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MINUTES OF THE 2ND (2019-20) MEETING OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE HELD AT 1630 HOURS ON 20TH MAY 2020 THROUGH ZOOM

The Members of the Committee:

Shri R K Vyas	Chairman
Prof (Col) S L Kapoor (Retd)	Co-Chairman
Dr D C Pande	Member
Shri Bhuwansing A Damahe	Member
Shri Manoj Tuli	Member

The following members were granted leave of absence:

Shri S Ramaswamy	Member
Prof (Dr) Udhav V Bhosle	Member

Secretariat:

Lt Col Dipankar Sen (Retd)	Secretary General
Mrs Sandeep Kaur Mangat	Asstt Secy (AP&PARGC)
Shri Snehasish Basu	
Shri Sanjay Setia	

ITEM-1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 1ST (2019-20) MEETING OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE HELD ON 21 DEC 2019 AT IETE HYDERABAD CENTRE

1.1 The Minutes of the 1st (2019-20) Meeting of the Publication Committee stand approved as no comments were received.

ITEM-2 PUBLISHING SCHEDULE OF IETE PUBLICATIONS

2.1 The Chairman apprised the Committee Members of current status of publication schedule of IETE Journals/ Newsletter as follows:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
IETE Newsletter	Vol 22 No 1 (Jan-Apr) issue under compilation							
IETE Journal of Research	Vol 66 No 1 Printed & ready for dispatch		Vol 66 No 2 Published online but hard copies yet to be printed		Vol 66 No 3 Proof read and corrections sent to T&F			
IETE Technical Review	Vol 37 No 1 published online & hard copies under print		Vol 37 No 2 being proof read		Vol 37 No 3 Editorial being awaited from EIC, articles ready			
IETE Journal of Education	Vol 61 No 1 (Issue is ready with 5 articles, EIC Editorial received, yet to be compiled)							

2.2 The Chairman informed about delay in printing processes of IETE Publications due to Covid-19 outbreak and subsequent national lockdown.

2.3 The breakup of subscribers informed to the committee journal-wise as on 17th Mar 2020 was as below:-

- a) Total Paid Subscribers for 2020 so far - 304.
- b) Number of copies subscribed either by paid subscribers or agents in various combinations-

IETEJR= 314
IETETR= 300
IETEJE= 194

2.4 The Chairman further added that after normalcy the members will be catered maximally through digital copies for this year, except for the paid subscribers, whose yearly payments have already been received by IETE.

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

ITEM-3 REVENUE RECEIVED IN THE SECTION

3.1 The Committee was informed about the revenue received by the section during the 1st quarter of year 2020, as follows:-

From Subscription of IETE Journals (2019) -January-till 16 Mar 2020)	Rs 16,11,850
From Extra pages (beyond 6 page length) published in IETE journals. Since Dec meeting till 16 th Mar 2020	Rs 1,43,334/-
Editorial fund as per MoU from T&F for the year 2020	Rs 3,48,250
Advertisement	Rs. 26,250
Royalty on IETE Journals from T&F for the year 2019	Rs. 3,65,444
Royalty (NBT, Robot & Robotics)	Expected in the month of Aug 2020
Royalty (Prof SC Dutta Roy's 1 st Book)	Rs. 32,000 Approx
Grant-in-Aid (DST) (TR/JR)	Rs. 4,00,000

3.2 Total Revenue received in this quarter was Rs 29, 27,128/-.

3.3 The Chairman also showed the revenue generated in this 1st quarter (2020) in comparison to four quarters of previous years.

Particulars	2020 (From Jan to Mar 2020)(in Rs)	2019 (in Rs)	2018 (in Rs)	2017 (in Rs)
Subscription	16,11,850 (16-3-2020)	29,70,495	27,06,821	26,72,136
Extra Pages	1,43,334	10,73,875	9,26,620	21,57,691
Supplement Issue (TR.. New Advances)	--	--	6,40,768	--
Supplement Issue (TR..5G)	--	--	1,45,503	--
Initial Amount rcvd from - Book Series- Prof S C Dutta Roy- Circuits Systems and Signal Processing	--	69,166	74,439	
Advertisement	26,250	26,250	22,312	95,000
Royalty(T&F & NBT)	3,65,444 (T&F)	4,75,446	1,63,064	43,101
Royalty (Prof SC Dutta Roy's Books)	32,000	17,925(1 st book)	--	--
DST Grant	4,00,000	4,00,000	4,00,000	4,00,000

Editorial Fund from T&F	3,48,250	2,13,995	1,99,420	2,03,000
Total (Rs)	29,27,128	52,47,152	52,56,635	54,75,928

3.4 The Chairman also added that actual amount received till May can only be calculated when office resumes its normal working.

