

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR WRITING AND EDITING THE EMDOLA THESIS

- **Language:** English
- **Dimension of pages:** A 4
- **Font:** “Times New Roman” (see example attached)
- **Cover:** hard paper; background and text colour at choice (depending on the official colours of each University);
- **Back cover:** white, no text
- **First page:** same as the cover, black text on white background.
- **Font of the main text of the Thesis:** “Times New Roman”; size: main text: 14; titles of chapters: 18; titles of paragraphs: 16 **bold**.
- **Front of the second page:** Abstract, subdivided into five sections: Introduction, Material and Methods, Results, Discussion and Conclusions.
- **Pictures, Graphics and Tables:** depending on the choice of the candidate and supervisor. Suggested options are: a) iconographic material included within the chapter, following the sentence in which it is cited. b) all of the iconographic material is included at the end of the Thesis, after the chapter “References”. Such a chapter should be entitled “Figures, graphics and tables”. In both cases (“a” and “b”) the size of the footnotes should be 10 and the format “*italics*”. All the iconographic material should be numbered in the order in which it appears in the text.
- An **electronic version** of the Thesis should be provided within a CD or a DVD.
- The **number of printed copies** of the Thesis depends on the number of Jury Members.

## STRUCTURE OF THE THESIS

### Introduction

Introduction should clearly state the purpose of the Thesis. Give only strictly pertinent references. A concise literature review should be included.

### Materials and Methods

These section must contain sufficient detail such that, in combination with the references cited, all clinical trials and experiments reported can be fully reproduced.

- Experimentation involving **human subjects** will only be published if such research has been conducted in full accordance with ethical principles, including the World Medical Association Declaration of Helsinki (version, 2002) and the additional requirements, if any, of the country where the research has been carried out. Thesis must be accompanied by a statement that the experiments were undertaken with the understanding and written consent of each subject and according to the above mentioned principles.

- When experimental **animals** are used the methods section must clearly indicate that adequate measures were taken to minimize pain or discomfort. Experiments should be carried out in accordance with the Guidelines laid down by the European Communities Council Directive of 24 November 1986 (86/609/EEC) and in accordance with local laws and regulations.

### Results

Results should be presented in logical sequence in the text, tables, and illustrations. All the data will be included in the tables: Important observations should be emphasized or summarized in the main text.

## **Discussion and Conclusions**

Implications of results and findings, their limitation as well as their correlation to relevant studies should be included in the “*Discussion*” section. It is necessary to avoid repetitions in detail of data given in the “*Results*” section. The “Conclusions” section will emphasize the new and important aspects of the study and conclusions driven from results.

## **References**

References should be kept to the pertinent minimum and numbered consecutively in the order in which they appear in the text. Identify references in text, tables, and legends by Arabic numerals (in parentheses). References cited only in the tables or figure legends should be numbered in accordance with a sequence established by the first identification of that figure or table in the text. Manuscripts accepted, but not published could be included with the abbreviated title of the journal followed by (in press).