INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

The Cartography and Geoinformation journal publishes scientific and professional papers from cartography and other fields (geography, geodesy, geology, forestry, agronomy, history, architecture, education...) if they are related to cartography and geoinformation.

By publishing papers which contain new knowledge in cartography and geoinformation, regardless of whether they are about the application of latest discoveries and modern technologies or historical research, the journal wishes to contribute to the development of cartography, its promotion and widespread use of geoinformation.

Types of papers

The journal only publishes unpublished scientific and professional papers not offered to another publisher in the same form at the same time. In addition to scientific and professional papers, the journal publishes reviews, news and announcements which serve to popularize cartography and geoinformation.

An original scientific paper contains unpublished results of original scientific research and the scientific information is displayed so that the accuracy of analyses and derivations, which the results are based on, can be verified.

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Examples

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Book, authored

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Official institutions documents
Hrvatski sabor (2013) Zakon o Nacionalnoj infrastrukturi prostornih podataka. Narodne novine, 56/13, Zagreb

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Online publications

Personal communication
Solarić N (2014) Professor emeritus, personal communication, 15 Jan 2014