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**MINUTES OF THE 1ST (2023-24) ONLINE MEETING OF THE PUBLICATIONS
COMMITTEE HELD AT 1600 HOURS ON 01 NOVEMBER 2023 THROUGH ZOOM**

The following were present: -

Shri Gurmukh Singh	Chairman
Dr Jyoti Singhai	Co-Chairperson
Dr K Jayasankar Kottareddy	Member
Dr R D Kharadkar	Member
Col (Dr) B C Pandey (Retd)	Member
Dr V V Shete	Member
Dr V Thulasibai	Member
Prof H S Bhatia	Co-opted Member
Dr D K Lobiyal	Co-opted Member
Dr J K Mandal	Co-opted Member

Secretariat:

Gp Capt Sonpal Singh, (Retd)	Secretary General
Mrs Sandeep Kaur Mangat	Asstt Secy
Shri Sanjay Setia	Member Staff

**ITEM-1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 3RD (2022-23) MEETING
OF IETE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE HELD ON 03 JULY 2023 AT 1800 HOURS
THROUGH ZOOM.**

1.1 It was reported that the minutes had been distributed and that no comments had been received. Members endorsed the Minutes with unanimity.

**ITEM-2 ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING AND PROGRESS
MADE**

2.1 **Retraction Issue in IETEJR:** The Committee was informed that the 4th G C Meeting (2022-23) in Dehradun decided to reconsider T&F's Ethics Committee's objections to retracting the Supplement issue on "Federated Learning for Blockchain Systems and Industrial Internet of Things". However, the section needed the final GC Minutes of the Dehradun Meeting

to act. Two days before the September Meeting of 15 Sep 2023, when Awards and AIC 2023 occupied the section of time, these Minutes were released.

2.2 It was informed to the Committee that T&F informed IETE and EIC IETEJR via email on September 12, 2023, that they would contact all relevant authors to retract their articles (see **Appendix "A"**). This decision was decided upon after an online IETE-T&F meeting on June 19, 2023. This was followed by the prompt transmission of emails (**Appendix "B"**) to all involved authors, including a copy to IETE and the EIC of IETEJR. The authors promptly responded to their situation.

2.3 The situation had already been communicated to Immdt Past President Prof Gunasekhar Reddy, past Committee Chair Prof K Jayasankar, President Prof A K Saini, EIC IETEJR Prof Shibani K Koul, and Secretary General IETE. IETE ultimately chose not to intervene because the conversation was happening between T&F and the authors.

2.4 The T&F's answer to authors' outrage is attached in **Appendix "C"**.

2.5 Following approval of the decision to restore APC to the corresponding authors, T&F wrote IETE to start the refund process for each author. T&F rejected for this action since T&F hadn't raised the money.

2.6 Once the IETE President was informed of the step, IETE emailed every corresponding author for bank details for repaying money.

2.7 Following the correspondence initiated by the IETE, wherein letters were issued asking bank information, it is noteworthy that one of the authors of the SI Issue proceeded to compose an unpleasant email addressed to the IETE (refer to **Appendix-D**).

2.8 T&F are comfortable with their retraction choice, however the EIC and Aldonita think IETE should consult their legal advisor about the retraction issue to preserve their interests.

2.9. **The subject matter was extensively deliberated. After careful considerations, the members collectively concluded that: -**

a) **The matter at hand is not straightforward. Even if one author claims to be able to take the case to court, it is advisable for IETE to prepare its case, establish guidelines, and seek legal advice from a specialized legal advisor experienced in handling similar issues. Members also advised to seek guidance from a Chartered Accountant, as the revenue generated has been reported in the Annual reports for the past two years. IETE should ensure that it is prepared with a comprehensive record of its actions in the event that the matter is brought before the court tomorrow. The formulation of a well-structured action plan is essential in order to effectively respond to the court.**

b) **The members expressed the perspective that editorial errors can occur even in reputable Journals. The editorial board was obliged to acknowledge the error, which did occur although and with an apology, the issue was resolved. However, IETE must ensure that it has prepared the necessary supporting documents.**

c) It has also been suggested that authors who have provided their bank details should promptly receive a return of the funds. Conversely, authors who express their reluctance to disclose such information should be sent the cheques at their respective addresses.

d) Members suggested to make an Ethics Committee to resolve Publication Issues so that similar cases be referred to this committee for handling any future occurrences. The guidelines should be written and presented to the Committee as soon as possible.

e) In addition to the decision to concur with T&F about the retraction of the issue and the subsequent refunding of the corresponding authors, it is imperative to identify any culpability on the part of the editors and reviewers involved. These individuals should be duly identified and flagged, while the group of GE's and his staff should be thoroughly excluded from any involvement in activities pertaining to the IETE at least for some years i.e. 3 year or 5 year as per the decision.

f) In order to document the whole list of individuals involved in reviewing the papers pertaining to the matter at hand, it is proposed that a formal communication be drafted to inform them that, for the foreseeable future, there will be a cessation of review duties, editorial responsibilities, while simultaneously informing them that no more submissions of papers would be accepted. The email from T&F may be included as an attachment to the letter.

2.10 This is for the information & deliberation of the Governing Council.

ITEM-3 MEETING WITH EICS OF IETEJR ON 11TH OCT 2023

3.1 The Chairman briefed the members that on Oct 11, 2023, IETE convened a meeting with the Editors-in-Chief of IETE JR Prof Shibani Koul, Prof Ranjan K Mallik, President IETE to deliberate on subjects pertaining to the IETE Journal of Research.

3.2 The meeting's highlights include IETE's plan to rename the Publication Section to the Publication Division, IETEJR's revised goals and objectives, emphasis on backlog management, collaborative workshops with sister societies, workshops on paper writing, and inviting editors and reviewers to participate in IETE functions. The Minutes of the meeting are placed at **Appendix "E"**.

3.3 The pros and cons of increasing the number of parts per issue (i.e., to 24 editions with 50 articles per edition) are also detailed in **Appendix "F"** for the Committee Members' viewing and information.

3.4 EIC IETE JR, Prof. Shibani Koul suggested to increase number of articles in each issue to 100 from the existing 70 for a total of 12 issues per year, if the expenditures go up for total 24 issues in one year.

3.5 The Chair of the Committee told the members that price analysis was done and it was decided that 12 issues with more articles would still be better than 24 issues to curb the enhanced expenditure due to increase in the number of articles.

3.6 The Committee was made aware of an email from T&F that said the publication of 100 items every issue, as opposed to the usual 70, would be too much for their staff. In 2024, however, if they find that it is viable, it may be considered.

3.7 After giving it a lot of thought, the Committee recommended going back to T&F and asking again to include more articles in each issue because the backlog was getting bigger.

