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# Ecology for Agriculture

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## INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS

### About Sustainable Agriculture Reviews

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### Submission

***The submission deadline is December 1, 2016***

Articles should be submitted in pdf to Dr. Eric Lichtfouse at [Eric.Lichtfouse@dijon.inra.fr](mailto:Eric.Lichtfouse@dijon.inra.fr). The manuscript must be accompanied by a cover letter containing a list of six suggested, international reviewers including title, name, postal address and e-mail address. Samples of published chapters are available upon request to Eric Lichtfouse.

### Selection

The Editors and external peer-reviewers will evaluate manuscripts. The actual rejection rate of Sustainable Agriculture Reviews is 30%. Only manuscripts of very high quality will be accepted.

### Publication

The book will be published in 2017.

### Aims and topics

For this special issue entitled Ecology for Agriculture we invite scientists to write high quality literature reviews that analyse current knowledge on challenges faced by agriculture from an ecological perspective. Manuscripts should summarize recent knowledge on theoretical and applied ecology in agricultural ecosystems and landscapes. Subdisciplines may include community ecology, disturbances ecology, eco-

evolution, ecotoxicology, ecological economics, socio-ecology, and political ecology. We welcome reviews on published assessments of farmland sustainability that incorporate biodiversity, ecological and ecosystem processes. We encourage manuscripts discussing the seriousness and rigour required for on-going debates, for instance ecological intensification and the transfer of knowledge to practitioners and policymakers. Interdisciplinary articles that set agricultural ecology in a wider context are also welcome.

## Articles

*Sustainable Agriculture Reviews* publishes *review articles* analysing the critical points of current knowledge including substantive findings as well as theoretical and methodological contributions to a particular topic. Literature reviews are secondary sources, and as such, report no or very few original work.

## General guidelines

Guidelines on how to write a review article are available at <http://fr.slideshare.net/lichtfouse/writea-review>. Other resources on scientific writing can be found at <http://fr.slideshare.net/lichtfouse>.

## Sections

Article sections should be: Title, Authors, Author postal and e-mail addresses, Abstract, Keywords (10), Contents (list of sections), 1. Introduction, 2. Section title, 3. Section title, 3.1 Subsection title... X. Conclusion, Acknowledgements, References.

## Abstract

The abstract should be readable by a wide audience, e.g. farmers, policymakers and the public. The abstract should contain two sections: 1) Background/issues: this section should explain actual issues related to the topic in about 5 sentences, and 2) Major advances: this section of about 5 sentences, starting by e.g. 'Here we review... The major points are:...', should list the major trends and findings deduced by literature analysis in each section of the article.

## Text

The body text should be written in paragraphs of about 3-8 sentences. Please avoid the overuse of abbreviations. Expressions and sentences in parenthesis should be avoided.

## Figures

Articles must include well-thought figures such as graphs, schemes, tables, and colour photos, e.g. one figure per section. Figure captions should include 2-3 sentences explaining the trends and their significance. Figures should indeed be understandable without reading the main text.

## References

The article should include more than 50 references. References to web addresses are not accepted, unless proven stable. Reference citation in the text: Smith (2006), Smith and Brown (2005), Smith et al. (2004). References should preferably be placed at the end of sentences. References in the list should include the DOI to increase article impact through links. Please note that a major cause of publication delay is due to reference errors, e.g. references in text absent in list, references in list absent in text, references not in the format and errors in numbers (years, volume, pages).

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