

**Selected Proceedings**

**- Guidelines for Manuscript Preparation and Submission –**

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it is our great pleasure to invite you to submit the full-length manuscripts of your abstracts presented at our 4th International Scientific Conference “Changing Life Circumstances – Opportunity for Individual and Community Growth” in the book of selected proceedings that will be published in English. The deadline for the manuscript submission is **5th April 2024.** The manuscripts will undergo double-blind peer review by two independent reviewers and only the best quality manuscripts will be accepted for publication. The decision of the Editorial Board of the manuscripts’ acceptance or rejection will be sent to the authors by the end of July 2024. This decision is final and cannot be appealed. The publication of the Selected Proceedings will be by the end of 2024.

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**The Propositions**

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* Submission of only one manuscript of the same first author is allowed.
* Scientific and professional manuscripts based on empirical research can be submitted (review articles will not be considered for publication). However, due to the limit of the Selected Proceedings length, the scientific manuscripts will be prioritized.
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**Submission**

* The manuscript submission is electronically via **proceedings.psyconf2024@unicath.hr**.
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1. **“Application Form for Manuscript Submission” –** which can be downloaded from our website <https://www.unicath.hr/conference2023-psychology/selected-proceedings>. This file contains all the details about the authors and only the Editorial Board will have access to it.
2. The **anonymous file** containing Title, Abstract, and Manuscript. The reviewers will receive only this file. Please make sure that all identification in the file is removed.

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* The maximum **length** of the manuscript is 5000 words (including the References).
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	2. they all have titles and/or figure captions,
	3. they are self-explanatory, and
	4. they are referred to in the text.
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* Please avoid using footnotes.
* Insert page numbers (at the bottom right side) and line numbers (on the left margin).
* Use **Times New Roman** **font 12;** **1.5 lines spacing** and **justified** alignment.
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***Journal article:***

Paap, K. R., & Greenberg, Z. I. (2013). There is no coherent evidence for a bilingual advantage in executive processing. *Cognitive Psychology, 66*(2), 232-258. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cogpsych.2012.12.002

***Book:***

Foxall, G. R. (2018). *Context and cognition in consumer psychology: How perception and emotion guide action*. Routledge.\*

***Book chapter:***

Haybron, D. M. (2008). Philosophy and the science of subjective well-being. In M. Eid & R. J. Larsen (Eds.), *The science of subjective well-being* (pp. 17-43). Guilford Press.\*

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