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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

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Since 2008, this journal is published twice a year in December and June between the 20th and the 24th. There is a spring issue (January – June) and an autumn issue (July – December).

Since issue number 8, the journal provides a DOI (Digital Object Identifier) system managed by the *Servei de Biblioteques i Documentació* of the *Universitat de València*.

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2. SCOPE AND EDITORIAL POLICY

@tic. revista d'innovació educativa publishes unpublished and reviewed papers on topics related to educational innovation, Information Technology and Communication (ICT), education and evaluative methodologies and, in general, to academic teaching in every form but basically related to university and continuing education. The journal is a natural result of the confluence between ICT and teaching promoted by the *Universitat de València* over the past few years at a time when this confluence becomes as important as research activity itself.

The published work must be original, that is, it must not have been published or submitted for publication in any other medium. Indeed, it is the authors' responsibility to comply with this rule.

2.1. Manuscript categories

@tic. revista d'innovació educativa publishes research results, studies, experiences and current issues.



- Articles: the papers should present investigations made by the author(s) on a subject according to the journal's thematic lines. The length for articles is of 4,500 to 6,500 words (references not included).
- DOCENTIC: studies, applications and practical experiences of educational innovation and current issues within the scope of the journal should be presented in this category. The length is of 4,000 to 5,000 words (references not included).
- Monographs: On some occasions *@tic. revista d'innovació educativa* also publishes monographs which are planned and managed by a theme editor. When it comes to this category it will be announced sufficiently in advance in the corresponding Call for Papers. The section *monographs* is published along with the other regular categories of the journal *Article* and *DOCENTIC*.

2.2. Publishing procedure

@tic. revista d'innovació educativa uses the Open Journals Systems software for management and publishing support automating the publishing procedure.

It is developed as follows:

1. Authors must submit manuscripts to *@tic. revista d'innovació educativa* through an internet platform. To access the platform authors have to do the following steps:
 - Authors must register on the website: <http://www.uv.es/attic> (Tutorial: Registration procedure)
 - Before uploading the manuscript authors are asked to perform certain confirmations (Declaration of Authorship and Originality, Statement of Exclusivity, Conflict-of-Interest Statement, Approval on open-access publishing, etc.)
2. The following additional files may be sent as well:
 - Document that includes the name and surname of each of the authors, the authors' affiliations, email address and contact details, acknowledgments, funding and any other data authors want to record. **FRONT PAGE. Mandatory document.**
 - A photograph of each of the authors (preferred formats: JPG, TIF or PNG) in high-quality (150 dpi or higher)
 - Appendices
 - Any other documents deemed necessary for the proper processing, understanding and evaluation of the article.
3. Before sending the file authors should check if the metadata submitted to the platform is correct (See tutorial for authors).



Note: The overall file size should not exceed 3MB. If the file exceeds the maximum file size, please send an email to attic@uv.es indicating the article to which it belongs. The editor will send a confirmation message and merge documents together.

4. Authors receive a confirmation of manuscript submission via e-mail within 5 days of reception of the manuscript. Within thirty days of reception authors receive an email in terms of the decision that has been made on their manuscript:
 - The paper has been accepted by the Editorial Board and sent out to be reviewed by two referees.
 - The paper has been rejected by the Editorial Board before entering the peer review process when it is considered to be lacking important formal and thematic aspects. In this case the proceedings are not continued.
 - Authors are asked to make formal and thematic changes before the paper is sent out to be reviewed.

The manuscripts will be evaluated anonymously (double-blind peer review) by a minimum of two referees. @tic committed itself to respect the recommendations of the reviewers.

5. The following criteria are applied in terms of the referees' recommendations:
 - If both referees unconditionally accept the manuscript for publication, the authors receive a confirmation via e-mail.
 - If both referees reject the manuscript, it is rejected outright. In this case @tic is willing to inform the authors about the reasons for rejection.
 - If the two referees disagree on the quality of the work, an additional reviewer is solicited who will then decide if the paper is going to be rejected or not.
 - If a major revision is considered necessary from the referees, authors are asked to submit a modified version which will then be reviewed by the same referees again. The modified version decides if the manuscript is going to be published or not.

The evaluation protocol used by the reviewers of this journal is public. (Click here for the evaluation protocol).

Once the manuscript is accepted for publication, the authors may be issued certificates of the publication in the journal @tic. revista d'innovació educativa if required. If not, the certificates will be forwarded to the authors after the article has been published in the corresponding number.

