

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS - 2025



### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

#### **Aim and thematic focus of the journal**

The focus of the journal is the development of sociotherapy in the scientific-research field with penetration into the application level. Sociotherapy is conceived here as one of the key pillars of social work aimed at social change, both in the lives of individuals and in the process of cultivating social relations in the tradition of Krakeš-Došková. It is also perceived as a living and current trend linking several approaches and theories. The idea of the journal is related to foreign theory and practice, perceiving it as a relevant and important part of work with variable clientele. However, there are still some 'white spots' visible in Slovakia, both in terms of theoretical, scientific and research activities, as well as practical implementation.

The focus of the journal also offers space for perspectives of scientific disciplines such as social work, philosophy, ethics, sociology, psychology, nursing, medicine, pedagogy, andragogy, which can offer new perspectives in this field.

*The Journal of Sociotherapy* publishes a standard call for papers twice a year, focusing on selected issues. Special calls for papers for specific areas of research focus are also published.

#### **Types of submissions accepted:**

***The Journal of Sociotherapy* accepts submissions in a variety of categories, which are divided into peer-reviewed and non-peer-reviewed.**

##### **1. Scholarly standing**

The section aims to publish theoretical and empirical studies that bring new scientific insights, summarize current trends, and provide innovative perspectives. Papers should be in the range of 8 - 15 NS, publication of papers is subject to peer review. Forms are:

- a. *theoretically oriented - theoretical study, review study,*
- b. *empirically oriented - original scientific work, research study.*

##### **2. Reviews**

The section reports on interesting and stimulating publications that may encourage readers to broaden their scientific horizons. The section publishes papers in the form of:

- a. *Short review paper - 1 NS scope*
- b. *Review paper - 3-5 NS scope*

##### **3. Event report**

The section is aimed at presenting current events of the scientific community with the aim of sharing experiences and promoting collaboration between organisations and practice. Event papers containing photo documentation and event reports are published. The section is not subject to peer review, only acceptance decisions. The scope is 1 - 2 NS.

- **Language of publication**

*Journal of Socioterapy* accepts submissions written in Slovak, Czech, Polish and all other world languages with emphasis on maintaining lexical and syntactic correctness.

- **Contact the editorial office**

To submit a paper, please fill in the form or contact the editor-in-chief at: [beata.balogova@unipo.sk](mailto:beata.balogova@unipo.sk)



## **2. MANUSCRIPT REQUIREMENTS**

The scope of the paper is defined in the general information according to the type of paper.

**The following structure applies to papers in the category - Research or Review paper**

- Title of the paper - concise and brief, appropriate to the content, in Slovak and English
- Keywords - 4-6 keywords indicating the topic and focus
- Abstract - in Slovak and English, of maximum 200 words. Structure - Background - theoretical background, methodology, main results
- Main text of the study - introduction, aim, theoretical background, methods, results, implications for social work
- Discussion - comparison of results with other similar studies
- Summary of results - identification of the most relevant results and their link to the wider context
- List of bibliographic references - Citation according to ISO 690: 2012.
- AFFILIATION - Funding of the paper and research
- CONTACT - Name and surname with titles, exact address of the department (without abbreviations) of the author and co-authors

**For papers in the category - Review, the following structure applies**

- Title of the reviewed publication
- Author of the reviewed publication
- Publisher of the publication
- Figure/photo of the reviewed publication
- Main text - contains information about the subject, main text, title, title, title and abbreviations. topic and idea, structure, positives and negatives of the publication, the

review should contain a reflection in a broader context not just a reproduction of information

- CONTACT - name and surname with titles, exact address of the workplace (without abbreviations) of the author and co-authors

### **For contributions in the category - Event report the following structure applies**

- Title of the event
- Main text - information about the proceedings, main idea, benefits and programme together with photo documentation
- CONTACT - first and last name with titles, exact workplace address (without abbreviations) of the author and co-authors

### **Text formatting**

- We only accept entries submitted in Word format,
- preferred font type is TNR, text size 12, single spacing or entries written in a template that is available:
- Tables, graphs and figures should be sent as a file with the text, but also separately to maintain the highest quality resolution.
- Citation standard - sources in the text and in the list of bibliographic references are written according to the citation standard of the International Organization for Standardization - ISO 690: 2012.
- in the text the method of the I name and date system is used (the so-called Harvard system).
- examples of correct citation, paraphrasing and bibliographic reference list notation can be found on the website of the University Library of the University of Presov: <https://www.pulib.sk/web/data/pulib/subory/stranka/ezp-citovanie-kucianova-2019.pdf>.



## **3 Submission and review of papers**

- Submissions are made via the submission system available on the website or by sending an email to the Editor-in-Chief, prof. Beata Balogova, PhDr., PhD., MBA: [beata.balogova@unipo.sk](mailto:beata.balogova@unipo.sk)
- to submit a file, it is necessary to prepare an original paper in word format with all the details according to the type of paper, an anonymized version for the review process, a declaration of originality and the consent of all co-authors
- manuscripts are reviewed in a mutually anonymous review process by 2 experts.
- The editors of *the Journal of Socioterapy* make every effort to maintain the impartiality of the review process and also to preserve the anonymity of the authors.
- After the peer review process, the review decision determines the course of action - acceptance/correction/rejection. The expected length of the review process is 3 months.

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