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### DETAILED GUIDELINES ON PREPARING MANUSCRIPTS

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#### THE PAPER

Papers must conform to the following guidelines.

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  - **Notes and references** (Endnotes) – these should normally contain only references to published or archival sources of information. References must follow the style used in papers recently published in Construction History – see detailed guidance below.

## PREPARING THE MANUSCRIPT IN MICROSOFT WORD

- Page size – A4. All margins 25mm.
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... Steel and steel-reinforced concrete were both new materials<sup>5</sup> which reached maturity at about the same time at the end of the nineteenth century.<sup>6</sup> or
- All figures and tables must be referenced in the appropriate place in the text.
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## SUBMITTING THE FINAL MANUSCRIPT FOR PUBLICATION

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## STYLISTIC CONVENTIONS

### Tenses

Do not use the pseudo present tense describing past events as if in a television documentary, e.g. 'Brunel then moves from London to Bristol'. Use the past tense – "Brunel then moved from London to Bristol"

### Figures

Figures to be used for measurement ( $6\frac{3}{4}$  inches, 88 feet, 4.3 metres) but time to be in words (seven years, the eighteenth century). All other figures up to ten, in words (e.g. four reasons) and over ten in figures (e.g. 17 lorry loads). In the text, percentages are given in figures (e.g. 12.5 per cent); *per annum* is written in full. Decimals written with a stop, thus 4.35 (not 4,35) and thousands written with commas, thus 4,677,355 (not 4.677.355).

### Years and Dates

Time spans to include last two digits, except when crossing a century (1935-42; 1890-1905). Decades to be written as 'the 1930s'. Months to be spelt in full in the text and abbreviated in References.

### Units

These need to be consistent and appropriate. Where possible these units be metric – 23.7 m, 50 cm, 6 mm, 1750 kg, 22.5 kN/m<sup>2</sup>, etc. Where original units were non-metric, these may be used, followed by approximate metric equivalents in brackets – the panels were 4 ft by 6 ft (1.2 m by 1.8 m). When using Imperial measures be careful to distinguish between British and US gallons and pints. Also do not confuse metric tonnes (1000 kg) and Imperial tons (2240 lbs).

### Emphasising words

Use single quotation marks (but sparingly!) – "The word 'scantling' is now used infrequently."

### Quotations

Quotations to be given within double quotation marks ("..."). Quotations within quotations to be given with single quotation marks ("... '...' ..."). Punctuation in a quotation should be exactly as the original. At the end of a quotation in a normal paragraph the closing quotation mark should precede the full-stop.

Omissions from a quotation to be indicated by three stops ... without brackets. Words inserted into a citation where text has been removed, in order to maintain sense, should be included within square brackets: "... the latest data [which] was available to the public ...". Quotations of more than two lines of type should be a new paragraph, indented left, and single spaced.

### Upper case / lower case

Lower case used for geographical divisions (the north-east of England), but upper case for political ones (South Africa).

### Hyphens

Hyphens to be used sparingly. But, when two words are used adjectively (provided one is not an adverb), they are hyphenated: thus 'working-class housing', 'nineteenth-century urbanisation' (but, 'the working class' and 'very rapid growth').

### Foreign Languages

Words or phrases in foreign languages used in English should be in italics – *ipso facto*, *per annum*, *raison d'être*, *Weltanschung*.

### Abbreviations

Acronyms to be explained at their first use; thereafter the initials only should be used, thus: "... of the Construction History Society (CHS) and was unable to ... ." and subsequently "... by the CHS."

Well known abbreviations to be used when appropriate (Prof.; Co.), with a full stop, except with common titles (Mr, Mrs, Dr).

### Academic Titles

Scholars to be referred to by their academic titles (Prof., Dr), but in subsequent references the surname only to be used.

## REFERENCES

### Books

Author, Title (*italicised*). Place of publication: Publisher, Date. Page number(s) (if appropriate). Where there is a sub-title, it should be given an initial capital and be divided from the main title by a colon: eg

- 2 L. F. Salzman, *Building in England Down to 1540: A Documentary History*, London: Routledge, 1952.

First citation to be given as follows:

- 3 T. M. Charlton, 'Theoretical Work' in A. G. Pugsley, (Ed.) *The Works of Isambard Kingdom Brunel*, London: Collins, 1976. pp.183-202.
- 4 J. Abram, *Perret et l'Ecole du Classicism Structurel* (2 vols), Nancy: Gaspard, 1985. Vol.2, p.69.