3.8 Additionally, it was also suggested that since more articles can be included in each issue beginning next year, a minimum increase of 25% in subscription rates be allowed to ensure seamless operations. Furthermore, IETE Publications may consider surging its marketing efforts and augmenting the number of pages charges.

3.9 This is for the approval of the Governing Council.

ITEM-4 PUBLISHING SCHEDULE OF IETE PUBLICATIONS

4.1 The publishing status of IETE journals (IETEJR-12 issues; IETETR-6 Issues , IETEJE-2 Issues and IETE NL- 3 Issues) were informed to the Committee as under:-

Publication	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
IETE Newsletter	Vol.25 no.2 (May-Aug'23) Printed & dispatched				News items under compilation			
IETE Journal of Research	Vol 69(5) May'23 - Issue with 70 articles Despatched	Vol 69(6) June'23 - Issue with 70 articles Despatched	Vol 69(7) July'23 -Issue with 70 articles Despatched	Vol 69(8) Aug '23 -Issue with 70 articles published	Vol 69(9) Sept23 - Issue with 70 articles Under final rounds of proofing	Vol 69(10) Oct 23 - Issue with 70 articles -With IETE		
IETE Technical Review	Vol 40(3)May-June'23 -Issue with 09 Articles Despatched		Vol 40(4)July-Aug '23- Issue with 09 Articles Despatched		Vol 40(5) Sep-Oct '23- Issue with 09 Articles Despatched		Vol 40(6) Nov-Dec '23- IETE final corrections given	
IETE Journal of Education			Vol.64 (2) July -Dec'23 Under compilation					

4.2 This is for the information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-5 REVENUE GENERATED FROM THE SECTION

5.1 The revenue achieved so far this year, in comparison to previous years was informed as under:-

REVENUE GENERATED FROM THE SECTION(as on 23-10-2023)						
Particulars	Amount (Rs) 2023(Jan till now)	Amount (Rs) 2022 (Jan- Dec)	Amount (Rs) 2021(Jan-Dec)	Amount (Rs) 2020(Jan- Dec)	Amount (Rs) 2019(Jan- Dec)	
Subscription	49,63,055/-	34,40,200/-	22,76,375/-(as on 10 Dec 2021)	21,84,950/-	29,70,495/-	
Extra page charges (Jan-Dec)	55,62,505/-(to increase)	92,39,636/-	12,63,539/- (as on 22 Dec 2021)	6,99,116/-	10,73,875/-	
Grant-in-Aid from SERB. DST (TR/JR)	4,00,000/-for TR (2022-23) Rcvd on 5 Nov 2022 for the year 2023. 3,00,000/forJ R (2022-23) rcvd on 1 Feb 2023 4,00,000/-for TR (2023-24) Rcvd on 15 Sep 23 for the year 2023. 3,50,000/forJ R (2023-24) Rcvd on 15 Sep 23for the year 2023	6,00,000/- (forTR: 2021- 22 & also for 2020-21) on 28 th Jan 2022 because TR fund was not released previous year. Rs 3,00,000/- for the JR (2021-22) on 11 Feb 22	2,00,000/-(for JR) (2020-21)	4,00,000/- (for TR/JR)	4,00,000/- (for JR/TR)	
Royalty (Prof SC Dutta Roy's Books) Total revenue from Books rcvd as on date (13 Mar 2023) CSSP : Initial Amt - 74.439.77(2018)	88.82Euros (14 Aug 23) but not yet released as the amount	CSSP 8185.39 (royalty for 2021 Rcvd on 12-8-22)	CSSP 6,326.00 (Royalty for 2020) Rcvd on 18-3- 2021	CSSP 16,877.57(R oyalty for 2019) Rcvd on 28- 4-2020	CSSP 17,925.00-	Initial amt (2018) 74,43 9.77

Royalty - 49,313.96 SP: Initial Amt – - 69,166.28(2019) Royalty - 29,216.42 Rs2,22,136.86/- =====	generated is< than threshold value (100 Euros), will be released next year	SP 4031.61 (Royalty for 2021 Rcvd on 12-8-22)	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 69,166.2 8(Initial amount in 2019)
Royalty(NBT, Robot & Robotics)	21,736 out of 67,607 (2/3 is given to author)	35,770/- (2/3 given to author)	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	5,15,798	4,35,429/- (Rcvd on 25 th Feb 2022)	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	3,98,347.08 (rcvd on 31 Jan 2023	3,64,000.77 (Rcvd on 25 th Jan 2022	3,56,495/-	3,48,250/-	2,13,995/-
Advertisement	41,600 on 21 Apr 2023 &22 June 2023	30,500/- (2 ads in JR)	10,500/-	63,000/-	
Total Revenue received till date i.e 23 Oct 2023	1,29,53,041/-	1,44,57,752.7 7/-	45,90,150.06	41,46,586.3 2	52,20,902.2 8

5.2 This is for the information of Governing Council.

ITEM-6 EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE SECTION

6.1 The expenditure incurred so far this year, in comparison to previous years was informed as under:-

S. no.	Consolidated Cost incurred for IETE JR/TR/JE/News Letter	2023 in Rs (as on 23 Oct 2023) JR- 12 TR-6 JE-2 NL-3	2022 in Rs (Jan- Dec)JR- 6 TR-6 JE-2 NL-3	2021 in Rs (Jan- Dec)JR- 6 TR-6 JE-2 NL-3
1	Printing Cost IETE JR(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8)	3546,697/-	4072650	10,09,807
2	Printing Cost IETE TR(1,2,3,4,5)	4,82,425/-		

3	Printing Cost IETE JE(1)	37,765/-		
4	Printing Cost IETE NL ((1,2))	32,890/-		
5	Envelopes cost (JR,TR& JE) @Rs 33 incl GST)	66,080/- (2000 envelopes)	1,30,407	
6	Postal Charges TR/TR/JE (as on 23-10-2023)	3,49,097/-	3,98,150	1,37,789
7	Annual Fee to T&F of previous year (under process file sent on 21-02-23 Acct.)	8,22,200(dollar rates increased)	7,25,000	7,41,214
8	Supplement issues	(SI APC charges to be returned) Approx Rs 40,00,000/-	2800309	
9.	Royalty NBT (2/3 money goes to author)	45,871 out of 67,607	Rs 23847/-	Rs 26,059/=
10.	Honorarium (JE Authors)	(Honorarium continuation decision Pending)	7000	5000
	TOTAL EXPENSES	54,28,896/-	81,33,516	18,93,810

6.2 The Committee was of the view that SI APC charges of Rs.40,00,000/-, that are to be refunded, may also be added to the total sum of expenses for the year. With that, the total expenses would be Rs. 94,28,896/-

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

ITEM-7 HONORARIUM TO CORRESPONDING AUTHROS IN IETEJE

7.1 The members were briefed about the recommendation made during the Publications Committee meeting held in April 2019. As per that, an honorarium of Rs 1,000/- was awarded to the corresponding author of an article that is accepted for publication in the IETE JE. The decision to take this stance was motivated by the fact that the IETE Journal of Education was experiencing a shortage of papers. Since the appointment of Prof. Raj Senani as the new Editor-in-Chief (EIC) of the IETE Journal of Research, there has been a notable increase in the number of accepted papers and is currently undergoing peer review.

