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MINUTES OF THE 3RD (2021-22) MEETING OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE HELD AT 1900 HOURS ON 19TH AUGUST 2022 THROUGH ZOOM

The Members of the Committee:

Dr R R Deshmukh	Co-Chairman
Dr D S Bormane	Member
Dr M H Kori	Member
Prof Dr (Mrs) Ashwnini Kunte	Member
Ms Smita Lonkar	Member

Secretariat:

Mrs Sandeep Kaur Mangat	Asstt Secy
Shri Sanjay Setia	Member Staff
Mrs Shivali Khera	Member Staff

The following members were unable to attend :

Prof (Dr) A K Saini	Chairman
Dr K Seetha Ram Babu	Member
Dr Shiv Kumar	Member

ITEM-1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2ND (2021-22) MEETING OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE HELD ON 25TH APRIL 2022 THROUGH ZOOM

1.1 The Minutes of the 2ND (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 The Co-Chair notified the Committee of the following developments:

(a) Meeting with EICs of IETE Journals. The long-overdue meeting with EICs was scheduled separately. IETE visited UGC to meet Prof Jagadesh Kumar, EIC IETE TR on 19 July 2022. IETE explained revenue sharing issue of IETE and T&F. He proposed that an equal stake in SIs be demanded, or at least a 40:60 split. He also suggested IETE to explore more publishing houses and to consider increase the issue frequency to lessen the backlog.

(b) The meeting with Prof Shibhan Koul, Prof Arun Kumar & Prof Ranjan Mallik was held at IETE HQs on 5th Aug 2022. Significant issues in the title were reviewed, as well as the unsolved problem of income share in Supplement Issues of IETE JR.

(c) An IETE dinner was organized for the local Editorial Board Members of IETEJR on the same day in the evening, in the presence of IETE President Prof. Prabhakar. As a gesture of appreciation for their outstanding honorary efforts, the Editors were given a memento and an IETE tie. Other invited members who were unable to attend, was told that they will have their packets individually handed to them.

2.2 **Guidelines for Special Issues/Supplement Issues in IETE Journals.** The Guidelines for Special Issues / Supplement Issues in IETE Journals will be available at www.iete.org after a meeting with T&F. The recent email was sent on 10th Aug 2022. IETE plans to schedule a meeting by mid-September.

2.3 **Publication of IETE Conference Papers.** T&F has supplied F1000 software an alternative to IETE's request for help publishing conference/flagship event papers in IETE Journals or on a separate digital platform. This matter hasn't been decided. No expert meeting has been organized.

2.4 **Sharing of list of Paid Subscribers.** The Section shared the zone-by-zone list of paid subscriptions with the Committee (17 Feb 2022 and 10 Aug 2022). They've been requested to secure IETE journal subscriptions from nearby colleges and universities not currently covered by IETE.

It was also revealed that Centers/zonal mentors were recently notified regarding subscriptions that had not been renewed by 2022. Dr. K Seetha Ram Babu, the Organizational Members' representative, was asked to help increase subscriptions and secure subscription renewals in 2022.

2.5 **Sharing of current MoU with Committee members.** The existing MoU with T&F was provided to all Committee members for assessment and recommendations, if any, so it could be interpreted and members' opinions incorporated into the contract renewal procedure.

2.6 The Co-Chair stated that following the discussion of the above information, members recommended the following:

1. First, IETE will hold an internal meeting with Committee members to thoroughly discuss all issues; then, it will schedule a meeting with the EICs (Prof Shibhan Koul, Prof Arun Kumar, Prof Ranjan Mallik, and, if possible, Prof Dutta Roy) to share its action plan; and finally, it will attend the September meeting with Alexa with a clear mind.

2. In the interim, IETE will investigate alternative publishing houses and consider their suggestions.

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

ITEM-3 PUBLISHING SCHEDULE OF IETE PUBLICATIONS

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

Publications	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
IETE Newsletter	Vol 24 No 2 (May-Aug) Issue being compiled.							
IETE Journal of Research	Vol 68 No 3 May-Jun 2022 • Issue with <u>70</u> articles • Under printing		Vol 68 No 4 Jul-Aug 2022 • Issue with <u>70</u> articles • Corrections sent to T&F on 13/08/2022		Vol 68 No 5 Sep-Oct 2022 • Issue with <u>60</u> articles • Editorial awaited from EIC			
IETE Technical Review	Vol 39 No 3 May-Jun 2022 Issue with <u>18</u> articles • Under Printing		Vol 39 No 4 Jul-Aug 2022 • Issue with <u>18</u> articles • Editorial awaited from EIC		Vol 39 No 5 Sep-Oct 2022 • Issue with <u>17</u> articles • Editorial awaited from EIC			
IETE Journal of Education					Vol 63 No 2 (Jul-Dec 2022) final corrections sent to T&F on 13/08/2022.			