Subsequent citations to be abbreviated, with reference to location of first citation: eg

- 6 Charlton, Brunel, (Note 3) p. 191.
- 7 Abram, Perret, (Note 4) Vol.2, p.82.

Do not use *loc. cit.*, or *op. cit.* Use *ibid.* only when re-citing a work cited in the immediately preceding reference, when that previous reference cited is only a single work eg:

- 9 L. G. Mouchel & Partners Ltd., *Mouchel-Hennebique Ferro-Concrete: List of Works Executed in the UK 1897-1919* (n.d., c. 1920), pp.23-7.
- 10 *ibid.*, p.82.

### Journal papers

Author, Title of paper (between single inverted commas), Journal title (in italics), vol. no. date, page number(s).

- 19 V. J. M. Rankine, 'Principles of the Equilibrium of Polyhedral Frames', *London, Edinburgh and Dublin Philosophical Magazine*, vol.27, no.3, 1864, pp. 92-105.
- 20 A. Perret, 'Architecture, Science et Poesie', *La Construction Moderne*, vol.48, 2 Oct. 1930, pp.2-5.

Subsequent citations – as for books.

### Conference proceedings and collections of papers

Identify editor by (Ed.) – with stop, or editors (Eds) – with no stop.

- 12 S. Huerta, (Ed.), *Proceedings of the First International Congress on Construction History, Madrid 2003*, Madrid: Instituto Juan Ferrera, 2003.
- 14 J. Campbell, , (Eds), *Proceedings of the Second International Congress on Construction History, Cambridge 2006*. Cambridge: University Press, 2006.

Subsequent citations – as for books.

### Papers in conference proceedings

Where the conference proceedings have not been referred to:

- 16 W. Addis, 'The history of design calculations for room acoustics' pp.23-41 in S. Huerta, (Ed.), *Proceedings of the First International Congress on Construction History, Madrid 2003*, Madrid: Instituto Juan Ferrera, 2003.

Where the conference proceedings have already been referred to:

- 17 W. Addis, 'The history of design calculations for room acoustics' in Huerta, *Proceedings* (Note 12) p.29.

### Websites

Give the full address, but excluding the www. prefix, and give the date when it was consulted: e.g.

- 22 Some of Ove Arup's well-known structures can be seen at his entry in the Structurae website <http://en.structurae.de/persons/data/index.cfm?id=d000129> (Consulted on 25th June 2011).

## Newspapers

Citations of short reports with no named author, e.g. in newspapers and periodicals, to be given as follows:

- 23 *Independent* (7 March 1995), p.3.
- 24 *Building*, Vol.248, No.11 (15 March 1985), p.23.

Longer reports and articles to be cited as articles, even if unsigned: eg

- 25 'A Reinforced Concrete Factory in Portobello, Scotland', *Concrete and Constructional Engineering*, Vol.2, No.6, (Jun.), 1908, pp.459-61.

## Theses

First citation:

- 27 B.Finnimore, 'The Industrialisation of Building' (Ph.D. thesis, University of London, 1986), pp. 29-30.

Subsequent citation:

- 36 Finnimore, thesis, (Note 27) p. 89.

## Manuscripts

It is important that MS references can be traced by any future researcher, even if citations become clumsy. The only standard abbreviations are P. R. O. (Public Record Office) and B. L. (British Library).  
Examples:

- 38 P.R.O., CAB 124/476, Ministry of Aircraft Production, 'Draft Note on Estimated Costs of Aluminium House', 6 Dec. 1944, p. 2.
- 42 Scottish Record Office, Airlie Papers, G. D. 16, section 38/82, 5 April 1844.
- 43 Mouchel Papers (kept at L. G. Mouchel & Partners Ltd., 38 Victoria St., London), 'Project Record No. 1'.
- 45 Private Collection, letter of P.Webb to W. Estcourt, 3 Jan.1882.

Subsequent citations to abbreviate only as appropriate: eg

- 55 P. R. O., CAB 124/476, 'Draft Note on Estimated Costs of Aluminium House', (Note 38) p.2.
- 58 S. R. O. Airlie Papers, G. D. 16, section 38/82, 5 April 1884 (Note 42).
- 60 Mouchel Papers, 'Project Record No.1' (Note 43).
- 64 P.C., letter of Webb to Estcourt, 3 Jan. 1882. (Note 45)