7.2 Following discussions, a recommendation was made to stop rewarding the corresponding authors of approved articles in the IETE Journal of Education with a monetary honorarium of Rs 1000.

7.3 This is for the approval of the Governing Council.

ITEM-8 STATUS OF RNI RENEWAL CERTIFICATES FOR IETE PUBLICATIONS

8.1 The members were updated on the present standing of RNI Certificates and told that IETE must apply to renewals and is awaiting a few administrative decisions.

8.2 After thorough discussion committee recommended to wait until December 2023 Governing Council meeting after that procedure can be initiated. Members also opined that this was a routine type administrative issue on which appropriate action is to be taken by the Publications Section itself as and when the need arises.

8.3 This is for the information of the Governing Council.

ITEM 9 SPECIAL ISSUE IETEJR ON "IoT SENSOR NETWORKS AND BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY FOR SMART CITIES AND SOCIETIES"

9.1 Members were briefed about the status of Special Issue "IoT Sensor Networks and Blockchain Technology for Smart Cities and Societies". The Volume 69, Issue 9 of the Journal of Research, includes ten (10) selected articles from AIC 2021 for which the guest editors are Prof JK Mandal & Prof Debashis De. Additionally, the Journal includes a total of 60 (sixty) other accepted articles, forming a hybrid publication. It will soon be published online.

9.2 This is for the information of the Governing Council.

ITEM 10 REGULAR ISSUE REQUEST ON PAPERS FROM IICI 2023, BAGALORE ON "AI & ML DRIVING 5G-ADVANCED AND 6G"

10.1 Shri Puneet Mishra, Vice Chairman, IETE Bangalore Centre and TPPC Chair of the event, has been requested latest on 30th Sept 2023 to provide an update on the task of selecting papers presented at IICI 2023 on AI & ML Driving 5G-Advanced and 6G. The response is still awaited.

10.2 Additionally, it was made known that this proposition for the publication of a special issue of IICI-2023 had been previously sanctioned by the EIC and committee members, and subsequently by the governing council at previous meetings.

10.3 In light of the fact that Shri Puneet Mishra has not yet responded, the Committee advised dropping the proposal to publish the Special Issue/Proceedings of the IETE Bangalore Centre conference.

10.4 This is for the information and approval of the Committee.

ITEM-11 BOOK PROPOSAL BY PROF S C DUTTA ROY, DFIETE

11.1 The Members were told about a new proposal submitted by Prof S C Dutta Roy, a Distinguished Fellow of IETE, suggesting the publication of a third book with IETE. The proposed book is named "Topics in Circuit Theory - Passive, Active, and Distributed" (see Appendix -G).

11.2 The earlier two books authored by Prof Dutta Roy and published under the IETE Book series, are titled "**Circuits, Systems, and Signal Processing**" and "**Topics in Signal Processing**," have garnered considerable success and established a positive reputation. This information is consistently highlighted in the Minutes of the IETE Publications Committee. The aforementioned publications have also yielded a significant royalty amounting of Rs **2,22,136.86** for the IETE to date. Since the royalty generated this year fell below the threshold, Springer will combine the amount generated with the amount generated the following year and transfer it to IETE.

11.3 IETE paid a sum of Rs **45,417/-** towards the preparation of the first book, while an amount of Rs **43,345/-** was spent for the preparation of the second book. These expenses are necessary in order to transform the works of author from PDF format into an editable format while maintaining the integrity of equations.

11.4 Similarly, an approximate equivalent amount will be necessary for essential conversions for the third book, if the proposal stands approved.

11.5 However, the author this time has a condition to assign the copyright to IETE. He has also requested the creation of a fund out of the royalty that IETE would receive to support the travel of "ANY STUDENT AWARDEE" to attend the IETE Annual Convention. It should go by the name "IETE- Dutta Roy Travel Fellowship." The first Fellowship will be awarded when adequate funds would be available but the student will undertake travel by the least expensive method. Details are given in **Appendix "G"**.

11.6 After careful consideration, the Committee advised moving forward with Prof. S. C. Dutta Roy's book proposal and allocating Rs 60,000/- to convert the author's works from PDF format to an editable version. However, it was also emphasized that the clauses of the agreement be thoroughly reviewed to ensure that IETE maintains ownership of the copyright. It was also suggested that Springers be contacted to explore the possibility of more exposure to IETE in the Book including insertion of a page at the end highlighting IETE activities and achievements. Co-chairperson and Members also opined that for taking up the publication of the third book, IETE should have the exclusive ownership of copyright

11.7 This is for the approval of the Governing Council.

ITEM 12 PROPOSALS FOR NEW IETE JOURNALS

12.1 There have been multiple talks recently about the necessity for IETE to launch a new Journal, such as

(a) A proposal for the establishment of a new "**Multidisciplinary Journal**" by IETE was endorsed by the Governing Council subsequent to the recommendation put forth at the **1st (2022-23) Publications Committee Meeting**, which took place on Nov 30th, 2022. The National Education Policy 2020 guidelines, as stated by the previous Publication Committee (2022-23), primarily aim to foresee and advance the establishment of a diverse educational system throughout the nation.

They believe that IETE should provide a publication platform for authors whose work lies within IETE's scope, i.e., authors whose research incorporates E&TC, IoT, AI, Big Data, ML, and so forth. In order to support authors and contributors from a variety of disciplines—including those related to IETE domains and others—the Committee had emphasized that IETE should establish a multidisciplinary journal first.

(b) Professor Saifur Rehman, President, IEEE, had stated that he hoped **IETE will explore the prospect of co-publishing with IEEE** when the Memorandum of Understanding was signed on August 20, 2023 between IETE & IEEE. The President, IEEE mentioned this earlier when he personally visited the IETE Stall in Bangalore in December 2022 during MAPCON -2022. Therefore it was decided upon, when the MoU was signed on August 20, 2023, but it hasn't been started yet.

(c) Following discussions with the EICs on October 11, 2023, it was proposed that **a new IETE Journal (IETE Journal on any Emerging Area)** be established with an effective date of 2024. This potential new journal, unaffiliated with T&F, could explore any emerging subject matter that IETE determines to be of interest. In order to establish an editorial board, the correspondence could be initiated with the existing EICs. Work has not commenced as of yet.