3.2 The following information was provided about the Impact Factor of IETE Journals for 2021:

IMPACT FACTOR OF IETE JOURNALS									
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
IETE Technical Review	0.925	0.888	1.304	1.330	1.339	1.618	1.845	2.200	1.932
IETE Journal of Research	0.189	0.185	0.284	0.909	0.829	0.793	1.125	2.333	1.877

3.3 Members were also notified that the IETE Journal of Education had been added to the UGC-Care list, which would increase its reputation and visibility even further.

3.4 This is for information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-4 REVENUE GENERATED FROM THE SECTION

4.1 The following table, which compares the revenue so far this year with the revenue in past years, was displayed:

Particulars	Amount (Rs) 2022 so far	Amount (Rs) 2021 (Jan-Dec)	Amount (Rs) 2020 (Jan-Dec)	Amount (Rs) 2019 (Jan-Dec)
Subscription	31,79,875/- (as on 16 Aug 2022)	22,76,375/- (as on 10 Dec 2021)	21,84,950	29,70,495
Extra page charges (Jan-Dec)	9,04,540/-	12,63,539/- (as on 22 Dec 2021)	6,99,116	10,73,875
2 Supplement Issues in IETEJR	53,84,081/- (To be shared b/w IETE & T&F after Sept meeting)			
Grant-in-Aid (DST) (TR/JR)	9,00,000/- (for 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 2022) CSSP : Initial Amt - 74,439.77(2018) Royalty - 49,313.96 SP: Initial Amt - - 69,166.28 Royalty - 29,216.42 2,22,136.86 =====	CSSP 8185.39 (royalty for 2021 Rcvd on 12-8-22) SP 4031.61 (royalty for 2021 Rcvd on 12-8-22)	CSSP 6,326.00 (Royalty for 2020) Rcvd on 18-3- 2021 SP 9,441.06 (Royalty for 2020) Rcvd on 18-3-2021	CSSP 16,877.57 (Royalty for 2019) Rcvd on 28-4-2020 SP 15,743.75 (Royalty for 2019) Rcvd on 28-4-2020	CSSP 17,925.00 Initial amt 2018 74,439.77 SP 69,166.28 (Initial amount in 2019)
Royalty (NBT, Robot & Robotics)	Awaited	39,088/- (2/3 given to author)	53,205/- (2/3 given to author)	18,157/-
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	30,500/-	10,500/-	63,000/-	
Total	1,12,10,642.77/- 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 There are now 495 subscribers, up from 409 in 2021. This is an increase of 86 subscribers (21.76%).

4.3 The members were informed of the following expenses of publication department for the year 2021 and 2022 within the important headings:-

S No	Expenses for IETE JR/TR/JE/News Letter	2021	2022 (as of now)
1	Printing Cost IETE Journals/NL	JR 6 issues TR 6 issues JE 2 issues NL 3 issues Rs 10,09,807/-	JR 1, 2 TR 1, 2 JE 1 NL-1 Rs 13,20,994/-
2	Postal Charges (Approx) TR/TR/JE/News Letter (up to 6 issue) 2021	Rs 1,37,789/-	JR 1, 2 TR 1, 2, JE 1 Rs 1,80,501/-
3	Annual Fee to T&F (2021)	Rs 7,41,214/-	Rs 7,25,000/-
4	Honorarium (JE Authors) 2021	Rs 5000/-	Rs 2,000/-
	Total	Rs 18,93,810.00	Rs 22,28,495/- (will increase)

4.4 This is for information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-5 PRINTING & DESPATCH OF ISSUES IN 2022

5.1 The Co-Chair apprised the Committee that in compliance with the recent joint decision by IETE, T&F & the EICs, IETE have been publishing approximately 70 papers per issue (JR) & 21 papers per issue (TR) in an effort to minimize the existing backlog.

5.2 Paid subscribers have been sent few issues of 2022 till date. The printing and mailing costs for publications in 2022 differ significantly from those in 2021. For convenience, the prices associated with the despatch and printing of past issues has been outlined in the above Table.

5.3 To save on postal costs, multiple copies are being mailed in a single package. Recently, IETE sent one JR, two TRs, and one JE in a single package with postage of Rs 148. According to the current subscription rates, the annual sale price of each issue/ copy if a combo subscription is ordered comes to Rs 412.5 per copy(Rs 4950/12=412.5).

5.4 The cost of dispatch has increased due to the increased printing and number of pages per issue of both IETE JR and TR. Even if we generate a modest amount of cash from extra page charges, distributing the issues at the present subscription fee results in a loss.

