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MINUTES OF THE 2ND (2021-22) MEETING OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE HELD AT 1500 HOURS ON 25TH April 25, 2022 THROUGH ZOOM

The Members of the Committee:

Prof (Dr) A K Saini

Dr R R Deshmukh

Dr K Seetha Ram Babu

Dr D S Bormane

Dr M H Kori

Dr Shiv Kumar

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Dr P V Ananda Mohan

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Editor in Chief IETE JE

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The following members were unable to attend

Prof Dr (Mrs) Ashwnini Kunte

Shri Parag Walinjkar

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Member

ITEM-1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 1ST (2021-22) MEETING OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE HELD AT 1400 HOURS ON 25TH DECEMBER 2021 THROUGH ZOOM

1.1 The Minutes of the 1st (2021-22) Meeting of the Publication Committee stand approved as no comments were received.

ITEM-2 ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING AND PROGRESS MADE

2.1 Procuring Advertisements for IETE Publications. The members were briefed on the department's actions in response to the previous meeting's recommendations, including posting the advertisement rate list on the IETE website and contacting all possible relevant sources for advertisements, which resulted in the receipt of two advertisements (one from SRM University, Chennai, and one from Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) Bangalore). The adverts will be published in IETEJR's & IETE TR's Jan-Feb 2022 issues.

2.2 Seeking feasibility of advertising on Journal's homepage. T&F had been asked through email of 9th Feb 2022 to evaluate the practicality of advertising on the home page of IETE Journals on the T&F platform. T&F has yet to respond.

2.3 Inviting EICs to Publication Committee meetings. As recommended at the previous meeting, EICs should be invited to all Committee meetings to provide professional input on pertinent problems. A recent attempt was made to invite all EICs in this meeting, however only Dr P V Ananda Mohan, EIC, IETE Journal of Education, participated. Prof Shibam Koul was unable to attend owing to the hospitalisation of a close family member, while Prof Jagadesh Kumar was unable to attend due to his demanding workplace schedule.

2.4 Guidelines for Special Issues/Supplement Issues in IETE Journals. After receiving clarifications from T&F regarding the terms and conditions agreed upon, the Guidelines for Special Issues / Supplement Issues in IETE Journals will be posted on www.iete.org website. T&F has been written an email in this regard on 9th Feb 2022.

2.5 Publication of IETE Conference Papers. T&F was requested for assistance in securing publication of IETE conference papers/papers presented at flagship events, either in IETE Journals or on a separate digital platform. T&F have shared an F1000 software option, which has been included as a distinct agenda ITEM (7) at the end.

2.6 Seeking more Articles in IETE JE. In accordance with the last committee meeting's decision, the IETE Publications Dept wrote to Centre Chairpersons, ORG Members, and ISF Coordinators soliciting articles for the IETE Journal of Education (7th Feb 2022 & 23rd March 2022). The current scenario indicates that articles numbered Sl 1-4 will appear in Issue 1 of January-June 2022, while articles numbered Sr 5-8 will appear in Issue 2 of July-December 2022, utilizing the authorized page budget.

Sl No	Paper ID	Titled	Status	
1	TIJE-2021-0039.R2	Interference Cancellation in Wireless Communications: Past, Present, and Future	Published online	ISSUE 1
2	TIJE-2021-0043.R1	Thermal Analysis and Experimentation of an IoT Based Video Surveillance Module	Published online	

3	TIJE-2021-0040.R3	Unified Complex Coefficient PID Controller Tuning for Complex Coefficient System	Published online	ISSUE 2
4	TIJE-2021-0015.R2	On the effect of operational amplifier gain-bandwidth product on the performance of basic building block	Published online	
5	TIJE-2022-0007.R2	Teaching Synchronization of Synchronous Generator Using Virtual Laboratory	Published online	
6	TIJE-2022-0006.R1	MATLAB Simulation of Circle Diagram in Three Phase Induction Motor	Published online	
7	TIJE-2022-0009.R2	Image Encoder and Sentence Decoder Based Video Event Description Generating Model: A Storytelling	Published online	
8	TIJE-2021-0045.R4	Broadband Multi-Stub PCB Monopole Antenna	Published online	

2.7 IETE Journal of Education's current page budget is only 100 pages (50 page every issue). This should be increased as we require more papers to be included in each issue in order to improve the journal's citations. The current scenario indicates a consumption of 50 pages with only four or five articles, plus a few more pages (the President's Desk, the EIC's Editorial, one page with two brief profiles of IETE alumni, and the subscription/advertising rate list). T&F may be contacted in regards to the committee's conclusion.

