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**MINUTES OF THE 2ND (2020-21) MEETING OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE HELD
AT 1915 HOURS ON 26TH APRIL 2021 THROUGH ZOOM**

The Members of the Committee:

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| Prof (Dr) A K Saini | Chairman |
| Prof M N Hoda | Co-Chairman |
| Gp Capt R C Goyal (Retd) | Member |
| Dr D C Pande | Member |
| Lt Gen (Dr) Rajesh Pant, PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd) | Member |
| Dr Niranjana Prasad | Member |
| Prof (Dr) V Gunasekhar Reddy | Member |
| Secretariat: | |
| Mrs Sandeep Kaur Mangat | Asstt Secy |
| Shri Sanjay Setia | Member Staff |

**ITEM-1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 1ST (2020-21) MEETING OF
THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2020
THROUGH ZOOM**

1.1 The Minutes of the 1ST (2020-21) Meeting of the Publication Committee stand approved as no comments were received.

ITEM-2 ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING AND PROGRESS MADE

2.1 The Chairman briefed the Committee members on the following actions taken on the recommendations of the previous committee meeting:

2.1.1 **Meeting with T&F:** An online meeting with T&F was held on 9th March 2021 to discuss pending important issues. Details of the meeting placed at (Annexure 'A') was shared with the members.

2.1.1.1 After due deliberations the recommendations received from the Committee members were:

a) Prof Gunasekhar Reddy, Member Publications, desired serious efforts be made in the direction of issuing of e-certificates to all the reviewers without their demanding for it. He suggested that the availability of such facility should be highlighted on the journal's home page for the information of all reviewers.

b) To explore potential subscribers from SAARC countries, the Engg Colleges, Universities, Embassies of SAARC countries be written once again, taking guidance from Lt Gen. (Retd.) Dr Rajesh Pant, in the matter.

c) Expressing concerns on the uncertainty in the publications of the papers, due to variable turnaround period for an article from the time of submission to its final decision, the members desired that to identify and focus on delays in publication of papers submitted, we need to work out a reasonable turnaround time for the papers submitted for each Journal. Similar Journals of Springer and other reputed publishers may be studied for the purpose. It was finally agreed that for IETE Journals, a turnaround time of 4 months to 12 months is appropriate enough and any paper exceeding this limit may be dealt separately by working out the guidelines for handling the same. It was recommended to explore Springer journals sites with timelines announcements following the strategy to reduce delays in present peer review system in IETE journals.

2.1.2 Procuring advertisements for IETE Publications: As per the recommendations of previous Publications Committee meeting, a request email was sent to the Committee members (Dr D C Pande and Dr Niranjan Prasad on 16th Jan & 18th Jan 2021) soliciting their help in procuring advertisements for IETE Publications.

2.1.2.1 After due deliberations, Dr D C Pande and Dr Niranjan present in the meeting briefed the committee that the process was getting complicated due to prevalent pandemic situation, lockdown and the organization's stringent policies to reduce expenditure. However they promised and assured to continue their efforts in procuring the promised advertisements for IETE journals.

2.1.3 Articles attainment for IETE Journal of Education (IETEJE): The members were apprised that regular follows ups were being done with IETE ISFs/Members/Centres for getting technical articles in IETEJE. Prof Shibhan Koul has assured as a co-author contribution of two articles in IETE JE Issue (1) of Jan-Jun 2021. The articles are sufficient for current issue publication.

2.1.3.1 After due deliberations, Dr D C Pande told the committee that he would try obtaining some good articles from his known professional circle, currently congregated at Abu Dhabi.

2.1.3.2 Other recommendations by the Committee members were as follows:

a) To write to the IETE corporate members asking for their intellectual /technical contribution in IETE Journal of Education.

b) It was suggested that every and anything which comes under technical education or is under the ambit of AICTE directives could be the subject matter for writing in IETE Journal of Education. This will



open up field for getting more articles in technical education. This requires redefining the scope of the Journal to include all the domains.

c) The Committee members may also assist in securing technical articles for IETEJE.

2.1.4 **Expansion of the Editorial Board of IETE JE:** Members were briefed about the request mail sent to Dr P V Ananda Mohan, EIC of IETE JE, for his consideration to expand the present Editorial Board so as to include more members from different geographical areas of the world. In view of no response from his side, it was recommended that the EIC be reminded and requested once again.

