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Arthur, A. (2015a)
Arthur, A. (2015b)
Arthur, A. (2016)
Arthur, A., Conan, C. (2011)
Arthur, A., Conan, C., Doyle, D. (2010)
Arthur, A., Doyle, D. (2008)

Example citations:

Journals

(A) Drinnan, A. N., Crane, P. R., Friis, E. M., Pedersen, K. R. (1990): Lauraceous flowers from the Mid-Cretaceous of eastern North America. – *Botanical Gazette*, 151(2): 370–384.

(B) Shpinyov, E. S. (2014): Novye dannye ob evripteridakh (Eurypterida, Chelicerata) verkhnego

karbona Donetskogo ugol'nogo basseyna [New data on eurypterids (Eurypterida, Chelicerata) of the Upper Carboniferous of the Donets Basin]. – *Paleontologicheskiy Zhurnal*, 2014(3): 67–72. (in Russian)

Proceedings and monographic series

(C) Mutvei, H., Dunca, E. (2007): Connecting Ring Ultrastructure in the Jurassic Ammonoid *Quenstedtoceras* with Discussion on Mode of Life of Ammonoids. – In: Landman, N. H., Davis, R. A., Mapes, R. H. (eds), *Cephalopods Present and Past: New Insights and Fresh Perspectives*. Springer, Dordrecht, pp. 239–256.

(D) Pohar, V. (2011): History of Research in the Ajdovska jama near Krško (Slovenia). – In: Pachter, M., Pohar, V., Rabeder, G. (eds), *Ajdovska jama. Palaeontology, Zoology and Archaeology of Ajdovska jama near Krško in Slovenia*. Mitteilungen der Kommission für Quartärforschung der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, 20: 5–10.

(E) Gale, A. (2011): The Phylogeny of Post-Palaeozoic Asteroidea (Echinodermata, Neoasteroidea). – *Special Papers in Palaeontology*, 85: 1–112.

If the title of the proceedings is not clearly determinative, the publishing authority is cited as well:

(F) Barlow, A. E. (1899): Report on the area included by the Nipissing and Temiscaming mapsheets. – *Annual Report, N.S., Geological Survey of Canada*, 10(1897): 5–301 (report I).

(G) White, J. M. (2014): The palynostratigraphy, age, and environment of strata penetrated by the Mallik 5L-38 gas-hydrate research well, Northwest Territories, determined by differentiating the recycled and contemporaneous palynomorphs. – *Bulletin, Geological Survey of Canada*, 604: 1–85.

Abstracts

(H) Santi, G. (2014): Cave Bears in Italy: Updates and New Perspectives. – In: Rabeder, G., Kavcik, N. (eds), *Abstracts and Excursion-guide, 20th International Cave Bear Symposium, September 10th – 13th 2014, Corvara, Italy*, p. 5.

Books

(I) Velenovský, J. (1885): *Die Gymnospermen der böhmischen Kreideformation*. – Ed. Grégr, Prag, 34 pp.

Manuscripts

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(J) Macák, F. (1966): *Křídový útvar v sz. Čechách (svrchní turon až santon) [Cretaceous formation in NW Bohemia (Late Turonian to Santonian)]*; Kandidátská práce [CSc. thesis]. – MS, Česká geologická služba, Prague, Czech Republic, 82 pp. (in Czech) (copy in library of Czech Geological Survey)

References to figures

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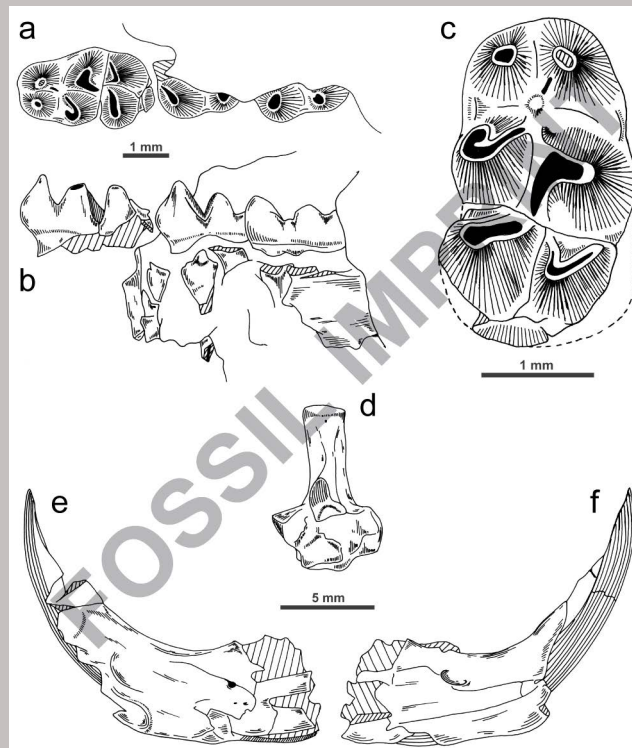
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Appendix I: Transliteration table

Russian cyrillic		Latin alphabet	Russian cyrillic		Latin alphabet	Russian cyrillic		Latin alphabet
regular	<i>italic</i>		regular	<i>italic</i>		regular	<i>italic</i>	
А, а	<i>А, а</i>	A, a	К, к	<i>К, к</i>	K, k	Х, х	<i>Х, х</i>	Kh, kh
Б, б	<i>Б, б</i>	B, b	Л, л	<i>Л, л</i>	L, l	Ц, ц	<i>Ц, ц</i>	Ts, ts
В, в	<i>В, в</i>	V, v	М, м	<i>М, м</i>	M, m	Ч, ч	<i>Ч, ч</i>	Ch, ch
Г, г	<i>Г, г</i>	G, g	Н, н	<i>Н, н</i>	N, n	Ш, ш	<i>Ш, ш</i>	Sh, sh
Д, д	<i>Д, д</i>	D, d	О, о	<i>О, о</i>	O, o	Щ, щ	<i>Щ, щ</i>	Shch, shch
Е, е	<i>Е, е</i>	E, e	П, п	<i>П, п</i>	P, p	Ъ, ъ	<i>Ъ, ъ</i>	“
Ё, ё	<i>Ё, ё</i>	Yo, yo	Р, р	<i>Р, р</i>	R, r	Ы, ы	<i>Ы, ы</i>	Y, y
Ж, ж	<i>Ж, ж</i>	Zh, zh	С, с	<i>С, с</i>	S, s	Ь, ь	<i>Ь, ь</i>	‘
З, з	<i>З, з</i>	Z, z	Т, т	<i>Т, т</i>	T, t	Э, э	<i>Э, э</i>	E, e
И, и	<i>И, и</i>	I, i	У, у	<i>У, у</i>	U, u	Ю, ю	<i>Ю, ю</i>	Yu, yu
Й, й	<i>Й, й</i>	Y, y	Ф, ф	<i>Ф, ф</i>	F, f	Я, я	<i>Я, я</i>	Ya, ya

Appendix II: Illustration examples (arrangement, figure marking)

text figure („Text-fig.“)



plate