12.2 The members reached the following conclusion after much deliberation: launching a new journal would necessitate a fully operational Editorial Board with an EIC composed of subject matter experts; selecting a publisher; reaching an agreement with the interested party to safeguard IETE interests and subsequently executing an MOU with them; creating a portal, which requires a substantial amount of time; ensuring adequate publicity and submissions; and, most importantly, increasing the workforce to manage the increased workload.

The Members expressed that IETE lacked the infrastructure to publish a new journal. A new journal must be launched in partnership with another party. Therefore, co-publishing and expanding support staff and infrastructure are options.

12.3 This is for deliberation of the Governing Council.

ITEM-13 STATUS OF SPECIAL /SUPPLEMENT ISSUES (SI) IN IETE JR/TR

13.1 The response to Supplement Issues of the IETE Journal of Research is positive. According to the agreement reached with T&F at a meeting on February 28, 2023, any Supplement Issue proposal that is prepared to pay an APC (Article Processing Charges of \$1,500 per accepted article) for its open access issues must first be reviewed by the EIC and his team of Dy-EICs before being sent to T&F for additional verifications; if approved, T&F will then make an agreement for Supplement Issue to be signed by all Guest editors

13.2

The current status of various Supplement Issues in IETE JR/TR are:-

Supplement Issues	Status	Remarks
➤ AN OLD SUPPLEMENT ISSUE		
Machine learning for Energy Efficient Electronic Circuits and Computing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SI ready with 16 accepted articles. - Revenue collected- Rs 15,73,854/- - 50% yet to be shared with T&F 	Awaiting final compilation & release
➤ FRESH SI PROPOSALS THAT HAVE RECEIVED CLEARANCE BY IETE & T&F ARE:-		
(i) Human Behaviour Analysis Using Fuzzy Neural Networks by Dr MM Kamruzzaman, Saudi Arabia	SI Agreement awaited	Proposers are ready for APC OA SIs
(ii) Explainable Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning assisted Blockchain Computing: Concepts, Advancements and Future Perspectives by Dr Amandeep Kaur, Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University; Dept of CSE, Chandigarh University, Mohali	SI Agreement awaited	
(iii) Cognitive Communication Networking Technologies for Mobile Multimedia Systems by Dr Khalid Haseeb, Islamia College, Peshawar, Pakistan	SI Agreement awaited	
(iv) Adaptive Role of Intelligent Control Systems for Autonomous Vehicles by Dr Bala Anand Muthu, Tagore Institute of Engineering and Technology, Salem	SI Agreement awaited	
(v) Artificial Intelligence Techniques for green IOT by Dr Prakash Ishwar, Boston University, Boston, USA	SI Agreement awaited	
vi) The Convergence of Embedded Systems and Software Related Microarchitectural Aspects with Guest editors- Dr Jian Su , Nanjing University of Information Science and Technology, China; Dr Yu Xue , Nanjing University of Information Science and Technology, Nanjing, China; Dr J K Aggarwal , The University of Texas at Austin, Austin Texas, USA.	SI Agreement awaited	
➤ CLEARANCE AWAITED FROM T&F		

(i) Explainable AI(XAI)-Applications, Challenges and future Aspects with Human Interpretable Explanations by Dr Parikshit N Mahalle, Vishwakarma Institute of Information Technology	Rcvd EIC Clearance but awaiting T&F's signal	Proposers are ready for APC OA SIs
➤ PROPOSALS REJECTED BY EIC'S FOR VARIOUS REASONS		
<i>a)Proposals in IETE Journal of Research (12)</i>		
(i) Big Data Analytics and Intelligent Techniques for Business Management Systems by Ahmad Farouk		
(ii) AI-Driven Solutions for Next -Generation Networks by Ahmad Farouk		
(iii) The Convergence of Encryption and Decryption Algorithms for Security in WSN by Dr S B Goyal		
(iv) Data Science for Emerging Digital Era by Dr. Olufunke Rebecca Vincent Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Ogun State, Nigeria		
(v) Data Mining Tools and Techniques on Big Data Challenges and Advance , by Dr Toqir Ahmad Rana, Associate Professor University of Lahore, Pakistan		
(vi) New Frontiers In Sentiment Analysis And Opinion Mining For E-Commerce Applications , by Dr.Toqir Ahmad Rana, Associate Professor Department of Computer Science and Information Technology, The University of Lahore, Pakistan		
(vii) State-of The-Art Stochastic Modeling and Control Theory by Dr Waqas Nazeer, Assistant Professor, Dept of Mathematics, Govt College University, Lahore, Pakistan.		
(viii) Recent Research In The Modeling And Simulation Of Complex Systems by Nauman Ahmed		
ix) Distributed Wireless Quantum Communication Networks for Managing Sustainable Environment by Mohd Helmy Abd Wahab		
x) Exploring The Rise of wireless communications in Digital Era by Dr Imran Khan		
xi) Innovations in Resource Allocation Mechanisms in Computer Networks by Dr Abdul hameed Pitafi		
xii) Energy Harvesting for Low Power Devices and systems and Application to Wireless Sensors Networks IoT by Dr Ahmad H Sabry		
<i>b)Proposals for IETE Technical Review(4)</i>		
(i) Beyond Conventional Optimization A Comprehensive Review of Evolutionary Nature Inspired and Swarm Intelligence Based Techniques , Dr Parikshit Narendra Mahalle: Proposal for IETE Technical Review		
ii) Advances in Multiple Instances Learning for Multimedia Applications by Dr Hammam Alshazly		
iii) Intelligent Control Techniques for Autonomous Systems and Robotics by Dr Subrata Kumar Sarkar		
iv) Deep Learning Techniques for Automated Diagnosis and Treatment Planning in Bioinformatics by Dr Shakir Khan		
➤ PROPOSALS IN PIPELINE		

