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It must be short and informative. Title must be accompanied by a suggested running title not exceeding 50-60 characters (including spaces).

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Taxon names must be written in italics, followed by the name(s) of the author(s) and the year of their description (e.g. *Cubanina alavensis* Palmer, 1936); this is the only instance italics can be used in the manuscript text (also, avoid using boldface or underlined characters). In the case of systematic paleontology contributions, the description of the taxa must contain their systematic position (including author(s) names; these must be cited in the reference list), references to figured specimens, synonymy lists (if necessary, see example below), followed by description, discussion (remarks), and age/stratigraphic position of the material.

Example:

Order Dasycladales Pascher, 1931

Family Dasycladaceae Kützing, 1843

Genus *Montiella* Morellet & Morellet, 1922

Montiella elitzae (Bakalova, 1971) Radoičić, 1980

Fig. 8a-g

Synonymy

1971 *Cylindroporella elitzae* sp. nov. – Bakalova, p.126, pl. 3, figs. 1-8, Barremian-Aptian, Prebalkan, Bulgaria.

1980 *Montiella ? elitza* (Bakalova) nov. comb. – Radoičić, p. 109, pl. 1, figs. 1, 2; pl. 2, figs. 1-4; pl. 3, figs. 1-4, Barremian-Aptian, Eastern Serbia.

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References

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Examples:

Papers

Altiner, D., 1991. Microfossil biostratigraphy (mainly foraminifers) of the Jurassic-Lower Cretaceous carbonate successions in north-western Anatolia (Turkey). *Geologica Romana*, 27: 167-213.

Antonescu, E., 1973. Asociații palinologice caracteristice unor formațiuni cretacice din Munții Metaliferi. *Dări de Seamă ale Institutului de Geologie*, 59(3): 115-169.

Gorbachik, T.N., 1971. On early Cretaceous foraminifera of the Crimea. *Vaprosii Micropaleontologii*, 14: 125-139 [in Russian].

Bucur, I.I. & Filipescu, S., 1994: Middle Miocene red algae from the Transylvanian basin (Romania). *Beiträge zur Paläontologie*, 19: 39 -47.

Chiocchini, M., Mancinelli, A. & Marcucci, C., 1988. Distribution of benthic foraminifera and algae in the Lazium-Abruzzi carbonate platform facies (Central Italy) during Upper Malm-Neocomian. *Revue de Paléobiologie, spécial nr. 2 (Benthos 1986)*: 219 -227.

Bălc, R., Silve, L. & Zaharia, L., 2012. Calcareous nannofossils and sedimentary facies in the Upper Cretaceous Bozeș Formation (Southern Apuseni Mountains, Romania). *Studia UBB Geologia*, 57(1): 23-32. <http://dx.doi.org/10.5038/1937-8602.57.1.3>.

Books

Ianovici, V., Borcoș, M., Bleahu, M., Patrulius, D., Lupu, M., Dimitrescu, R. & Savu, H., 1976. *Geologia Munților Apuseni*. Ed. Acad. R.S.R., Bucharest, 631 pp.

Chapters/papers in edited books

Roth, P.H. & Bowdler, J., 1981. Middle Cretaceous calcareous nannoplankton biogeography and oceanography of the Atlantic Ocean. In: Warme, J.E., Douglas, R.G. & Winterer, E.L. (eds.) The Deep Sea Drilling Project: a Decade of Progress, Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists Special Publication 32, pp. 517-546.

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MSc and PhD theses

Neacșu, M.V., 2008. Studiul depozitelor carbonatice din Formațiunea de Valea Măgurii din arealul văii Poiana Peșterii. MSc thesis, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, 50 pp.

Grădinaru, D.M., 2011. Geneza hardgroundurilor jurasice din Munții Bucegi (versantul vestic) și din Munții Almăjului(Svinița). Unpublished PhD thesis, University of Bucharest, Bucharest, 213 pp.

Geological maps

Patrului, D., Domitrescu, R. & Popescu, I., 1971. Geological map of Romania, scale 1:50.000, sheet 110d-Moeciu, Institute of Geology, Bucharest.

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