

## **Guidelines for Submitting “Correspondence” to *Edaphologia***

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The “Correspondence” section of *Edaphologia* focuses on articles related to advances in soil zoology and trends in soil zoology, including issues, opinions, scientific topics, collection records, literature introductions, and memorials. While similar articles can be submitted to the newsletter of the Japanese Society of Soil Zoology (JSSZ), they differ in the following ways.

### **1) No Peer Review**

Papers for the “Correspondence” section will not be peer-reviewed, but the Editorial Board will check whether the submitted manuscript meets the standards. The Editorial Board may also ask authors to revise a manuscript or submit it to the JSSZ newsletter. The newsletter is also not peer-reviewed, and the editor may ask authors to correct typographical errors and the like but will not ask them to submit it elsewhere.

### **2) Limits to the numbers of words and pages**

Manuscripts should be no longer than 2,000 words in Japanese (1,000 words in English) and no more than two printed pages, including figures and tables. Short Communications should not exceed four printed pages, while there is no page limit for the JSSZ newsletter.

### **3) Manuscript contents**

- A) Issues and opinions on soil zoology
- B) Scientific (ecological and taxonomic) topics
- C) Collection records (those with academic value [newness] such as records of the first collection in Japan [or the first few cases in Japan]). The records should include evidence of academic value, such as records of previous collections in Japan (or the world), records of new distributions of alien species and global warming indicator species, and so on.
- D) Article and book introduction (monographs and other academic papers, scientific books in European languages, etc.)
- E) Memorial letters (focusing on academic achievements)

The contents of the JSSZ newsletter are as follows.

- a) Articles related to a conference (conference announcements, conference reports, award-winning articles, etc.)
- b) Miscellaneous articles, essays, and topics related to soil animals (for members) (commentaries, reports of study groups, reports of international conferences, stories of study abroad, field introductions, columns, etc.)
- c) Collection records (for members)
- d) Articles and book introductions (for members: picture books, photo books, Japanese books in general)
- e) Memorials (for members)
- f) Abstracts of masters' theses and Ph.D. dissertations
- g) Others