(i)	Advancements in the Management of Resources for Ad-Hoc ,Wireless,and Mobile Networks by Dr. PeiyongZhang,China University of Petroleum (East China), Qingdao, China	Pending with EIC'S	Proposers are ready for APC OA SIs
(ii)	Special Issue Proposal on Cognitive-Inspired Multimedia Information Processing for Predicting Consumer Trend in E-commerce," by Dr Sultan Ahmad		
➤ PROPOSALS REJECTED FOR NOT ACCEPTING APC CHARGES			
(i) Special Issue Proposal "Empowering Smart Cities with Social Sensing Technologies by Dr. Hari Mohan Rai, Ph.D. (MGE) , Assistant Professor, School of Soft Computing, Gachon University, South Korea,			
(ii) Special Issue Proposal "Evolutionary Computation for Optimizing Aggregation Methods in Decision-Making Systems" by Dr. Kavikumar Jacob , Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology, University Tun Hussein Onn, Malaysia Batu Pahat, 86400, Johar, Malaysia			
(iii) Special Issue Proposal "High-Performance Computing For Climate Informatics" by Dr. Hammam Alshazly , Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, Faculty of Computers and Information, South Valley University, Qena 83523, Egypt			
(iv) Special Issue Proposal "Implications of Artificial Intelligence for Efficient Decision Making in Future Digital Era" by Dr Qahtan M. Yas , Department of Electronic Computer, University of Diyala, Baqubah, Iraq.			
(v) Special Issue Proposal on "Intelligent Information Systems for Data Management, Processes, Applications in E-commerce Environments" by Dr. Adeleh Asemi Zavareh , Department of Software Engineering, Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology, University Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia			
(vi) Special issue proposal "Deep Learning Algorithms for Multi-Camera Multi-Person Re-Identification" by Dr. Alireza Sharifi , Associate Professor, Department of Surveying Engineering, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Shahid Rajaei Teacher Training University, Tehran, Iran			
vii) Graph Powered Big Aerospace Data Processing by Dr Zhigao			

13.3 Special Issues in IETE Journal of Research

- a) Prof V V Shete, the Chairman of the IETE Pune Centre, submitted a special issue request on September 7, 2023. According to him, high-quality papers selected at 66th AIC 2023 on the subject of "**The Role of 5G in Enabling Digital Transformation for Rural Upliftment**" may be considered for publication in IETE JR if they are accepted.
- b) Yet another request received from SRMIST, Kattankulathur, Dept of Data Science and Business Systems, requests high-quality papers from their upcoming Conference on "**Recent Advances in Data Science in Instrumentation Technology**" (nCADSIT'24) on Jan 22-23, 2024 be considered for publishing in IETEJR. EIC IETEJR asks the Publication Committee to review and consider.

13.4 A thorough deliberation took place on above submissions. The members reached a consensus that now onwards; all requests for publication of conference papers should be submitted by authors one year in advance but for publishing as Proceedings and not as Special issue of IETE Journal. They expressed that it was generally noticed that papers submitted in Conferences do not meet the required standards of publications in any IETE Journal. Therefore, these papers should not be included in the Special Issues of IETE Journal of Research. In view of this, Members strongly suggested that, now onwards, no Special Issues of IETE JR may be published by IETE for any conference papers and only Proceedings of the Conference be prepared.

13.5 This is for the approval of the Governing Council.

ITEM 14 PRINTING AND POSTING OF MORE COPIES OF IETE NEWSLETTER

14.1 The Committee Members were briefed about suggestion of some members of the Governing Council regarding printing and mailing of physical copies of the IETE Newsletter to key categories of IETE members, including GCs, HFs, DFs, IETE Centres/Sub-Centres/PACs, and ISF Coordinators.

14.2 The Committee was apprised that all categories receive copies electronically and only five copies are printed for designated recipients.

14.3 After due deliberation Committee recommended that status quo be maintained regarding printing of IETE Newsletters hard copies.

14.4 This is for the approval of the Governing Council.

ITEM-15 The meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair.

Ref: IETE/J-266/1st (2023-24)/PUBS

Date: 01 Dec 2023

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Mon, Sep 11, 2023 at 7:01 PM

Dear Sandeep and Prof. Koul

I hope you are doing well!

I am writing in regard to the special issue of *IETE Journal of Research* entitled **Federated Learning for Blockchain Systems and Industrial Internet of Things**. As discussed during the June 19, 2022 meeting between T&F and the IETE Society, we are in the process of retracting all of the articles in the issue. I would like to inform you that today we will begin sending out the retraction notice e-mails to the authors of the Special Issue. We will be sure to cc you on these communications. As a friendly reminder, please note that the details discussed during the June 19th meeting are highly sensitive and we ask if you could please be sure not to share any of the details with the Guest Editor of the SI or anyone outside of IETE who does not need to know this information.

Regards

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Appendix B



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Dear M. Kavitha Margret, E. Golden Julie, Y. Harold Robinson, D. Vijayanandh, S. Vimal, Seifidine Kadry, Ahmed M. El-Sherbeeney and Mohammed A. El-Meligy

I'm writing to you in regards to your recently published article, which was published as part of the special issue titled **Federated Learning for Blockchain Systems and Industrial Internet of Things**

M. Kavitha Margret, E. Golden Julie, Y. Harold Robinson, D. Vijayanandh, S. Vimal, Seifidine Kadry, Ahmed M. El-Sherbeeney & Mohammed A. El-Meligy (2021) SmartPharma: Blockchain Enabled Internet of Things for Smart Pharmaceutical Traceability System. IETE Journal of Research. DOI: 10.1080/03772063.2021.1994041

It has come to our attention that this article was the target of unethical peer review manipulation. The result is that the article was not subject to an acceptable level of editorial assessment according to our peer review standards and policy. As a result, we will be retracting your article.

I understand this will be disappointing for you and your co-authors and we are sorry for any inconvenience caused. Please be assured we are working on strengthening our peer review processes so this type of situation can be avoided in the future.

The retraction notice will be as follows:

TIJR special issue retraction notice

We thank you for your contribution to the special issue of the *IETE Journal of Research*. We regretfully retracted the following article, which reports on research in the special issue titled **Federated Learning for Blockchain Systems and Industrial Internet of Things**.

M. Kavitha Margret, E. Golden Julie, Y. Harold Robinson, D. Vijayanandh, S. Vimal, Seifidine Kadry, Ahmed M. El-Sherbeeney & Mohammed A. El-Meligy (2021) SmartPharma: Blockchain Enabled Internet of Things for Smart Pharmaceutical Traceability System. IETE Journal of Research. DOI: 10.1080/03772063.2021.1994041

Following retraction, the article will be removed from the journal website and all other arrangements for this special issue will be handled accordingly.

It was confirmed that the articles included in this special issue were not reviewed appropriately, in line with the Journal's peer review standards and policy.

The Editor and the Editorial Board have discussed the matter and the Editor and the Editorial Board have written the above named letter to you.

The journal is committed to correcting the scientific record and will fully cooperate with any institutional enquiries into the matter. The authors have been informed of this decision.

The retracted articles will remain online to maintain the scholarly record, but they will be digitally watermarked on each page as follows:

In accordance with COPE guidelines and our Editorial Policies, we will take the following steps to retract your article:

- Add a "retracted" watermark to the published Version of Record of the article
- Issue a separate retraction statement titled "Retraction [article title]", that will be linked to the retracted article on Taylor & Francis Online. Please see above
- Paginate and make available the retraction statement in the online issue of the journal

We are aiming to publish the Retraction notice within the next few weeks. If you have any questions or concerns, please respond within 7 days.