6. The article undergoes the proof process. The proof-reader sends page proofs to the author in a PDF file. The author notes changes or comments in a WORD or PDF document and sends it back by e-mail.

When the article is written by more than one author, @tic. revista d'innovació educativa sends page proofs only to the person designated by the group when sending the original version of the manuscript. Unless otherwise indicated to the director or the editor, e-mail exchanges are exclusively with this person. The proof-reader should receive the requested changes in only one document. In no case are changes accepted that change the final version approved by the referees.



2.3. Peer-review process

The manuscripts submitted to the journal *@tic* and regardless of the category (Article, DOCENTIC, Monographs) undergo a peer-review process or a blind, peer-review process.

First, the Editorial Board preselects the manuscripts. During this process it is decided if the submitted papers comply with the thematic and formal requirements of the publication guidelines of the journal *@tic. revista d'innovació educativa*.

Papers that do not meet these requirements will not undergo the next phase of the peer-review process.

The reviewers have an **evaluation protocol** for the process of evaluation which is publicly accessible, as well as some **evaluation guidelines** and a **form** that must be filled out to complete the procedure. Reviewers are asked to handle in their evaluations within 50 days from confirming their availability. The manuscripts are evaluated anonymously, that is the author is not informed about who is reviewing the paper.

Taking into account the reviewers' evaluations, the Editorial Board decides if the paper is rejected or accepted for publication. They also decide about the changes and modifications considered appropriate.

Note: The papers are reviewed by external reviewers who are neither from the Scientific Committee nor from the Editorial Board or from the *Universitat de València*, the publisher of the journal.

2.4. Frequency of publication

The Editorial Board decides about monographic publications. The coordinators in these kinds of publications are specialists in the area. The content appears in the usual spring issue (January-June) or autumn issue (July-December).

At the end of each year, the journal *@tic. revista d'innovació educativa* publishes a list with all the peer reviewers sorted by year in the **Announcements section**. The peer reviewers may obtain a certificate for collaboration.

2.5 Open access policy

@tic. revista d'innovació educativa is an Open Access Journal, and all its contents are publicly accessible. There is consensus among the editorial team that making research data available freely online and promoting open online spaces for discussion and reflection, contributes to a greater global exchange of knowledge. The contents are protected by Creative Commons License of type Attribution-Noncommercial-No Derivative Works 3.0. Authors who publish in *@tic. revista d'innovació educativa* must agree to the terms of the license before the manuscript undergoes the peer-review process.

3. CATEGORIES

Each volume may include the following categories:

1. Editorial



2. **Articles:** Research papers with methodological apparatus focusing on the use and application of new technologies for educational purposes or new teaching methodologies. They may be based on experiences or case studies but should be presented as research. **Section is indexed and peer reviewed.** The recommended length is of 4,500 to 6,500 words (bibliography not included). Furthermore, supplementary material, videos, etc. may be provided including a link to the website of the project or the product.
3. **DOCENTIC:** This category includes all types of papers describing studies, applications and practical experiences of educational innovation as well as issues of topicality within the scope of the journal. The recommended length is of 4,000 to 5,000 words (references not included). **Section is indexed and peer reviewed.** The recommended length is of 4,000 to 5,000 words (bibliography not included). Use footnotes.
4. **Monographs:** Papers presented in this category may be both studies, experiences, issues of topicality, theoretical approaches and researches. In contrast to other categories, papers presented in this section must comply with the topic of the corresponding monograph. **Section is indexed and peer reviewed.** The recommended length is of 4,000 to 6,500 words (bibliography not included).

When a study is presented, we recommend that it should contain the following sections which should be sequentially numbered:

1. Introduction and issue of topicality
2. Method and materials
3. Analysis, results and conclusion
4. Bibliography

Note: Authors may suggest two or three potential expert reviewers for their paper.

With the publication of issue number 10, the non-indexed categories cease to exist: Evaluation of tools, Reading room and the Pergola. *@tic. revista d'innovació educativa* published these categories for the last time in issue number 9 of December (July-December) 2012.

4. MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION AND STRUCTURE OF SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS

Authors should submit manuscripts via the online submission system of *@tic. revista d'innovació educativa* which can be accessed through the website: <http://www.uv.es/attic>.



4.1 Length of the manuscript and manuscript format

The Editorial Board may reject submitted manuscripts during the preselection process due to formal reasons, such as spelling, vague lexical purity, unrestrained use of unnecessary Anglicisms, incorrect punctuation, lack of coherence and cohesion, lack of clarity, inconsistency, etc. Thus, we strongly recommend the authors to carefully check the linguistic aspects before submitting the paper as well as the publication guidelines, the citation format and bibliographical references.

