# MMPlus User Guide

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# Introduction

MMPlus is a publishing system designed with ease of use in mind. This guide will provide you with appropriate knowledge needed to use the publishing system.

<u>Important</u>: almost every text field or button has a tooltip help assigned to it. We encourage you to use this quick help to simplify your work with MMPlus system.



Figure 1: Tooltip help example.

# **Requirements**

The only system requirement is to use compatible internet browser and email client for email notifications.

#### MMPlus supports all major web browsers:

- Safari 3+
- FireFox 3.6+
- Internet Explorer 6+
- Chrome 6+
- Opera 10.5+

# **Registration process**

Before you can log into the MMPlus you must first complete the registration process. To begin with the registration you have to clickon **Register** button. The new registration form will appear.



Figure 2: Registration window.

All the fields in this form are required - \* sign. Choose correctly the journal for your registration while more than one journal can be placed in the list of journals. After you click Register button, the email with confirmation link will be sent to your email address, provided in the first line of the Registration form. To complete the registration, start your email client and open the registration email message. Clicking on the link in the received email message you will automatically be logged into the MMPlus system.

# Personal info management

After the first login you will be prompted to enter your personal information.



Figure 3: Personal info window.

Personal info entered into this form will be later used in the process of article creation. Click the **Save personal info** button to save your personal info and close window. Clicking on this button does<u>not</u> change your password.

If you want to change your password you must click the **Change password** button. Clicking on the **Change password** button does<u>not change</u> your personal info.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Note: You must fill Institute or University field (or both fields).

# Main screen organization

The screen is divided into three sections (*Figure 4*):

- 1. Main navigation bar on the top of the page.
- 2. Article action toolbar on the top of the article grid.
- 3. Article grid.

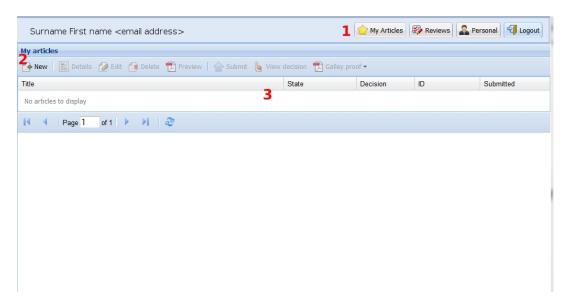


Figure 4: Main screen.

Note: The button **Reviews**(1 in Figure 4) will appear when you will be invited for peer-review of manuscript by journal editor.

#### Main navigation bar

The Main navigation bar is located on the top rightside of the page and allows you to execute the main system functions – **My Articles**, **Personal** info and **Logout** by clicking on the navigation button(*Figure 5*).On the top left side there is your name and email address indicated.



Figure 5: Main navigation bar.

#### **Article action toolbar**

Clicking on the toolbar buttons allows you to perform various actions with the article. For example you can create new article, edit existing (in preparation, not yet submitted) one or submit an article. If the button appears disabled on the toolbar, the action is not allowed for selected article.

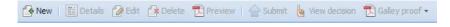


Figure 6: Article action toolbar.

# Article grid

You can view and manage your articles through the article grid(*Figure 7*). Sorting of articles can be achieved when clicked on the grid header. By clicking on the appropriate article line you activate / deactivate article action buttons on the article action toolbar.

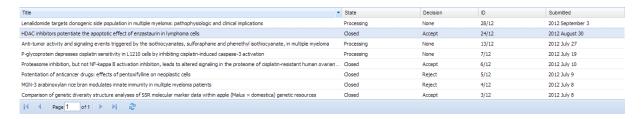


Figure 7: Article grid.

### **Article submission**

The following sections describe the whole procedure from starting creation of the new article until its final submission of article.

#### Create new article

Click on the **New** button in the article action toolbar to openArticle window screen(Figure 8).



Figure 8: New article button in the action toolbar.