Best wishes
Nita Gibson

On behalf of the Institution of Electronics and Telecommunications Engineers and Taylor & Francis

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Dear M. Kavitha Margret, F. Golden Julie, Y. Harold Robinson, D. Vijayanandh, S. S. Saifidine Kadir, Ahmed M. El-Sherbeeny and Mohammed A. El-Meligy,

Thank you for your response regarding the retraction of your article in the Special Issue of *IETE Journal of Research* entitled **Federated Learning for Blockchain Systems and Industrial Internet of Things**.

I acknowledge the points you have raised in relation to the retraction and recognize the length of time elapsed since publication.

However, as an academic publisher, we are responsible for the accuracy of the published record and must act accordingly where it is identified that our processes and systems have been potentially manipulated.

As you will note in the retraction notice, we have commented on the editorial handling of the manuscript and not the content or accuracy of the article itself. As stated, the way that your article was handled is the grounds for the retraction.

We are confident that this investigation has been conducted in line with both T&F policies and the Committee on Publication Ethics guidance.

You are welcome to submit your article to another journal, however you must disclose the retraction and provide an explanation in the covering letter. If the new journal requires confirmation of any details, for you to provide them with my contact details. Likewise, if your institution requires an explanation for the retraction, again, we are amenable to providing information.

I will notify you once the new article has been published.

I wish you success for the future.

Regards

Nita

Aldonita Gibson

10/27/21 9:04 PM

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Annexure - D

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Dear Mrs. Manjat

Regretfully, I must inform you that all the communications that I have received so far from your journal and publisher with regard to this retraction have been grossly dissatisfactory, unprofessional and unethical.

First of all, the individual communication that your publisher claims to have made to the authors seeking their opinion about the retraction and the highly objectionable and insinuating message that you have published subsequently on your website, appeared nothing other than a sham. Despite me having raised objections about the wording of that statement that insinuated that the authors could have been involved in the compromised peer review from your end, all that your representative kept pumping was that you were doing things according to your policy, which made the process of seeking the authors' opinion an exercise in futility.

Let me make my position on this absolutely clear once and for all. The compromised peer review is entirely your fault and negligence. You control the journal and employ its editors and engage the peers. Any compromise of that process is therefore your liability both direct and vicarious. You were accordingly supposed to have conducted a full and detailed investigation and held the concerned parties accountable. If in that process you came across evidence of any author involvement, then you were even free to name and shame them. Instead, what you have done is retract the paper, retain the author profiles and data on your website and issued a statement saying that you have not confirmed that the authors were aware of this gross negligence and bad faith compromised process from your end! The entire process insinuates that you are trying to get the authors involved and besmirch their reputation for your fault. Any reasonable individual who looks at that page at present will associate the authors and their institutions with this unethical process, thereby damaging their reputation irreparably. I once again state that this opens you and your journal up to legal action that I will be compelled to take if the possibility of such reputational damage continues to exist!

In addition, you now wish to keep the money that you have refunded the APC, after retaining the amount for over a year. Are you also proposing to pay interest due on it? After all, this entire thing is due to your fault and inability to discharge your responsibilities for which you had accepted the money in the first place!

The monetary amount does not really concern me, nor will I share my financial details with an organisation like yours which is behaving in such dubious and unethical manner. What is the guarantee that such data will be safe with you? If you wish to provide reparation to me for your actions, then kindly see to it that my name, profile and photograph are all removed forthwith from your website, as I do not wish to remain associated with your journal in any manner whatsoever, especially when your disciplinary policy seems to be throwing the unsuspecting authors, who have had the misfortune to contribute to your journal, under the bus for your irresponsible behaviour. In addition, the statement currently published on your website should be amended to state that you have no knowledge or evidence of any author involvement in this compromised peer-review process, instead of the current insinuations mentioned above. I have no knowledge of your peers, your editors and owners, let alone of this compromised peer review process, and I refuse to allow my or my institution's credibility or reputation to be adversely affected because of your questionable internal policies and practices.

This is my final position in this matter and this communication will subsequently be used for legal purposes, should such occasion arise in future.

Shouvik Kumar Guha

IETE PUBLICATION MEETING WAS HELD WITH EICs (IETE JR) AT IETE HQs ON OCT 11, 2023 AT 5:00 PM TO DISCUSS A FEW IMPORTANT ISSUES

The following members were present:

Dr A K Saini, President IETE	In the Chair
Prof Shibani K Koul	Editor-in-Chief, IETE Journal of Research
Prof Ranjan K Mallik	Dy Editor-in-Chief IETE Journal of Research
Shri Gurmukh Singh	Chairman, Publications
Shri Sharad Singh	Hony Treasurer

Member invited but unable to attend the meeting because of an earlier commitment:

Prof Arun Kumar	Dy Editor-in-Chief IETE Journal of Research
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Secretariat

Col Capt Sunpal Singh	Secretary General IETE
Mrs Sandeep Kaur Mangat	Asst Secretary, Publications
Sanjay Setia	Publication Staff
Dr Ranjit Singh	Publication Staff

The meeting commenced with President IETE Prof A K Saini welcoming all attendees and expressing gratitude to the Editor-in-Chief and Deputy Editor-in-Chief for their presence and readiness to engage in a discussion regarding the matters pertaining to the IETE Journal of Research.

- A. Commencing the deliberations, Prof A K Saini apprised everyone of the IETE's contemplation on the transformation of the section into a Publication Division, through augmentation in human and material resources. The idea of the division was mooted during the last Advisory Committee meeting at New Delhi on 20th Aug 2023 at 1700 hrs at IETE HQ, New Delhi. He informed about the setting up of a specialized committee tasked with overseeing the matter at hand. He emphasized that a comprehensive examination of all relevant requirements will be conducted. Dr Saini also provided information regarding the meeting with Prof Jagadesh Kumar, EIC IETETR on Oct 3rd, 2023. Prof Jagadesh Kumar recommended and was positive on launching a new journal addressing emerging areas with a different publisher other than T&F.
- B. Prof Ranjan Mallik proposed that the new journal may revolve around an emerging theme, potentially encompassing subfields such as Blockchain and 6G. As per the assertions of Prof Koul, the aforementioned journal may consist of three-four distinct issues, each comprising a maximum of ten articles. Additionally, it was suggested that each issue be designated as a special issue and operate as a paid journal.
- C. The recently retracted issue of IETE JR entitled "Federated Learning for Blockchain Systems and Industrial Internet of Things" was further explained by Prof Shibani Koul. He detailed the steps he took during the Supplement Issue's processing and how IETE and T&F ultimately determined that the best course of action following Mahinderjeet Kaur's complaint regarding four specific articles was to retract the entire issue in accordance with the recommendations of the Ethics Committee of T&F, which applied global standards to all of its journals.
- D. Following the discussions, few points emerged as below:

