Preparing artwork for *IFAMR*

Size and arrangement of figures

- Provide figures approximately at the size at which they will be printed.
- Try to keep figures compact and clear.
- Maximum figure size has a width of 165 mm (paper width); i.e. figures should fit onto a single page of the journal.
- In figures consisting of multiple parts, these parts should be arranged in such a way that the maximum size is not exceeded.
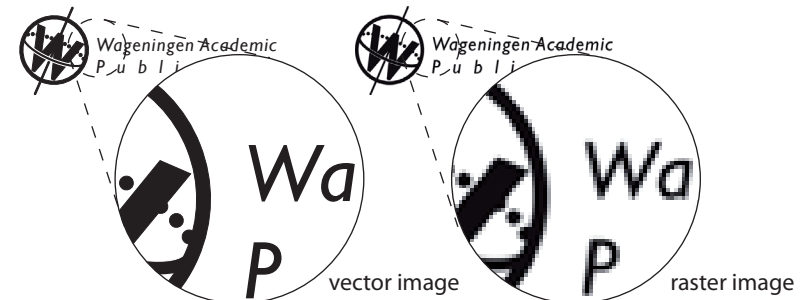
Using texts in figures

- Arial is the recommended font for all texts in artwork.
- Font size for basic texts should be 9 pt; font size 7 or pt (never smaller than 7 pt) can be used for less important text as an exception.
- Do not rasterise or convert text into outlines.
- In figures consisting of multiple parts, each part should be labelled with a capital character A, B, C, etc.

Graphical items

- Line weights should be 0.5 pt; only if necessary for clear distinction line weights between 0.25 and 1 pt can be accepted.
- Do not use drop shadows.
- Do not use 3-D graphs when there is no scientific reason to do so.

Image types and acceptable file formats

There are two basic types of images: vector images and rasterised (or bitmap) images. Vector images can be upscaled without loss of quality, while rasterised images cannot. Photographs are raster images; for all other figures we only accept vector images.

vector image   raster image

- We prefer all vector images to be submitted as **EPS** or **PDF**. Graphs made in MS Excel can be submitted directly as **XLS** files.
- Almost all common imaging programmes allow you to export graphs or images as **EPS** or **PDF** files by using the 'Save as' or the 'Export as' function. If asked, always choose for all fonts to be embedded (don't convert text to outlines). Always check the export options to ensure that images are not downsampled or rasterised.
- Photographs should be submitted as **JPG**, **TIFF** or **PDS** files with a resolution of at least 300 dpi. Please note that artificial upgrading of the resolution of a photographic image will not improve its quality.
- Only original photographs with good contrast and intensity are acceptable.
- Files combining rasterised and vector images should be submitted as unflattened vector **EPS** files.
- When in doubt, or in need of help or advice, please e-mail one of our editors at IFAMR@WageningenAcademic.com.