2.8 After noting the section's progress, the Members recommended the following actions be taken:-

- (a) A brief note soliciting advertisements from prospective advertisers be included in the future Newsletter letter from the Secretary General's side, along with his email address, for increased visibility.
- (b) To revisit the matter with T&F in order to determine the feasibility of advertising on the Journal's homepage.
- (c) Whenever practicable, inviting EICs to all Publication Committee meetings.
- (d) To solicit advice from Editors in Chief regarding forming of Guidelines for Special Issues/Supplement Issues in IETE Journals.
- (e) Dr M H Kori reported on his discussion with Dr Tata Sudhakar, who agreed to provide IETE his developed programme "IETE Horizon," which would enable IETE Conference papers to be published online, as IETE has envisioned. His VIT students, who assisted in the development of the software, would train IETE working staff. Dr M H Kori, on the other hand, highlighted his concerns regarding the project's administrative aspects and the process of developing the screening system for originality checks. He proposed that the TPPC and the Publications Committee convene a

meeting and discuss on this matter before advancing, together with a few invited experts. It was suggested that earlier years' communications in this context be distributed to Committee members.

- (f) Dr P V Ananda Mohan, EIC IETEJE, expressed dissatisfaction with the quality of papers being received in the journal (IETEJE), but stated that the situation was gradually improving in terms of increased submissions in recent months. Following extensive consideration, the Members proposed that IETEJE incorporate chosen/selected papers from conferences. Additionally, to consider adding IETEJE to the UGC Care List for the purpose of soliciting high-quality papers in future. Further, each IETE event should include an announcement of quality papers submitted that will be published in IETE Publications.
- (g) T&F to be requested to raise the page budget in order to include more number of papers in each issue of IETE JE.

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

ITEM-3 PUBLISHING SCHEDULE OF IETE PUBLICATIONS

3.1 The current status of IETE Journals was informed as follows:-

Publications	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
IETE Newsletter	Vol 24 No 1 (Jan-Apr) under compilation				Vol 24 No 2 (May-Aug) Work not yet started			
IETE Journal of Research	Vol 68 No 1 Jan-Feb 2022 • Issue with <u>73</u> <u>Articles.</u> • Yet to publish online (formalities over)	Vol 68 No 2 Mar-Apr 2022 • Editorial rcvd • Issue with <u>71</u> <u>articles</u> • Being typeset at T&F		Vol 68 No 3 May-Jun 2022 • Editorial awaited from EIC • Issue with <u>70</u> <u>article</u> • <u>will be sent for type setting</u> to T&F once editorial rcvd		Vol 68 No 4 Jul-Aug 2022 • List of articles to be allocated in the issue has been requested from T&F		
IETE Technical Review	Vol 39 No 1 Jan-Feb 2022 • Issue with <u>21</u> <u>articles.</u> • Yet to publish online, (formalities over)	Vol 39 No 2 Mar-Apr 2022 • Editorial rcvd • Issue with <u>21</u> <u>articles</u> • Being typeset at T&F		Vol 39 No 3 May-Jun 2022 • Editorial awaited from EIC • Issue with <u>18</u> <u>articles</u>		Vol 39 No 4 Jul-Aug 2022 • Work not yet started		
IETE Journal of Education	Vol 63 No 1 (Jan-Jun 2022) under compilation				Vol 63 No 2 (Jul-Dec 2022) work not yet started			

3.2 Members were told about the delay in publication is owing to increased workload in the IETE Journals area, where a limited team is responsible for a range of tasks on different committees. Additionally, Issue 1 always includes a list of the reviewers' names, affiliations, and countries, so that IETE can express its gratitude for their selfless work.