Article window is divided into four parts represented by four tabs(Figure 9):

- 1. General the place for general article information such as title, abstract, and keywords.
- 2. Authors the place where authors' names, e-mails, and their affiliations are provided.
- 3. Files the place where manuscript, images and supplementary files can be uploaded.
- 4. **Cover letter** the place where message for chief editor can be upload (it is optional).

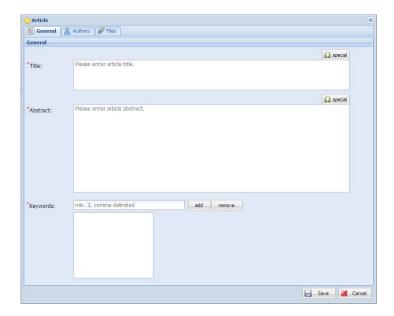


Figure 9: New article - general tab.

We recommend filling all fields in General tab at first, otherwise you will get an error message when you click **Save** button.

#### General tab

You can edit general article information in the general tab.

#### **Title**

As indicated in the text field (Please enter article title) you can directly type or use Copy-Paste from external document to enter the title of your article.

#### **Abstract**

Here is the space to place the abstract of your article. The text of abstract can be structured into paragraphs.

### **Keywords**

At least three keywords are required. Keywords can be added either by entering comma separated list into **Keywords** field or one by one via clicking on the **add** button. To remove added keyword first select it in the list and click on the **remove** button. Keywords can be reordered inside the list with the mouse by drag & drop.

#### Save button

All data entered in all tabs will be saved by clicking on the **Save** button.

#### **Authors tab**

According to the Main screen the Authors tab'sscreen(Figure 10) has its own toolbar with buttons as follow: Add new author, Edit selected author, Delete selected author. You are automatically added

as the first author. Clicking the Authors tab only **Add new author** button is active. Two other buttons switch to active state when you select any author in the author grid.

Beneath the author action toolbar the main author grid is located where you can view and manage your author list.



Figure 10: New article - authors tab.

At least one author must be selected as corresponding author. You can indicate more than one corresponding authors. Corresponding author(s) will receive email notifications when the decision is reached.

To define new author click the **Add new author** button(1 in Figure 11) and Author window will appear.

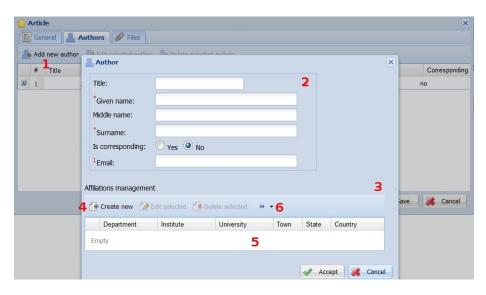


Figure 11: New author window.

Author window consists of two parts – the upper part of the window(2 in Figure 11) is devoted to author's identification data and in the lower part (3in Figure 11) the affiliation toolbar (4 in Figure 11) is placed. The figure shows the affiliation toolbar with active **Create new** button and two inactive

buttons – Edit selected and Delete selected. The affiliation list field is wrapped in the position of ">>" sign (6 in Figure 11).

#### **Affiliation of authors**

In order to define new affiliation you have to click on the **Create new** button. Afterwards the empty affiliation form will appear – you have to fill the requested field and click on the **Accept** button.



Figure 12: Affiliation form.

You can also select the affiliationfrom the list of affiliations you have entered (*Figure 13*). To add existing affiliation, expand the list of affiliations located in the affiliation action toolbar, select the appropriate text and click the **add from list** button.



Figure 13: Existing affiliations list.

In order to add additional affiliation for existing author firstly select the author in the list of authors (*Figure 10*), then **Edit selected author** button followed by either **Create new** (*4 in Figure 11*) button or select from the list of affiliations (*Figure 13*).

Note: The order of authors inside the grid can be managed with the mouse drag & drop.

#### Files tab

This is the place, where you can upload your article files.

