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MINUTES OF THE 2ND (2016-17) MEETING OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE HELD AT 1100 HOURS ON 07TH APRIL 2017 AT IIT, KANPUR

The Members of the Committee:

Prof D Narayana Rao

Shri Vipin Tyagi

Shri G K Dawara

Prof M N Hoda

Lt Gen (Dr) Rajesh Pant, PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd)

Prof (Dr) Visvesara Rao

Shri K Subbi Reddy

Shri Sharad Singh

Dr Rakesh Singhai

Chairman

Co- Chairman

The following members were granted leave of absence:

Prof R K Sinha

Prof M Jagadesh Kumar

Prof Shibani K Koul

Prof Raj Senani

Secretariat:

Maj Gen P K Jaggia, VSM(Retd)

Mrs Sundeep Kaur Mangat

Secretary General IETE

Asstt Secy (A&P)

ITEM-1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2ND (2016-17) MEETING OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE HELD ON 02 DECEMBER 2016 AT IETE HQ

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

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ITEM-2 PUBLISHING SCHEDULE OF THE IETE PUBLICATIONS

2.1 The Chairperson apprised the Committee members of current status of publishing schedule of IETE Journals.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
IETE Newsletter	Vol 19 No 1 (Jan-Apr) under compilation							
IETE Journal of Research	Vol 64 No 1 printed and being dispatched		Vol 64 No 2 under print					
IETE Technical Review	Vol 34 No 1 printed and despatched		Vol 34 No 2 editorial awaited					
IETE Journal of Education	Vol 58 No 1 - under compilation							

2.2 Chairman apprised members of the latest state of backlog in IETE Journal of Research, which was being cleared at satisfactory pace. Help was being provided by Prof S K Koul in originality checks. Simultaneously, more articles were being accommodated per issue without having any adverse impact on printing expenses. His effort to expand Editorial Board (IETEJR) was highlighted.

2.3 This is for the information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-3 E-JOURNALS FOR IETE JOURNALS AS PER THE MANDATE OF AICTE

3.1 As per the AICTE mandate, all engineering institutions have been asked to subscribe for e-journals of IETE. IETE subscribers' demand for provision of e-editions for IETE journals at appropriate rates was indicated. Taylor & Francis, the Publisher indicated that IETE subscribers would get electronic access to IETE e-journals, if they opt for a package, which include both Print + E-journals.

3.2 Members felt that existing subscription rates were too high for SAARC countries and decided these could be significantly reduced to encourage more subscriptions to IETE journals from SAARC countries. This will in turn lead to submissions of more technical articles. In addition, it was decided that old issues of IETE journals be distributed to selected prominent technical institutions of SAARC countries as sample copies.

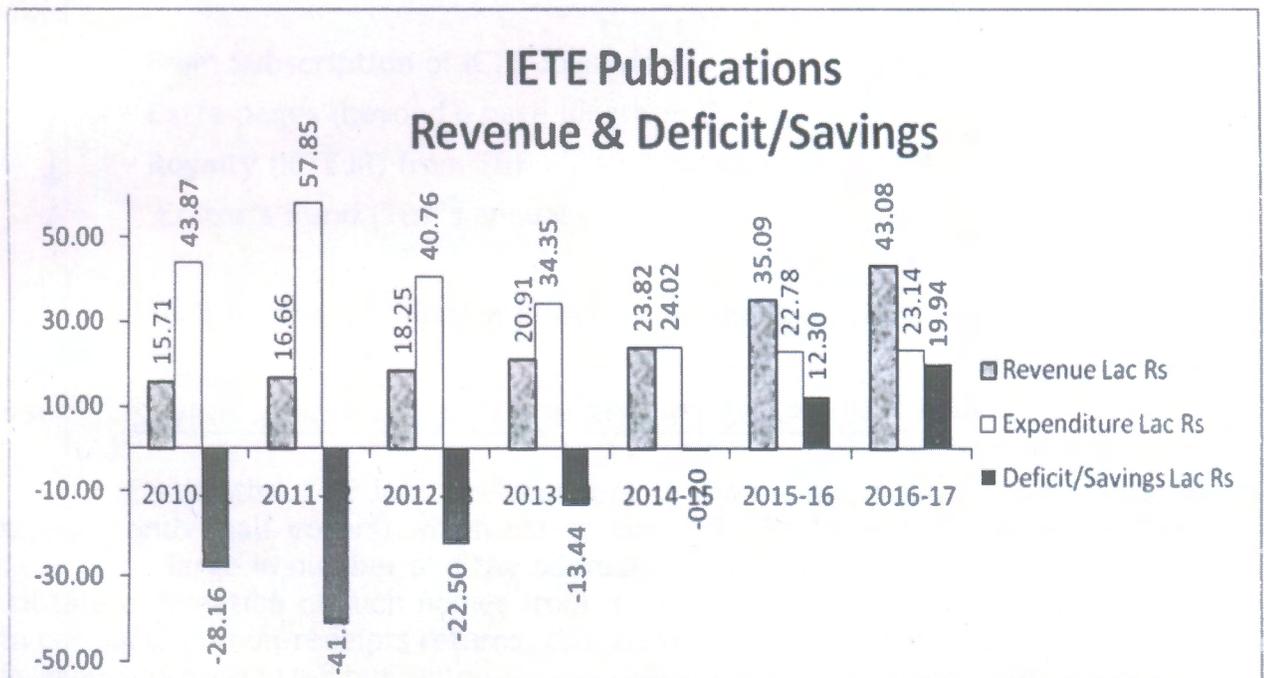
3.3 Revised rates for SAARC countries is recommended as follows:-