3.3 This is information of Governing Council.

ITEM-4 REVENUE GENERATED FROM THE SECTION

4.1 The following table compares revenue earned thus far this year to revenue earned in previous years:-

Particulars	Amount (Rs) 2022 so far	Amount (Rs) 2021 (Jan-Dec)	Amount (Rs) 2020 (Jan-Dec)	Amount (Rs) 2019 (Jan-Dec)
Subscription	19,57,805/- (as on 13 April 2022)	22,76,375/- (as on 10 Dec 2021)	21,84,950	29,70,495
Extra page charges (Jan-Dec)	6,99,054/-	12,63,539/- (as on 22 Dec 2021)	6,99,116	10,73,875
2 Supplement Issues in IETEJR	43,58,671/- (To be shared b/w IETE & T&F)			
Grant-in-Aid (DST) (TR/JR)	9,00,000/- (JR & TR-2021 & TR-2020)	2,00,000/- (for JR)	4,00,000/- (for TR/JR)	4,00,000/- (for JR/TR)
Royalty (Prof SC Dutta Roy's Books) Total revenue from Books recd as on 31 st Mar 2021 CSSP : Initial Amt - 74,439.77(2018) Royalty - 41,129.00	Awaited	CSSP 6,326.00 (Royalty for 2020) Rcvd on 18-3- 2021	CSSP 16,877.57 (Royalty for 2019) Rcvd on 28-4-2020	CSSP 17,925.00-
SP: Initial Amt - 69,166.28 Royalty - 25,184.81 <u>2,09,919.86</u> =====	Awaited	SP 9,441.06 (Royalty for 2020) Rcvd on 18-3-2021	SP 15,743.75 (Royalty for 2019) Rcvd on 28-4-2020	SP 69166.28
Royalty (NBT, Robot & Robotics)	Awaited	39,088/- (2/3 given to author)	53,205/- (2/3 given to author)	18157/-
Royalty on IETE Publications from T&F for previous year 2021	4,35,429/-	4,28,386/- (Rcvd on 12 th Feb 2021)	3,65,444/- (Rcvd on 2 nd Mar 2020)	4,57,289/-
Editorial Fund rcvd from T&F for the year mentioned above	3,64,000.77	3,56,495/-	3,48,250/-	2,13,995/-
Advertisement	Amount awaited	10,500/-	63,000/-	
Total	87,14,959.77 T&F will receive a share of SI's over-all revenue collection, which will diminish the total money rcvd	45,90,150.06	41,46,586.32	52,20,902.28

4.2 **Total subscribers to date: 326** (250 existing subscribers who subscribed in 2021 and 76 others/new subscribers who did not subscribe in 2021), less from 409 subscribers in 2021.

4.3 The following table summarizes expenditures in the publication department for the year 2021 under key headings:-:-

S No	Expenses for IETE JR/TR/JE/News Letter	2021	2022
1	Printing Cost IETE Journals/NL (up to issue 6) 2021	Rs 10,09,807.00	Issues not yet printed
2	Postal Charges (Approx) TR/TR/JE/News Letter (up to 6 issue) 2021	Rs 1,37,789.00	Issues not yet printed
3	Annual Fee to T&F (2020)	Rs 7,41,214.00	Rs 7,25,000.00
4	Honorarium (JE Authors) 2021	Rs 5000.00	Not yet given
	Total	Rs 18,93,810.00	-

4.4 As recommended at the previous meeting, the Section shared the list of paid subscribers (zone-wise) for Committee's information on (17 February 2022). Members were encouraged to approach colleges/universities in their region that are not currently covered by IETE to obtain subscriptions to IETE journals.

4.5 After due deliberations, the members recommended the following:-

- (a) The dealing staff compiles data on subscribers who subscribed in 2021 but have not renewed their subscriptions this year (2022). The staff member should approach them for renewal and maintain regular contact with them by phone and email, as well as update the committee members on a regular basis.
- (b) Members also advocated for notifying respective centers/zonal mentors about subscribers who had not renewed their subscriptions for 2022. The Chairman invited the assistance of Dr K Seetha Ram Babu, the Organizational Members' representative, in boosting subscriptions and securing subscription renewals for 2022.
- (c) A focused approach is taken and that all reasonable efforts are made to solicit subscriptions to IETE Journals from new prospective subscribers, as the new NEP regulations and NAAC accreditation require colleges to subscribe to technical journals. Communicate with all Centers to obtain the maximum subscription.
- (d) When shared with Centres/Zonal Mentors and Committee members, the Zone-by-Zone list of subscribers should include contact details for information and verification reasons.

(e) Once the revenue sharing issue between IETE and T&F is resolved, the expenses incurred in 2022 shall include revenue paid to T&F.

