

Style guidelines

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Following initial correspondence with the Editor, prospective contributors should submit for consideration all text, tables and bibliography as an electronic document, using MS Word or similar. Do not send PDFs, as these are difficult to edit. As well as individual image files, a single document containing a copy of all illustrations should be provided for ease of reviewing. This should be a word-processor document or a PDF.

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The names and addresses of all principal authors should be provided, as should an email address for the corresponding author. Where there are a large number of specialist contributors, their addresses will not normally be printed. The Editor will usually correspond only with the individual author who submits the paper.

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The *JIA* employs the Harvard referencing system.

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Books

- Cooney, G. and Grogan, E. 1999. *Irish prehistory: a social perspective* (2nd edn). Wordwell, Dublin.
- Ingold, T. (ed.) 1996. *Key debates in anthropology*. Routledge, London.

Papers in edited books

- McErlean, T. 1983. The Irish townland system of landscape organisation. In T. Reeves-Smyth and F. Hamond (eds), *Landscape archaeology in Ireland*, 315–40. British Archaeological Reports, British Series 116. Archaeopress, Oxford.
- Ó Floinn, R. 2000. Freestone Hill, Co. Kilkenny: a reassessment. In A.P. Smyth (ed.), *Seanchas: studies in early and medieval Irish archaeology, history and literature in honour of Francis J. Byrne*, 12–29. Four Courts Press, Dublin.

Articles in journals and periodicals

- Eogan, G. 1990. Ballynee souterrains, County Meath. *Journal of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland* 120, 41–64.
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- Mount, C. 1997. Adolf Mahr’s excavations of an early Bronze Age cemetery at Keenoge, Co. Meath. *Proceedings of the Royal Irish Academy* 97C, 1–68.

Unpublished theses and reports

- Drapier, T. 1978. Analysis of food residue in medieval cooking vessels. Unpublished Ph.D thesis, University College Dublin.

Internet references

Static website: Disert Heritage (n.d.). *History*. Disert Heritage Project (<http://disertheritage.com/history/>; accessed 15 September 2017).

Blog (with publication date): Irish Archaeology 2016. A 12th century dog collar from Waterford city (<http://irisharchaeology.ie/2016/11/a-12th-century-dog-collar-from-waterford-city/>; 12 November 2016; accessed 15 September 2017).

News reports etc: BBC 2014. Unravelling mystery of County Meath bog body (<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-northern-ireland-29223406>, 16 September 2014; accessed 15 September 2017).

Online journal (without DOI): Mattern, S. 2016. Cloud and field. *Places Journal* (<https://placesjournal.org/article/cloud-and-field/> August 2016; accessed 15 September 2017).

Online journal (with DOI): Bourke, E. 2020. Management of isolated islands: the example of Sceilg Mhichíl, Ireland. *Internet Archaeology* 54 (<https://doi.org/10.11141/ia.54.14> February 2020; accessed 3 August 2020).

Online database 1: Lynch, M. 2013. Fanore More, Clare. *Excavations.ie: Database of Irish Excavation Reports* (<http://www.excavations.ie/report/2013/Clare/0022650/>; accessed 15 September 2017).

Online database 2: NMS 2014. CL001-021 Fanore More. *National Monuments Service Historic Environment Viewer* (<http://webgis.archaeology.ie/historicenvironment/>; accessed 15 September 2017).

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Calibration curves are regularly updated and radiocarbon results should be calibrated using an up-to-date, proprietary software program, such as CALIB or OxCal (these can be downloaded very easily from the internet). The program and dataset (viz. the authors of the calibration curve applied in the calibration program) used in the calibration should be cited and referenced.

A typical citation might read like this: UB-6543, 2065±34 BP; 170 cal. BC–cal. AD 19; 95.4% probability (after Reimer *et al.* 2020*; CALIB 8.2).

* Reimer, P.J., Austin, W.E.N., Bard, E. *et al.* 2020. The IntCal20 northern hemisphere radiocarbon age calibration curve (0–55 cal kBP). *Radiocarbon* 62, 725–57.

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