The screen is divided similarly to Authors' screen. The file action toolbar (1 inFigure 14) is located on the top and there is the main file grid below (2 inFigure 14) where you can view and manage your list of uploaded files.

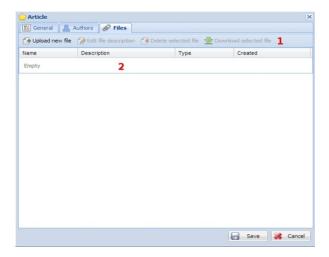


Figure 14: New article - files tab.

Clicking on the **Upload new file** button the Upload file window will be opened.



Figure 15: Upload new file view.

In the **File type** field one of three main file types should be selected. The **Manuscript** type should be selected when you intend to upload manuscript. The **Image** type should be selected when picture file will be uploaded. The **Supplementary** type should be selected for additional files that accompanied the manuscript and will be only placed on-line on website.

If you want to see the list of allowed file types, place your cursor over **Browse** button to display tooltip help (*Figure 16*).

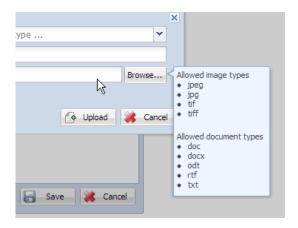


Figure 16: File upload tooltip help.

### PDF preview

PDF preview isrequired before article submission is allowed. To create PDF preview of your article click the **Preview** button in the article action toolbar.



Figure 17: PDF preview.

The PDF file will be generated by MMPlus software and offered to you for download. Review the content of PDF preview file before submitting the article.

#### Submit an article

After you click the **Save** button on the Article screen the new article will be shown in the grid. Please notice that thearticle is now in <u>Preparation</u> state. It means that the article is visible only for you and nobody else can see it now.

Article can still be edited because it is not submitted. To submit your article to the journal youmust click the **Submit** button in article action toolbar.



Figure 18: Submit window.

The **Submit article** window (*Figure 18*) shows the graphic list of software validation result – in this case three errors were found (red points) and therefore the **Submit** button is disabled. **Submit** button will only be enabled in case if no error was found.

If some of the items in the **Validation** list ismarked as invalid (red point) click on the indicated item and follow the suggestions in the **Help** text field.

After all errors are corrected you can click **Submit** button. Warning: after you submit article you will no longer be able to edit it.

After successful submission the article is marked as <u>Submitted</u>— the value in **State** column is changed from **Preparation** to **Submitted** and the date of submission appears in the column **Submitted**(Figure 19). Finally the confirmation message will be sent to your email address.



Figure 19: Status after submittion.

When the submitted article is assigned to the field editor, **State** value will be marked as Processing.

After the review process is completed and decision is met you will be notified by email message.

After the peer-review of manuscript the **Decision** value can be marked with one of the three following states:

- 1. Refused article was refused by chief editor and will not be accepted for publication.
- 2. Accepted article was accepted for publication by chief editor.
- 3. Under revision there were some issues with the article. This state requires that you to perform corrections to your article. Click the **Edit** button so you can make necessary corrections to the article.

To read the decision from the chief editor and comments from reviewers please click onthe **View decision** button (*Figure 19*).

# Submit a revised manuscript

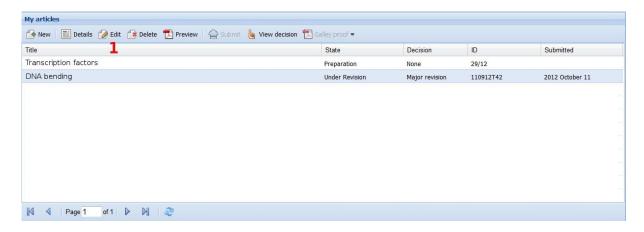


Figure 20: How to start with revised manuscript.

When you click the **Edit** button and confirm to continue/define revised the MMPlus system deletes previous version of uploaded manuscript file but keeps images. In addition the State value is marked as Preparation.

After Submission of revised manuscript the State value is changed to Processing #N, where N is revision number.