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1. Before you submit

Before you submit, we recommend familiarizing yourself with the following.

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Understand the costs and funding options- Fees and funding

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Understand the copyright agreement- Copyright

2. Ready to submit

To give your manuscript the best chance of publication, follow these editorial policies and formatting guidelines.

International Journal of Concrete Structures and Materials publishes the following article types:

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1) Research

Preparing your manuscript

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Online document

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Online database

German emigrants database (1998). Historisches Museum Bremerhaven. <http://www.deutsche-auswanderer-datenbank.de>. Accessed 21 June 2007.

Supplementary material/private homepage

Doe, J. (2006). Title of supplementary material. <http://www.privatehomepage.com>. Accessed 22 Feb 2007.

FTP site

Doe, J. (1999). Trivial HTTP, RFC2169. <ftp://ftp.isi.edu/in-notes/rfc2169.txt>. Accessed 12 Feb 2006.

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