2.2 This is for the information and approval of the Governing Council.

ITEM-3 PUBLISHING SCHEDULE OF IETE PUBLICATIONS

3.1 The current status of IETE Journals informed to the members was as follows:

| Publications | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug |
|---------------------------|---|-----|---|-----|---|-----|-----|-----|
| IETE Newsletter | Vol 23 No 1 (Jan-Apr) issue is under compilation | | | | | | | |
| IETE Journal of Research | Vol 67 No 1 Published Online, Under printing | | Vol 67 No 2 Under final proof-reading stage | | Vol 67 No 3 Editorial awaited | | | |
| IETE Technical Review | Vol 38 No 1, Published Online, under printing | | Vol 38 No 2 Published Online, under printing | | Vol 38 No 3, Final proof reading done, May go online soon | | | |
| IETE Journal of Education | Vol 62 No 1 (2 articles are under peer review and 5 articles are in production) | | | | | | | |

3.2 The paid subscribers to IETE Journals 2021 (from January 2021 till reporting date) were: **269**, while in 2020 the number was **418**.

The number of copies subscribed under each journal 2021 was as follows:

- No. of copies subscribed for IETEJR= 264
- No. of copies subscribed for IETETR= 250
- No. of copies subscribed for IETEJE= 158
- No- of e- Subscribers = 20; while in 2020, the number was= 21

3.3 Members were briefed on the follow ups that were being done with the previous year's colleges / institutions and universities through phone calls and emails in order to get a fair idea of number of paid subscribers' likely to subscribe for IETE Journals during 2021. It was told that the extended lockdown in the current year and closure of educational institutions was creating the major hurdle.

3.4 The members were informed that the total number of copies to be printed included the number of beneficiaries allowed under recipient categories, anticipated number of copies (derived from paid subscribers 2020 minus paid subscribers 2021) plus 10% increase in the overall fixed numbers to be able to cater to the future subscription demand that usually keeps coming till year end 2021. This was as per the approval given by the Governing Council in Feb 2021.

3.5 The Committee appreciated the efforts made by the Editorial Board members and the Publications staff for timely publication of IETE Journals even amid the ongoing Covid-19 crisis.

3.6 This is for the information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-4 REVENUE GENERATED FROM THE SECTION

4.1 As per the past practice, the Committee was apprised that the revenue earned in 2021 on accrual basis, is as below in comparison to the revenue accrued in 2020.

| Particulars | Amount (Rs) January 2021 till date | Amount (Rs) (Jan-Dec. 2020) |
|--|--|--|
| Subscription (Jan-Dec 2021) | 12,84,100 (as on 09 April 2021) | 21,84,950 |
| Extra page charges (Jan-Mar) | 4,46,179 (as on 12 April 2021) | 6,99,116 |
| Grant-in-Aid (DST) (TR/JR) | 2,00,000 (for JR) | 4,00,000 (for TR/JR) |
| Royalty (Prof SC Dutta Roy's Books) Total revenue from Books recd as on 31 st Mar 2021 CSSP : Initial Amt - 74,439.77 Royalty - 41,129.00 | CSSP (Royalty for 2020) Rcvd on 18-3-2021 6,326.00 | CSSP Royalty for 2019) Rcvd on 28-4-2020 16,877.57 |
| SP: Initial Amt - 69,166.28 Royalty - 25,184.81 2,09,919.86 | SP (Royalty for 2020) Rcvd on 18-3-2021 9,441.06 | SP Royalty for 2019) Rcvd on 28-4-2020 15,743.75 |
| Royalty (NBT, Robot & Robotics) | Yet to come | 53,205 (2/3 given to author) |

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| Royalty on IETE Publications from T&F for previous year | 4,28,386 (Rcvd on 12 th Feb 2021) | 3,65,444 (Rcvd on 2 nd Mar 2020) |
| Editorial Fund rcvd from T&F for the year mentioned above | 3,56,495 | 3,48,250 |
| Advertisement | -- | 63,000 |
| Total | 27,30,927.06/- | 41,46,586.32 |

4.2 The Committee looked at the possibility of increasing the subscription rates for IETE journals and extra page charges that are charged from the authors after standard page length of 6 pages in an article.

4.3 At present the IETE subscriptions are received for one year only. It was recommended that IETE should generate options for more than one year of subscription to subscribers. The slabs suggested were for 1 year, 3 years and 5 years. It was recommended 10% discount for 3 years subscription and 15% discount for 5 years subscription may be offered, to make the offer more attractive.

4.4 The Committee deliberated on increasing of the subscription rates with discounts. In addition, it was suggested that the extra page charges may also be revisited.

4.5 After due deliberation the Committee recommended that a Sub-Committee be formed for working out increase in the subscription rates and the final proposal be put up in the next Committee meeting for consideration of the G C Members.

4.6 The composition of the members recommended for the Sub-Committee was as follows:

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| Lt Gen (Dr) Rajesh Pant, PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd) | Chairman |
| Prof M N Hoda | Co-Chairman |
| Dr Niranjana Prasad | Member |
| Prof (Dr) V Gunasekhar Reddy | Member |

4.7 This is for the information and approval of the Governing Council.

ITEM-5 GRANT-IN-AID FROM SERB (DST) FOR IETEJR AND IETETR

5.1 The members were apprised that as they all had already been informed vide a letter dated 20th March 2021, *IETE Journal of Research* had received the financial assistance of Rs 2 lakhs towards its printing for the year 2020-21.