3.5 This is for the information of the Governing Council.

ITEM- 4 GRANT-IN-AID FROM DST FOR IETETR AND IETEJR

4.1 Informing about the status, the Chairman said that expected financial assistance of Rs 2,00,000/ towards printing of *IETE Journal of Research* (2019-20) as announced during Hyderabad Meeting, has been received from the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), Dept of Science and Technology, New Delhi, on 30th Dec 2019. The Grant for the *IETE Technical Review* had already been received earlier.

4.2 The printed copies of 2020 IETE Publications (JR+TR) will include SERB logo as per the mandate for receiving the printing support from Science & Engg Research Board, a statutory body of the Dept of Science & Technology, Govt of India. The logo will be printed in IETEJR+TR publications till Dec 2020.

4.3 The fresh proposals for the financial year 2020-21 will be prepared and moved at appropriate time.

4.4 This is for the information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-5 IETE NEWSLETTER

5.1 The Chairman informed the Committee of the recent communication received from the Postal Dept, Lodi Road, New Delhi, that indicated enforcement of fresh postal charges for dispatch depending on actual weight of the publication. Up till now, IETE had been dispatching the Newsletter through 'Book Post' @ Rs 2/- per copy within 100 gms containing up to 32 pages, taking maximum benefits.

5.2 The Chairman stated that the present rates for book post as conveyed by post office was Rs 4/- per copy (IETENL) upto 50 grams and Rs 7/- per copy for 51-100 grams. Therefore, it has been decided to keep the news reports strictly within the stipulated word limit containing content which actually is of some importance to the readership and which highlight superior work of the Centre. Efforts will be made to prepare IETE Newsletter within 12-16 pages weighing approximately upto 45 grams.

5.3 The Chairman also informed the Committee members that a new template has been prepared by Shri Tata Sudhakar, IETE Governing Council Member, with an intention to reduce number of pages in reporting the news in IETE Newsletter.

5.4 The new template has been approved & circulated to all Centre Chairpersons/HS/HT, PACs and ISFs. The Centres have started responding in the requisite templates.

5.5 The Chairman also recommended taking out combined issue (Jan-Apr & May-Aug 2020) of the IETE Newsletter and to send only soft copies of the issue to the all members. About 50 copies may be printed.

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

ITEM-6 RELEASING FUNCTION FOR 2ND BOOK ON "TOPICS IN SIGNAL PROCESSING" BY PROF S C DUTTA ROY

6.1 Informing the members about missed release date for the 2nd Book- "*Topics in Signal Processing*" of Prof S C Dutta Roy, the Chairman said that earlier it was scheduled during 51st Mid-Term Symposium-2020 at Imphal, but the event had to be cancelled due to Corona outbreak, and now its formal release has to be re-scheduled.

6.2 The Committee recommended its formal release function to be clubbed with any next big IETE event with the consensus of Governing Council members and concurrently, the author of the Book to be consulted before fixing the venue and the date of the function.

6.3 This is for information and deliberation of the Governing Council.

ITEM-7 RENEWAL OF RNI CERTIFICATES FOR IETE PUBLICATIONS

7.1 The Chairman informed the Committee about final submission of the applications for RNI certificates for IETE TR, IETEJR, IETEJE and IETE NL at RNI office, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, New Delhi on 23rd January 2020 and 19th February 2020 respectively.

7.2 Securing RNI certificates from the RNI office would take minimum of 3 to 4 months period. The latest online status shows that our applications are under process.

7.3 Informing further, the Chairman said the whole process will be repeated after joining of new Secretary General at IETE Hqs. IETE Publications will have to go over the necessary formalities once again.

7.4 This is for the information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-8 SPECIAL ISSUE IN IETETR- INTELLIGENT MULTIMEDIA HIDING AND FORENSICS

8.1 The Chairman apprised the Committee on the progress of the Special issue. He said earlier the last date fixed for receiving papers was 31st Jan 2020, but later extended up till 15th April 2020 in view of the Corona pandemic on request from the Guest Editor of the issue. The extension was approved by the EIC IETETR.

8.2 The total articles received are twenty two (22) in number and many were under peer review process. Once all the papers are accepted, the issue will be printed at the earliest.

