

## Article Structure Guidelines

"Costruzioni Metalliche" accepts a variety of article types, including scientific research articles, design articles, and editorials. Each type has specific structural requirements to ensure clarity, coherence, and academic rigor. **All articles must include both the title and the abstract in Italian and English**, and while articles can be submitted in either language, **submission in English is strongly encouraged** to reach a wider audience.

These "Article Structure Guidelines" are intended to help authors structure their submissions effectively, ensuring clarity and alignment with the standards of "Costruzioni Metalliche." Following these guidelines will facilitate a smooth review process and enhance the impact of the published work.

### 1. Scientific Research Articles

Scientific research articles should present original findings and be structured in a way that highlights the research methodology, analysis, and conclusions. The following sections are recommended:

- **Title:** Concise, informative, and provided in both Italian and English. Avoid abbreviations and ensure clarity for broad audiences.
- **Abstract:** A brief summary of the research purpose, methodology, principal results, and conclusions (maximum 150 words), written in both Italian and English. References should be avoided, and abbreviations should be defined.
- **Keywords:** List up to five keywords that represent the main topics of the research.
- **Introduction:** Present the research background, objectives, and a review of relevant literature to provide context without extensive detail.
- **Methodology:** Describe the methods and materials used, including any specific experimental or analytical techniques.
- **Results:** Provide a clear and concise presentation of findings, supported by tables and figures as necessary.
- **Discussion:** Interpret the results, discussing their significance and implications in relation to previous work. Avoid repeating information from the Results section.
- **Conclusions:** Summarize the main findings and suggest future research directions or practical applications.
- **Acknowledgments:** Credit sources of financial support, technical assistance, or other contributions.
- **References:** List all references in Harvard style, progressively numbered, ensuring that all citations in the text correspond to entries in the reference list.

### 2. Design Articles

Design articles focus on practical applications, innovative techniques, or case studies relevant to civil engineering and architecture. This type of article is typically less structured than research articles but should maintain logical organization:

- **Title:** Descriptive and engaging, capturing the essence of the project or design, in both Italian and English.

- **Abstract:** A concise overview of the project's purpose, key design aspects, and outcomes (150 words), in both Italian and English.
- **Introduction:** Outline the project objectives, background, and relevance to current design practices. Explain the context and any specific challenges.
- **Design Approach:** Describe the design methodology, including criteria, materials, and techniques used. Emphasize innovative aspects or problem-solving approaches.
- **Implementation and Results:** Discuss the practical execution of the design, any encountered challenges, and the final outcome. Use images, drawings, and diagrams to illustrate critical aspects.
- **Discussion:** Reflect on the design's effectiveness, sustainability, or innovation, and how it contributes to the field.
- **Conclusions and Recommendations:** Provide a summary of lessons learned, potential improvements, or suggestions for similar projects.
- **Acknowledgments:** Recognize collaborators, sponsors, or organizations involved in the project.
- **References:** Include relevant references as appropriate, following Harvard style and numbering.

### 3. Editorials

Editorials are shorter, opinion-based pieces that discuss current trends, challenges, or innovations in the field of steel structures, civil engineering, or architecture. These articles should be concise and thought-provoking:

- **Title:** Engaging and reflective of the editorial's perspective or topic, in both Italian and English.
- **Introduction:** Briefly introduce the topic, highlighting its importance or relevance to the journal's readership.
- **Main Body:** Present the author's viewpoint or analysis, supporting opinions with references where applicable. Discuss recent developments, industry trends, or emerging issues, providing insights based on expertise.
- **Conclusion:** Summarize key points and suggest directions for future discussion or research.
- **References:** While editorials may have fewer references, any cited works should be listed in Harvard style and numbered accordingly.