4.6 This is for information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-5 STATUS OF RNI RENEWAL CERTIFICATES FOR IETE PUBLICATIONS

5.1 It was informed that the certificate for *IETE Journal of Research* is still awaited from RNI office.

5.2 The staff of the publishing section is in regular contact with RNI officials, and it is likely that the signature of the person required will be secured and the IETE JR certificate will be released by mid-May.

5.3 This is information of Governing Council.

ITEM-6 STATUS OF SPECIAL /SUPPLEMENT ISSUES IN IETE JR

6.1 The status of the two Supplement Issues undergoing processing in IETE Journal of Research shown to the members were as follows:-

Sr No.	Type of issue	Name of the Issue	Status	Publishing schedule	Payment Status
1.	Supplement issue @ US\$ 1350 per accepted article on sharing basis with T&F	"Machine Learning for Energy Efficient Electronic Circuits and Computing Systems"	Articles submitted-37 Accepted -21 Rejected -8 With author-1 Under review-2 Withdraw-5	Will be published online as and when completed	Rs 14,73,339 received
2.	Supplement issue@ US\$ 1500 per accepted article on sharing basis with T&F	"Federated Learning for Blockchain Systems and Industrial Internet of Things"	Articles submitted-51 Accepted-36 Rejected -6 Make decision- 1 With author- 8	Will be published online as and when completed	Rs 24,40,366/- rcvd

6.2 It was informed that IETE has encountered a conflict regarding the revenue sharing percentage with T&F.

6.3 A meeting with EICs is being scheduled to get their advice on the matter that has reached a deadlock. The meeting's outcome will be shared with the Governing Council/ Committee members after the meeting is held.

6.4 The IETE Journal of Research is also undertaking a special edition on "IoT, Sensor Networks, and Blockchain Technology for Smart Cities and Societies." This

edition will feature chosen excellent papers from the IETE Annual Conference held last year in 2021 at IETE Kolkata Centre. The EIC of the Journal, Prof Koul, and members of the IETE Committee have already given their permission. **Prof Jyotsana Mandal and Prof Debasish De** are the Guest Editors for this issue.

6.5 T&F has been notified and asked to include a preliminary link on the journal's home page.

6.6 The Guest Editors have shared a list of around 13 articles, and the authors of these papers will submit their manuscripts to the Manuscript Central system for peer review.

6.7 This issue is likely to contain two sections: one dedicated to the special issue with editorial contributions from the Guest editors, and another to a selection of articles from other areas with editorial contributions from the EIC.

6.8 This is for information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-7 DIGITAL LIBRARY

7.1 It was informed that IETE is in need of an exclusive online platform via which it might accept and publish conference papers/research papers prepared by IETE scholars and researchers.

7.2 T&F were approached & they shared a Proposal of an F1000 open research publishing system with IETE. The Proposal was discussed in detail with members. (At Annexure "A")

7.3 After careful consideration of the proposal, the Committee determined that the F1000(Open Research Publishing Solution) model does not meet the principles and policies of IETE. It does not match IETE's requirements for an online platform intended for academics and scholars, and IETE prefers a working principle similar to that utilised for IETE journal publishing. F1000's cost component was likewise quite significant. (Set-up charge for the gateway, as well as APCs for peer-reviewed and unreviewed articles). As a result, the Committee chose to contact Dr Tata Sudhakar for his self-contained concept, which has been tried at the IETE Bangalore Centre. The subject demands professional deliberation prior to finalization.

7.4 This is information & approval of the Governing Council

ITEM-8 ANY OTHER POINT WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

8.1 The Members were informed about the inclusion of a new editor in the Board of IETE JR, *i.e.*, Dr Haibo Wu, Associate Professor, Computer Network Information Centre, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China.

8.2 The issue of delays in IETE Publications prompted discussions about the section's requirement of a qualified and results-oriented working staff. Following extensive consideration, the Committee strongly recommended that Dr Ranjit Singh be appointed on an ad hoc basis at the IETE Publications Department on an expedited basis.

8.3 The Chairman proposed that the current MoU with T&F be circulated to all Committee members for evaluation and recommendation, if any, so that it may be read between the lines and members' perspectives incorporated into the contract renewal process.

ITEM-9 VOTE OF THANKS

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

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Date: 28 April 2022



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