8.3 This is for the information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-9 SPECIAL ISSUES IN IETEJR

9.1 The Chairman briefed the Committee on other Special Issues proposals that were underway:-

- a) **VLSI DESIGN AND EMBEDDED SYSTEMS:** this proposal has 9 papers in the issue as chosen by the Guest Editor- Prof Jayadeva, out of which two submissions are still under peer review process. Other seven papers are ready online .
- b) **ICSDG2020 - International Conference on Innovations in Technology and Management for Achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):** The conference has been held during 7th-8th Feb 2020. The Organizing Chair was Dr Jyoti Prakash Naidu, J K Lakshmi Pat University, Jaipur. The papers are yet to be submitted and processed. The proposal was accepted by the EIC.
- c) This special issue proposal was from an **International Conference on Electrical & ECE (ICEECT) Technology**, requested by Dr Nirmala Madian, Assoc Professor, Dept of ECE, Shree Shakti Institute of Engg and Tech, Coimbatore. The ICEECT is to be held on Sept 15-17. 2020. But the proposal has been rejected by the EIC IETEJR.
- d) The Special issue proposal on **Natural and Bio-Inspired Algorithm for Future Communication Networks** is from Dr Seifedine Kadry, Beirut, Arab University Tarik El Jadida, Beirut, Lebanon. IETE has presented the offer of taking out a Supplement online issue on payment basis i.e.1500 US Dollars per accepted article as processing fee. It is after the acceptance of the proposal and processing fees by the EIC. The response from the proposer is awaited.

9.5 This is for the information and approval of proposals mentioned at at b) and d) by the Governing Council.

ITEM 10 HONORARIUM TO CORRESPONDING AUTHORS IN IETEJE FROM 2019

10.1 Informing the Committee of the previous decision on the token honorarium of Rs. 1000/- to each corresponding authors of the articles published in *IETE Journal of Education* (IETEJE), the Chairman said that for Vol 60 No2 Jul-Dec 2019 a total Rs 6000/- has been paid to the authors as shown in the table below and the issue has been dispatched.

MS ID	TITLE	Corresponding author
TIJE-2019-0025.R2	From design to tape-out in SCL 180nm CMOS fabrication technology	Joydeep Basu
TIJE-2019-0033.R1	Surfing the Radio Spectrum using RTL-SDR	Divyanshu Pandey
TIJE-2019-0024.R1	Role of Analytical Instruments in Forensic Science: A Pedagogical Approach	Subhransu Padhee
TIJE-2019-0031.R1	60 GHz Source for WLAN Applications Based on IEEE 802.11ad Protocol Standards	Aritra Acharyya
TIJE-2019-0022.R2	Deriving Poynting Theorem – a student friendly approach	Gowrish B
TIJE-2019-0028.R2	Analysis, Design and Development of a Compact LVDT for in-Reactor Experiments	P K Chaurasia

10.2 This is for the information of the Governing Council.

ITEM 11 REGARDING CONTRIBUTIONS IN IETEJE

11.1 The Chairman suggested circulating the Document entitled, "A Development Plan", once again to the Committee members with a request for their inputs and suggestion in the matter.

11.2 The Corp members who responded and showed interest in submitting articles may be followed up and prompted to submit in the required format.

11.3 This is for the information of the Governing Council.

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UNDER ANY OTHER MATTER WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

12.1 The meeting was opened for discussions. The Members were encouraged to give their views and suggestions.

12.2 The highlights of discussion held on various issues were as under:

- a) Dr D C Pande suggested IETE to publish area specific journals on the same lines as that of IEEE. Areas suggested included-Microwave, Antenna Propagation, Electro Magnetic etc like IEEE Antennas and Propagation Magazine; IEEE Transactions on Antennas and Propagation; IEEE Circuits and Devices Magazine; IEEE Transactions on Microwave Theory and Techniques etc.
- b) Shri B A Damahe endorsed the above suggestion and added IETE could also think of taking out a column in any of the existing IEE journals on new technologies, such as Digital Twins and Artificial Intelligence.
- c) Few other areas suggested were on Bandwidth, Management Services - AI, Microwave, Infrastructure, KPI etc.
- d) The Committee was of the view that if incentives are given to IETE Editors/ Reviewers, the value of IETE journals would enhance apart from tackling the backlog issues. Though IEEE does not have any such practice but they have their brand value and individuals willingly do quick review work for them. Likewise IETE could deliberate on giving decent cash incentives to the Editors/reviewers to build up the name.

12.3
following:-

- Recommendations:** After due deliberations, the Committee recommended the following:-
- a) Dr D C Pande to suggest proper subject specific Editorial team members after discussions with known experts. A proposal can then be forwarded to Committee / Governing Council for their consideration.
 - b) The Publication committee members were also invited to suggest potential names for Editors for inclusion in the proposal.
 - c) It was recommended that the incentive or reward money could be decided between 3000/- to 5000/- for the Editors and reviewers of IETE Journals including the EICs. It was viewed that the matter could also be initially discussed with Editor-in-Chief.
 - d) The meeting of the Committee members with EICs be arranged by July end once things are normalized.

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

ITEM13 VOTE OF THANKS

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

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