

## **GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS**

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- Furer, F.L., Kvale, E.P., Engelhardt, D.W., 1997. Early Cretaceous hiatus much longer than previously reported. In: Cempen, E.B. (ed.), *Bighorn Basin: 50 Years on the Frontier -Evolution of the Geology of the Bighorn Basin. 1997 Bighorn Basin Symposium Guidebook*. Wyoming Geological Association, Salt Lake City, pp. 47–56.

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- Tatman, S., Whatley, R., 1996. A palaeontological reconstruction of the Ostracod Member of the Blairmore Formation, Alberta, Canada. In: Keen, M.C. (ed.), *Proceedings of the 2nd European Ostracodologists’ Meeting, 23rd–27th July 1993, Glasgow*. British Micropalaeontological Society, London, pp. 35–38.
- Bachmann, A., Papp, A., 1968. Vorkommen und Verbreitung der Silicoflagellaten im Neogen Österreichs. In: Selli, R. (ed.), *Committee on Mediterranean Neogene Stratigraphy, Proceedings of the fourth Session in Bologna, 19–30 September 1967: Part II - Micropaleontology*. *Giornale di Geologia*, 35/2, 117–126.

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