5.2 However, the financial assistance for *IETE Technical Review* might experience a time lag because of the Covid-19 consequences. The DST personnel had assured giving special consideration and releasing the same amount at the earliest, if grants are received.

5.3 Lt Gen Pant, Member Publications Committee, offered to help and take up the matter in getting the issue explored. The Committee recommended sharing the details with Gen Rajesh Pant.

5.4 This is for the information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-6 STATUS OF RNI RENEWAL CERTIFICATES FOR IETE PUBLICATIONS

6.1 The Chairman apprised the Committee members that after a long painstaking exercise, the RNI Certificates for IETE Journals/Newsletter will soon be received in the name of Lt Col Dipanker Sen, the past Secretary General. After which IETE will put up fresh requests for change in the name of Secretary General, once again.

6.2 This is for the information of the Committee.

ITEM-7 IETEJR SPECIAL ISSUES/ CORE ISSUES IN PIPELINE

7.1 The Members were apprised of the status of Special/Core issues in IETEJR as follows:

| S No | Topic | Total papers | Status | Guest Editor(s) | Remarks |
|------|--|--------------------|--|--|--|
| 1 | <u>Intl Conf on Innovations in Tech, Mgmt & Design for achieving sustain-able development goals (ICSDG-2020)</u> | 11 papers | Special Core Issue Papers are under peer review process | 1. Prof JP Naidu, Dean (Research and Development), JK Lakshmi Pat University, Conference Chair, 2. Prof Gustavo Sanchez, Professor, Electrical & Electronics Engineering, JK Lakshmi Pat University, Publication Chair, | Papers Accepted=6 Rejected=2 Under Review=3 |
| 2 | Real-Time Computer Vision for Accident Prevention and Detection. | Papers yet to come | OA SI on paid basis | Dr Oscar Sanjuán Martínez, Professor, Universidad Internacional de la Rioja (UNIR), Logroño, Spain. | Party appears to have backed out due to delayed action from T&F. |

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| 3 ^o | <u>Machine Learning for Energy Efficient Electronic Circuits and Computing Systems</u> | | OA SI on paid basis | Oct 2020 Dr Alireza Souri, Dept of Computer Engg, Islamic Azad University Iran | Final CFP sent to T&F for projecting on journal home page @1350 US dollars per accepted paper |
| 4 | Conference paper on ICBMA-2021 | | IETE conveyed the OA SI rates for the paid journal proposal | Nov 2020 Dr K K Mishra, Lecturer (Dept of Computer Science), MNNIT, Allahabad | Response awaited |
| 5 ^o | <u>International Conference on Electronics, Circuits and Information Engineering (ECIE 2021)</u> | | OA SI on paid basis | 13 Nov 2020 Linn Hu, Assistant Secretary of ECIE 2021 | Final CFP rcvd on 03 April 2020 and sent to T&F @1500 USD per accepted paper |

7.2 This is for the information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-8 HONORARIUM TO CORRESPONDING AUTHORS IN IETEJE

8.1 The Chairman apprised the members that the *IETE Journal of Education*, Vol 62 No 1 Jan-Jun 2021, was under print. The corresponding authors of the articles in the issue will be given a token honorarium of Rs. 1000/- each, as per the earlier decision in the matter by the GC.

8.2 This is for the information of the Governing Council



ITEM-9 EXTENSION OF PRINTING CONTRACT

9.1 The Chairman informed the Members that the printing contract with M/s Dolphin Printo Graphics for printing of IETE Journals/Newsletter was expiring on 30 June 2021 and given the present circumstances the contract required to be renewed with the same party.

9.2 The Committee was told about the rates negotiated and approved last time in 2020 after the decision of the less number of copies to be printed was shared with the vendor (M/s Dolphin Printo Graphics) from mid 2020 to June 2021 were as follows:

| Sl No | Specification of Publications | No of Copies | Rate per copy | No of pages |
|-------|-------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | IETE Technical Review | 473 | 103.70+12%GST Including cover page | 122 |
| 2 | IETE Journal of Research | 487 | 91.20+12%GST Including cover page | 114 |
| 3 | IETE Journal of Education | 276 | 63.50 +12%GST Including cover page | 50 |
| 4 | IETE Newsletter | 70 | 310+12%GST | 32 |

9.3 After due deliberation committee recommended to extend the contract of M/s Dolphin Printo Graphics for another one year i.e. 01 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 at the same rates.

9.4 This is for the approval of the Governing Council.

ITEM-10 VOTE OF THANKS

10.1 The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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