. It should consist of

- a) a short and concise title,
- b) author name and (email address),
- c) a series of paragraphs of the main text, and
- d) a list of references if any. The first or last paragraph may be a summary.

Commentaries on published papers are intended for scholarly exchange of different views or interpretations of published data and should not contain personal attack; authors of concerned papers will be invited to reply to comments on their papers.

Preparation of manuscripts

General

All papers must be in English. Authors whose native language is not English are encouraged to have their manuscripts read by a native English-speaking colleague before submission. Nomenclature must be in agreement with the *International Code of Zoological Nomenclature* (4th edition 1999), which came into force on 1 January 2000. Author(s) of species name and year of description must be provided when the scientific name of any animal species is first mentioned. Authors of plant species names need not be given. Metric systems should be used. Use any common font and use as little formatting as possible. The style of each author is generally respected but they must follow the following general guidelines.

The title

should be concise and informative. The higher taxa containing the taxa dealt with in the paper should be indicated in parentheses.

The name(s) of all authors

of the paper must be given and should be typed in the upper. The email address of each author should be given in each starting a separate line.

The abstract

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The arrangement of the **main text** varies with different types of papers, but should usually start with an **introduction** and end with a list of **references**. References should be cited in the text as Smith (1999), Smith & Smith (2000) or Smith *et al.* (2001) (3 or more authors), or alternatively in a parenthesis (Smith 1999; Smith & Smith 2000; Smith *et al.* 2001). All literature cited in the text must be listed in the references in the following format.

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Journal paper: Smith, A. (1999) Title of the paper. *Title of the journal in full*, volume number, page range x–y.

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Book: Smith, A., Smith, B. & Smith, C. (2001) *Title of Book*. Publisher name and location, ###pp.

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