4.2. Manuscript structure

Any manuscript submitted to *@tic. revista d'innovació educativa* should be in accordance with the following procedure. According to this procedure the following two documents should be submitted in WORD or Open Office format (we recommend to watch the tutorial for authors):

1. The manuscript to be published in accordance with the publication guidelines (it should be uploaded as main document in step 2: Upload file). The file should contain a title, abstract, keywords and the manuscript. Please see **cover page** and **article templates**.
2. An additional document (it should be uploaded as supplementary file in step 4: Upload supplementary file) must include:
 - Title of the work in Spanish, English and Catalan. A running title should not exceed 80 characters with spaces.
 - Name and surname of each author (more than three authors is not recommended for the publication) and the authors' professional affiliations as well as the city, country, and contact details of the authors. The authors' signatures should be in accordance with the rules of international databases to index authors and websites (see: <http://www.accesowok.fecyt.es>). See also: International Registry for Authors (<http://www.iralis.org>).
 - Acknowledgments, fundings (projects, grants) or other comments.

Optional documents:

- Cover letter (including statement of responsibility and authorship, declaration of conflict of interest, etc.).
- Photographs of the authors in JPG or TIF format (they may be sent later in case the manuscript is going to be published).
- Other documents (appendices, etc.) the authors consider of interest for the process of evaluation (in this case the author must tick the appropriate box when submitting the document to make it available to the reviewers).

4.3. Bibliographical references

Cites and bibliographical references should follow the APA 6th edition.

References need to meet uniform and consistent standards throughout the text.



The bibliography should only include works cited in the text. Due to the importance of citation indices to calculate the impact factor of the journal, reviewers are asked to focus on correct citation according to the APA 6th edition citation style, as well as on actuality and relevance of the literature references.

@tic. revista d'innovació educativa uses the DOI (Digital Object Identifier) system. Thus, it is essential that the DOIs of the cited works are identified in the literature references of the manuscript. Authors can go on the following website to identify them: <http://www.crossref.org/guestquery/>

We recommend authors to review the literature published by *@tic. revista d'innovació educativa* to ensure scientific consistency according to the editorial line of the journal. It is also recommended to consult indexed journals in JCR, Scopus, ERIH and RECYT.

4.4. Other publication norms

Hyperlinks are embedded to the document using the corresponding URLs and square brackets. Remember to use services as bit.ly, Google Shortener, or is.gd for long URLs that interfere with the reading of the text. Hyperlinks may be referenced in the bibliography (see article template).

Elements in the text should be highlighted in *italics*. They should never go in inverted commas, bold, small letters or capital letters.

Inverted commas should be only used for direct quotations.

Tables should appear in consecutive order in the text and be cited in the paper consecutively. Tables must be referred to as “Figure” and numbered sequentially.

Figures should also appear in consecutive order in the text and be cited in the paper consecutively (Figure 1. Progress made on approved projects of 2011). Figures must be referred to as “Figure” and numbered sequentially.

If the paper is accepted for publication, the authors are asked to submit photographs, graphs, drawings or illustrations as one supplementary file in JPG or TIFF and with a quality of 200 dpi or higher.

Abbreviations: Only universally accepted standard abbreviations should be used in the text (see Units, Symbols and Abbreviations). Abbreviations must be defined when first mentioned in the text using brackets. For example: the European Higher Education Area (EHEA). Abbreviations must then be used throughout the text.

4.5. Style guidelines

When preparing the manuscript, authors should follow the style guidelines below:

1. Manuscript format: should be written in Arial size 11, line spacing above paragraph 6, below paragraph 0, with single line spacing, without indenting or tabs, left-aligned.
2. Footnote format: should be written in Arial size 9, line spacing above paragraph 6, below paragraph 0, with single line spacing, without indenting or tabs, left-aligned. Notes should be numbered consecutively using footnotes.
3. Bibliography format: should be written in Arial size 9, line spacing above paragraph 6, below paragraph 0, with single line spacing, without indenting or tabs, left-aligned.



Graphs, images, tables, etc. should appear in consecutive order in the text and be cited in the paper consecutively. They should be numbered sequentially as "Figure" and, if necessary, its source should be identified. They should be written in Arial size 9, single-spaced. They should have a title and indicate the source of the information.

If appendices are needed, they are numbered with the letter A followed by a digit (A.1, A.2, etc.). They should be uploaded to the platform as supplementary file in step 4: Upload supplementary file.

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