5.5 The printing & postage of IETE JR & TR issues from 2022 costs Rs 7302 (Rs 5400 for six issues of IETEJR (@ Rs 900 per copy) and Rs 1902 for six issues of IETETR (@ Rs 317 per copy) for printing & postage. In fact the subscriber for combo pays Rs 4950, i.e. Rs 2352 less for 2022 issues. If calculated for the entire 2022, the loss from current 495 IETE subscribers would come to Rs 11.5 lakhs (495 x 2352).

5.6 This loss will increase if IETE decides to publish 12 issues of IETE JR beginning in 2023, as the EICs suggested to handle the backlog.

5.7 Given that the IETE subscription rates cannot be altered this year, it was proposed that they be increased 50 % Journal of Research and 20% of Technical Review correspondingly beginning in 2023 when we print 12 issue Journal of Research in 1 year. In addition, the current increased additional page charges of Rs 2,000 per additional page for Indian authors or US \$ 75 per additional page for international authors whose papers were published online prior to 2022 may be applied to cover the loss, as many authors request to pay according to their previously agreed upon rates when the paper was submitted.

5.8 This is for the information & approval of the Governing Council.

ITEM-6 STATUS OF RNI RENEWAL CERTIFICATES FOR IETE PUBLICATIONS

6.1 The Co-Chair apprised the Committee that the RNI office has not yet issued the IETE Journal of Research certification. The Publication Staff maintains continuous communication with RNI officials. The forms for renewals will be completed upon receipt, together with the determination of the number of issues per year for IETE Journals.

6.2 This is for information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-7 STATUS OF SPECIAL /SUPPLEMENT ISSUES IN IETE JR

7.1 Status of the two Supplement Issues undergoing processing in IETE Journal of Research as informed to the members was 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 Efficient Electronic Circuits and Computing Systems"	Articles submitted-37 Accepted -15 Accepted not interested -7 Rejected -8 Accepted payment awaited -3 Withdraw-4	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-35 Rejected -6 Accepted(not interested in paying APC) -2 withdrawn- 8	Will be published online as and when completed	Rs 39,10,742/- rcvd

7.2 On August 10, 2022, the IETE Committee Chair sent T&F a final IETE decision based on the advice of the EICs. T&F replied the same day they wanted to collaborate with IETE and were waiting to hear if they would accept the new contract offer. Since

IETE rejected their slightly raised royalty offer, T&F wanted to hold additional internal conversations with their Open Access colleagues to see if they can proceed as requested by IETE. They proposed to hold a meeting by mid-/late-September. The Chairman suggested scheduling it sooner.

7.3 The Special issue on "IoT, Sensor Networks, and Blockchain Technology for Smart Cities and Societies", in IETE JR is in progress. This edition will feature selected papers from the 2021 IETE Annual Conference at IETE Kolkata Centre. Prof Jyotsana Mandal and Prof Debasish De are the Guest Editors for this issue. Presently it has 13 papers and mostly under review stage.

After discussion, the Committee recommended holding an internal meeting with EICs/Editors to discuss the action plan prior to the September meeting with T&F.

7.4 This is for information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-8 DIGITAL LIBRARY

8.1 The Co-Chair informed that the IETE needs an approved online platform to accept and publish academic conference papers and research papers. T&F's proposal (F1000 (Open Research Publishing Solution)) deserves careful consideration.

8.2 At the April GC meeting in Kathmandu, it was concluded that F1000 Publishing's model did not comply with IETE's policies and values due to expenses. The committee says that Expert discussion is needed before responding to T&F with a decision. After an internal meeting with Committee members, IETE will meet with experts.

8.3 This is for the information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-9 REVIEW OF THE SUBJECT AREAS IN IETE JOURNAL OF RESEACH

9.1 During a meeting with IETE JR Editorial Board members on 5th August 2022 at IETE headquarters, it was decided to reassess and change the journal's scope and goal to welcome submissions from other domains.

9.2 The Committee advised circulating the journal's Aims and Scope to all Committee members to reach a decision.

9.3 This is for information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-10 IETE JOURNAL OF EDUCATION

10.1 Prof Ananda Mohan, EIC of the IETE Journal of Education, communicated his intention to quit by email on June 9, 2022. The concerns were discussed with the Committee Chair and Secretary General, and then with the Committee members.

10.2 The Committee after deliberation agreed that Prof. Ananda Mohan can be relieved and a letter of appreciation for his years of service can be issued.

10.3 Prof Raj Senani, the previous IETE Journal of Education Editor-in-Chief, can be contacted who consented to assume the job as he can now commit the necessary time.

10.4 This is for information & approval of the Governing Council.

ITEM-11 ANY OTHER POINT WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

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