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**MINUTES OF THE 1ST (2017-18) MEETING OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE HELD AT
1115 HOURS ON 09TH DEC 2017 AT GOA**

The Members of the Committee:

Prof (Dr) A K Saini	Chairman
Dr B Prabhakara Rao	Co-Chairman
Shri Kartik Parikh	
Prof S K Khedkar	
Prof G Laxminarayana	

The following members were granted leave of absence:

Dr K Satya Prasad
Dr Rakesh Singhai

Secretariat:

Mrs Sandeep Kaur Mangat

Asstt Secy (A&P)

**ITEM-1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 3RD (2016-17) MEETING OF THE
PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE HELD ON 08 JULY 2017 AT IETE HQ**

1.1 As no comments were received, the minutes were confirmed.

ITEM-2 PUBLISHING SCHEDULE OF THE IETE PUBLICATIONS

2.1 The Chairman, Prof (Dr) A K Saini apprised the members of current status of publication schedule of IETE Journals. Committee appreciated the efforts made by the Publications dept to bring out the IETE Publications in time. The status was as follows:

	Jan-Feb	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
IETE Newsletter				Vol 19 No 3 (Sep-Dec) under compilation			
IETE Journal of Research	Vol 64 No 1 (Jan-Feb 2018) under preparation			Vol 63 No 5 already dispatched	Vol 63 No 6 under despatch		
IETE Technical Review	Vol 35 No 1 (Jan-Feb 2018) under preparation			Vol 34 No 5 already dispatched	Vol 34 No 6 under despatch		
IETE Journal of Education		Vol 58 No2 under compilation					

2.2 The members deliberated on reducing the backlog especially in IETE Journal of Research where the submissions were more. The Committee members recommended the use of application of "Plagiarism Tool" at the beginning of the review cycle on fresh submissions to reduce the time and efforts by all in the review process. Members were also apprised about the discussions held with T&F and EICs in this matter. T&F had stated they apply crosschecks to all submitted manuscripts once the review process is completed and paper goes into the production Centre due to ethics and their commitment as a publisher member of the Committee on Publication Ethics to abide by best practice. The Chairman volunteered to write to EICs from his side to take their view in this matter.

2.3 This is for information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-3 REVENUE GENERATED FROM THE PUBLICATIONS SECTION

3.1 The Committee was informed about the revenue generated by the section under various heads, as follows:

- From **Subscription** for IETE Journals for the year 2017- Rs 2,08,808/- (since July 2017 meeting) and total Rs 26,69,886/- for the year 2017.
- From **Extra pages** (beyond 6 page length) published in IETE journals- Rs10,45,416/- (From last meeting till date 07 Dec 2017).
- From **Advertisement** in IETE Technical Review, Journal of Research and IETE Newsletter Rs 86,500/-.
- **Subscription** for year 2018 Rs 1,30,715/- (07 Dec 2017).
- **DST Grant** of Rs 2 Lakhs received to support printing expenditure of IETE Journal of Research for the year 2017-18

3.2 The members deliberated on the other possible avenues that could be explored to generate revenue, which were as under:-

- To approach DST for possible publication of their advertisements in IETE Publications.
- To send request mails to Chairman/Principals of various colleges (ISFs) asking for their advertisements in IETE Journals and for subscription to IETE Journals.
- To approach T&F for help in marketing strategies for attracting advertisements on homepages of IETE journals.
- The Committee member Shri Kartik Parikh offered to help IETE increase in its subscription base via use of his connections at the technical institutions like Islamic University of Technology, Bangladesh and Columbo Institute of Research and Psychology, Srilanka.

3.3 This is for information of the Governing Council.

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

4.1 The Chairman apprised the Committee of the request proposal that IETE submitted to the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), Dept of Science & Technology (DST) for Grant-in-Aid for printing of IETE Journal of Research for the financial year 2017-18.

4.2 The amount approved and released from DST is only Rs 2 lakhs. The amount has been received by IETE in its IOB Account on 24th Oct 2017.

4.3 In lieu of this grant IETE is liable to publish the LOGO of SERB in its IETE Journal of Research throughout the year. The said logo is published in Nov-Dec 2017 issue and will be published in coming issues of IETE Journal of Research.

4.4 This is for information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-5 COMPARISION OF IMPACT FACTOR (IF) OF IETE-IEEE PUBLICATIONS

5.1 The Chairman informed the Committee members regarding the Impact factor of a few IEEE Publications comparable to IETE Journals.

5.2 The information solicited from T&F shown to members was a simple IF comparison for a range of top-citing and top cited journals. The citing journals were those journals citing the IETE Publications and the top cited journals were those that the IETE publications had cited.

