

Authors Instructions. AMS-9

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In the instructions, disregard the section 'How to submit'. For the AMS-9 proceedings, the papers should be submitted to professor T.Nakamura in Nagoya (for address see the conference abstract book) not later than November 1st, 2002. 4 pages have been allotted to contributed papers, 8 pages to invited ones. If you need more than that, please contact Professor Nakamura before submitting.

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Note also from the instructions that the papers must be written in good English. That may be a very hard task for the proceedings editors to control and correct. In fact, neither the proceedings editors, nor the regular journal editors, nor the publisher have the resources to correct the language. Referees may help with a few papers, but do not count on it. If in doubt, seek help among a native English speaking co-author, a colleague nearby, or even your universities language service. In any case, use a good spell checker. Otherwise, papers may be rejected simply because of poor English.

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If you follow the general instructions, amended by the above remarks, we shall end up with some brilliant proceedings.

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