to conference paper
in announcement
number letter

1. IETE should make some guidelines for the Editors of Supplement issues. The Guest Editors should clearly be informed that they should not include papers with their authorship in the issue for which they are the Guest Editors.
 2. An email should be sent to T&F suggesting that they finish the necessary steps to have Alireza Sour's Supplement issue hosted on the journal's homepage.
 3. Proposals for supplements that have been approved by T&F and EICs may begin processing right away. These Issues need to make progress starting in January 2024.
 4. An additional suggestion put forth was to incorporate AIC/IETE Conference papers as a three-page article in all issues of the IETE Journal of Research but maximum 10 papers can be accommodated per issue. This section would be titled "Letters" and each issue would contain a maximum ten three page articles.
 5. Starting in January 2024, the New IETE Journal (IETE Journal of selected Areas) must be operational. The publisher Springer was the one that was suggested. In regard to the composition of the new editorial board members, it was decided that the EICs would be identified once the theme is finalised. Prof Koul consented to guide in this endeavor and took responsibility of initiating discussions with Springer Team.
- E. Upon reviewing the current Editorial Board's composition, Professor Koul suggested that Sukomal Dey, a professor specialising in electromagnetics from IIT, Palakkad, be included on the list (IETEJR). Other decisions pertaining to the IETE Journal of Research was as follows:
- a. A minimum of 80 experts and an equivalent number from each area of scope will be maintained.
 - b. An attempt will be made to lower the acceptance rate from 18% to 15% by 2024. Or to put it another way, the rate of rejection needs to increase.
 - c. It is important that no editor carries more than ten papers with them at any particular moment, they should not be overburdened.
 - d. Finding rejection rate information for both 'with reviews' and 'without reviews' was requested from the section by the Editors to really assess the rejection rate.
 - e. Prof Koul requested that the list containing individual recommendations be forwarded to him the following day for his consideration.
 - f. Prof Ranjan Mallik volunteered to assist in expeditiously removing the backlog of papers.
 - g. It was suggested that the notification of non-acceptance of papers from 'Power Electronics' by IETE be announced in the January Editorial.
 - h. Prof. Ranjan Mallik was requested to assist in revising the Aims & Scope of the IETE Journal of Research to make it more focussed to the theme. The Pubs Committee Chair may seek Committee/Governing Council approval subsequently.
 - i. Revisions should be made to areas such as 'Computers and Computing', and starting with the next issue the journal's scope and areas should be updated accordingly.
 - j. 'Instrumentation and Measurement' should be replaced by 'Quantum Electronics', while other fields like power electronics and control engineering should be eliminated.
 - k. Authors may be asked to pay for additional pages at an early stage, i.e. before allocation of papers to any issue to minimise the cases of delays in payment thereby creating bad debt.
 - l. The journal from Nov Issue may increase the total papers from 70 to 100 per issue. For this purpose the issue may be divided into two parts (e.g. Vol 20 Issue 6 Part I) and Vol 20 Issue 6 Part II). These parts may either have newly accepted papers in one part or each part may have mix of both new and old papers. This would enable the simultaneous

Publication of both new and old papers without the accumulation of the new backlog as well as clearing the backlog latest by June 2024 and then it may reduce in size and with normal lead time.

- m. One month to six weeks is a reasonable amount of time to consider an author's request for an extension.
- n. It was agreed to finish all papers till 2022 to be completed for review within two months.
- o. Editors be chased for their expeditious action by the IETE Staff members.
- p. There has to be continuous monitoring and coordination with the peer reviewers by the IETE staff members.
- q. It has been proposed that Reviewers/Editors be invited to events such as the IETE Annual Convention in order to acknowledge and recognize their contributions similar to the practice used by IEEE.

Then Professor Koul drew everyone's attention to the several agreements that IETE may sign with his assistance including the possibility to co-publish with IEEE.

- i) **Renew the Memorandum of Understanding between IETE and IEEE MTTs during December 11-16 in Ahmedabad. (Signing of Agreement with Propagation & Antenna Society)**
- ii) **Signing of MoU with IEEE Electromagnetic Compatibility Magazine** (incorrect)

Prof. Koul suggested addressing him a letter seeking a free booth and listing names for free registrations at Ahmedabad MAPCON event.

He further advised that IETE should have one joint workshop with each of them. Joint events with them could be held at Pune, Bangalore and Delhi.

For Paper writing workshop, Prof. Koul volunteered to help. It was also suggested to request T&F to organise these workshops as agreed by them for Writing of Quality papers in various parts of the country during the year.

It was suggested that for token of gratitude IETE generally gives Tie but for Lady guests arranging suitable souvenirs like scarves, stoles etc. is desirable.

The discussion concluded with words of thanks towards both experts for their valuable time and helpful suggestions.

While the 1st (2023-24) Publication Committee meeting has not yet occurred, the President of IETE has recommended that we begin by discussing the current subscription rates for IETE journals and soliciting your input. This will enable us to resolve the issue with the I&E Journal of Research expeditiously and unanimously.

Issue: Our revenue generation will be negatively impacted by the proposed annual increase in the number of issues (IETEJR) and the current subscription rates for IETE journals. Attached rate list is of the updated Subscription rates, which were approved in 2022 and implemented from January 2023.)

Basis:- In 2021-2022, in response to the enormous accumulation of pending articles, IETE and I&E reached a consensus that the number of articles per issue would be increased going forward.

- The number of articles published by IETE in each issue went up from an average of 15 in 2021 to total of 70 in 2022.

- In 2023, in response to the impact on postage expenses, IETE made the decision to reduce the number of articles per issue to 50, while concurrently increasing the annual issue count from six to twelve. However, as the backlog grew, the number of articles per issue was promptly increased from 50 to 70, beginning with issue no. 5 (May 2023)

The issue also makes reference to a meeting that took place on 01 Oct 2023 at IETE HQ with the IECs (JR). During that meeting, it was recommended that **each monthly issue be divided into two parts:** e.g., Vol 60 No.11 (Part I) and (Part II), with each part consisting of 50 articles. This would result in 24 editions being published annually, as opposed to the previous 12 editions of IETEJR. Moreover, there would be an **increase in dispatch rates and all expenses associated with each issue**, including printing rates, envelope cost, proofreading time, compilation work, number of times for corrections' incorporation, editorial writing, and overall work efficiency.

Conversely, a greater volume of content will be accessible to paid subscribers at the same rate of increase that commenced in 2023.

As an alternative to 20 issues annually, they would be provided with 32 journals annually on the present rate.

The present status of papers **published online** (assigned/ unassigned) in IETEJR is as follows:-

Vol 60 No.10 (Oct 2023)- 70 articles (assigned)

Vol 60 No. 11 (Nov 2023)- 70 articles (assigned)

Vol 60 No.12 (Dec 2023) 70 articles (assigned)

Back Log:-

Unassigned articles - 413 as of 19th Oct 2023, which can be accommodated in 6 issues till June 2024 @ 70 articles per issue.