5.3 This is for information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-6 **PUBLISHING OF SPECIAL ISSUES/ SUPPLEMENT ISSUES ON 5G WIRELESS WITH COGNITIVE RADIO AND MASSIVE IOT**

6.1 The Chairman informed the Committee members about the latest status of the Supplement Issue on *5G Wireless with Cognitive Radio and Massive IoT*. The submissions were limited to intake of 15 manuscripts, out of which only 8 articles were accepted by the Guest Editors/ EIC. The authors of 2 articles later regretted paying for Open access charges levied on their articles. Finally, 6 articles sent for production and undergoing final typesetting, while the remaining two accepted articles would be published in any regular issue as per the decision of IETE and T&F.

6.2 The revenue (Open Access Charges) collected from the authors of selected articles towards its processing charges was @ \$750, as per the guidelines published during Call for Papers. The total revenue generated from 6 accepted articles is Rs 2,91,007/-, and will be shared 50: 50 with T&F.

6.3 This is for information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-7 **PROPOSAL FOR PUBLICATION OF A BOOK "CIRCUITS, SYSTEMS AND SIGNAL PROCESSING" BY PROF S C DUTTA ROY**

7.1 The Chairman informed the Committee members about the current status of the Book by Prof SC Dutta Roy on *Circuits, Systems and Signal Processing*, which is in the production Centre of Springer. The soft launch of the Book was done during annual IETE Convention at Kochi in September and the expected date of publishing of the Book by Springer is Feb 2018.

7.2 This is for information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-8 **NEW EDITOR-IN-CHIEF FOR IETE JOURNAL OF EDUCATION (IETEJE)**

8.1 The Chairman informed the Committee members about relinquishing of Prof Raj Senani from his position of EIC of IETE Journal of Education after 5 years. The name recommended by Prof Senani in his place is Prof P V Ananda Mohan, Tech Advisor, CDAC from Bangalore. Prof P V Ananda Mohan has agreed to this request and the next issue of IETEJE (Jan-June 2018) will be compiled under Prof P V Ananda Mohan's guidance.

8.2 This is for information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-9 **CORRECT INFORMATION OF IETE JOURNALS ON UGC APPROVED LIST**

9.1 The Chairman apprised the members on the issue of corrections made in the information related to IETE journals which was being displayed incorrectly earlier on the UGC website. The 'Name of the Publisher' and 'ISSN Numbers (Online and Print)' of IETE Journals have now been corrected.

9.2 This is for information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-10 RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH T&F

10.1 The Chairman apprised the Committee members of the current IETE Publishing agreement with T&F that would expire on 31 Dec 2018 after 5 years. The existing contract will automatically get renewed for a period of three years unless either party provides written notice at least 12 months before the date of expiration. It was informed that the clause No. 20 pertaining to Royalty, which says T&F will pay to IETE a royalty of 10% of the gross sales receipts for any IETE journal above \$12,000, needs to be relooked in view of the revenue loss as most of the journals show gross receipts which are marginally less than the threshold value of US\$12000. IETE wants to decrease this royalty slab fixed at \$ 12,000 to be brought down to \$ 5000.

10.2 After due discussion committee recommended that a joint meeting with T&F Delhi office be arranged to discuss in details the possible changes that could be made in existing MoU for implementation post 2018. In the same meeting IETE could explore with T&F the possibility of initial plagiarism checks that could be applied on fresh submissions subject to the acceptance of EICs.

10.3 It was decided that the copy of existing MoU be circulated to all the Committee members for their views and comments.

10.4 This is for information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-11 NEW PROPOSAL FOR SPECIAL ISSUE IN IETE TECHNICAL REVIEW

11.1 The Chairman apprised the Members on the status of the proposal of Prof Chuan Qin of University of Shanghai for Science & Technology, China, towards bringing out a special additional Issue in Technical Review on “**New Advances of Privacy Protection and Multimedia Content Security for Big Data**”. He further informed that Prof Jagadesh Kumar Editor-in-Chief, IETETR had endorsed the idea provided the entire cost is borne by the Organizers of the Conference. The members were informed that after the formal approvals by IETE Council and Co-Publisher (T&F), a special MoU will be signed before processing of the submissions.

11.2 The proposal was once again deliberated and the Committee recommended for going ahead with the proposal with Open Access Charges of US\$1500 per accepted article. The approval was given by the members.

11.3 This is for approval of the Governing Council.

ITEM-12 IETE PROCEEDINGS

12.1 The Chairman apprised the Committee members that IETE President desired that papers presented by students/ scholars at ISF events or elsewhere during any Conferences organized by IETE be brought out in a separate publication to sustain their interest and involvement with IETE. Responsibility for suitability of the contents of such papers would lie with the “Technical Committee” of the respective Centres. A reasonable submission fee could be fixed.

12.2 After due deliberations the Chairman propound that he would work on two different (centralized and decentralized) models and circulate the same to the members for their positive inputs for deliberation during the next Committee meeting.

12.3 This is for the information of the Governing Council.

VOTE OF THANKS

13 The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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