Under peer review - 796 as of 19th Oct 2023.

Even if approximately 700 articles are accepted over a period of time, we will have enough backlog to publish until June 2025 @ 70 articles per issue.

Recommended Measures of 11th Oct 2023 meeting-

- Change of Publication Section to Publication Division
- Modify the journal's aims & Scope to exclude non-IETE core areas such as power electronics, control engineering, instrumentation, and measurements.
- Increase in rejection rate (acceptance only upto 18%)
- Increase the number of Editorial Board members
- Increase the number of follow-ups conducted by IETE staff
- Continuous monitoring of articles at each stage
- Improve the turnaround periods
- Split the monthly issues further into 2 parts.

Repercussions-

Printing cost at present

Cost of 1 issue with 70 articles (644 copies) = Rs 5,50,000/-
Cost of 12 issues approx = Rs 66,00,000/-

Postage Cost at present

Postage Cost of 1 copy with 70 articles = Rs 116
Yearly approx postage cost for 12 issues = 644x116x12
= Rs 8,96,448/-

Cost of envelopes (644 copies) 1 issue = 644x29.50
= 18,998/-
12 issues = Rs 2,27,976/-

Rs 77,24,421/-

Printing cost if editions are increased

Cost of 1 issue with 50 articles (644 copies) = Rs 3,09,120/-
Cost of 24 issues approx = Rs 74,18,880/-

Postage Cost if editions are increased

Postage cost of 1 copy with 50 articles = Rs 68
Yearly approx postage cost for 24 issues = 644x68x24
= Rs 10,51,908/-

Rs 74,23,840/-

Cost of envelopes (644 copies) Issue 644x29.50

= 18,998/-

24 issues = Rs 4,55,952/-

- Developing the necessary infrastructure and resources to transform the section into a division will constitute an additional increase
- Additional packing materials such as envelopes, cartons, and tape, in addition to additional labor, will be required.
- Additional effort and time will be devoted to the proofreading of the issues and subsequent rounds of corrections in PDF files.
- **Members may please note that IETE Publications also handles other periodic publications**
 - a) **IETE Technical Review(6 Issues)**
 - b) **IETE Journal of education(2 Issues)**
 - c) **IETE Newsletter (3 Issues)**
 - d) **IETE Supplement Issues (I&F & IETE community has 5-6 such Supplement issues lined up to be started)**
 - e) **Special Issues,**
 - f) **Book series**
 - g) **Additionally, each issue has a deadline.**
 - h) **There are matters beyond the routine correspondence exchanged among authors, editors, EICs, reviewers, and T&F.**
- **Other Works under Section- Awards Related WORK**

The Members may like to deliberate on the issue

SUBSCRIPTION RATES OF IETE JOURNALS

Existing Rates			Proposed Rates After increasing 25%		
IETE Journals	PRINT+ E- JOURNAL S (Rs)	FOREIGN SUBSCRIPTION including surcharge for SAARC countries in US \$	PRINT+ E- JOURNALS (Rs)	FOREIGN SUBSCRIPTION including Surcharge only for SAARC countries in US \$	
IETE Journal of Research IETE Technical Review & IETE Journal of Education (in combo)	2400	300	3000	375	
IETE Journal of Research & IETE Technical Review (in combo)	2200	240	15093.75 15000	300	
Journal of Research	1900	150	2375	187.50 200	
Technical Review	1950	150	2437.50 10000	187.50 200	
IETE Journal of Education	1200	60	1500 4200	75	
IETE Journal of Education for Corporate Members of IETE	1200	60	1500	187.50	

Extra page charges of articles published in IETE Journals

Particulars	Existing Rates	Proposed Rates
6 Pages	Free of Cost	Free of Cost
After 6 pages for Indian Authors	Rs 2000 per page	Rs 2500 per page
After 6 pages for Foreign Authors	USD 75 per page	USD 80 per page

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Proposal for a new book

by Prof S. C. Dutta Roy

- 1) Title: Topics in Circuit Theory – Passive, Active and Distributed.
- 2) Principal Author and Editor: S. C. Dutta Roy
- 3) Proposed publisher: Springer; if they agree, this will be the third in the series by me, the first two being **Circuits, Systems and Signal Processing** and **Topics in Signal Processing**. This being the publisher of the journals *Sadhana* and *Circuits, Systems and Signal Processing (CSSP)*, can also easily include my publications in these two journals, in addition to those in the main resources of *IETE Journal of Research* and *IETE Journal of Education*.
- 4) Copyright: In common with the previous two books, I shall assign the copyright to IETE, with the condition that the royalty they receive will be used to create a fund to support the travel of best paper awardee students to attend the IETE Annual Convention. The support will be named IETE - DUTTA ROY TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP, and the first fellowship will be awarded when adequate funds are available. The student will undertake travel by the least expensive method.
- 5) The contents of the proposed book will contain all papers published in IETE Journals, which were not included in the previous two books, in addition to others published in *Sadhana* and *CSSP*, if the book is published by Springer.
- 6) The book will have the following items:
 Preface
 Acknowledgments
 Brief introduction to authors, by the Editor himself
 Contents
 Index
- 7) The details of contents are as follows

PART 1 - PASSIVE CIRCUITS

1.1 BASIC CONSIDERATIONS

Source: S. C. DUTTA ROY, "A review of filtering with two resistances and two capacitances," submitted to *IETE Journal of Education*,

1.2 THE WIEN NETWORK

Sources: (i) S. C. Dutta Roy, "The conventional Wien network redesigned for single resistance frequency control," *IETE J. Research*, vol. 69, no. 4, pp. 1723-1725, April 2023;

(ii) S. C. Dutta Roy, "Revisiting the familiar Wien network," submitted to *IETE Journal of Education*.

(iii) S. C. Dutta Roy, "Enhancing the response of two Second Order RC Networks," *IETE Journal of Education*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/09747338.2023.2110900>.

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(iv) S. C. Dutta Roy "On Generalising the Source Resistance of the Familiar Wien Bridge Network" submitted to *IETE Journal of Research*.

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I am currently awaiting your approval about the updated Aims & Scope of the IETE Journal of Research, which was shared by Professor Mallik on October 13, 2023. The comments made by Prof. Arun Kumar have been incorporated into the new version.

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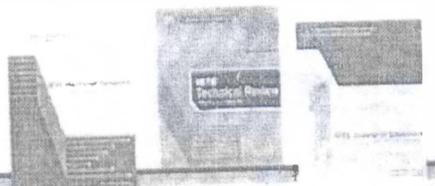
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