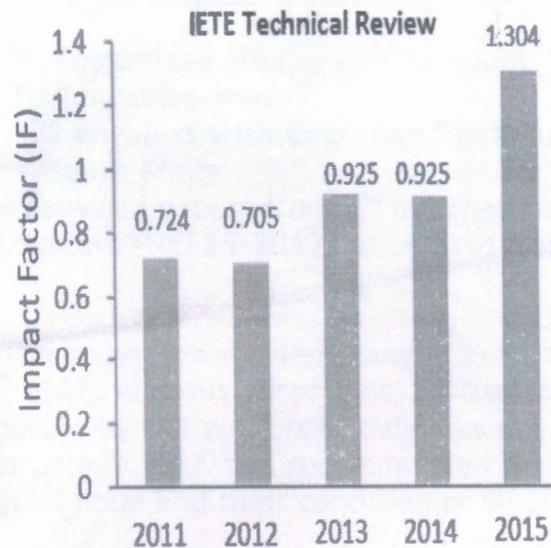
	Existing (US \$)	Proposed (US \$)
IETE TR + IETEJR	500	200
IETE TR	315	125
IETE JR	315	125
IETE JE	95	50

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

ITEM-4 REVENUE GENERATED FROM THE SECTION

4.1 The Chairman presented before the Committee the revenue/expenditure & deficit/saving comparative chart since 2010-11 and made them aware of the current standing of IETE Publications till the financial year 2016-17. The steady increase in the Impact Factor of IETE Technical Review was also highlighted in the meeting.





4.2 Revenue generated since the start of the year 2017 is as below:

- From Subscription of IETE Journals - Rs 19,87,116/-
- Extra pages (beyond 6 page length) in IETE journals - Rs 6,26,921/-
- Royalty (IETEJR) from T&F - Rs 40,299/-
- Editor's Fund (T&F's annual contribution) - Rs 2,03,329

4.3 This is for the information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-5 SAVING IN POSTAGE AND NON RECEIPT COMPLAINT

5.1 Earlier the IETE Journals were sent to the members (except paid subscribers) in wrapper bands (half covers) which use to cost IETE Rs 11/- per journal. Non-receipt mails use to be large in number and the addresses on returned journals were not readable to facilitate elimination of such names from records. To make the system more effective and to cut back the non-receipts returns, the journals are now dispatched in full envelopes within same cost (Rs11/-) but without seal under book post mode. This approach has proven to be relatively profitable because of less non-receipts, intact addresses, easy removal of the member from the IETE records and savings in the postage for resending the journal again to the non-recipients on their demand.

5.2 In addition, it was appraised that two journals when printed back to back are being dispatched together to save postage.

5.3 This is for the information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-6 PUBLISHING OF SPECIAL ISSUES/ SUPPLEMENT ISSUES

6.1 The Committee was apprised about two requests for publishing of Special issues of IETE Technical Review:

- 5G Wireless with Cognitive Radio and Massive IoT by Researchers from Samsung, South Korea.
- Selected papers from 2nd International Conference on New Energy & Future Energy System (NEFES-2017) to be held from 22-25 Sept 2017 in Kunming, China.

6.2 The communication exchanged in this context with Prof Jagadesh Kumar, EIC, IETETR & VC JNU, and his directions to explore the feasibility of payment of Open Access(OA) charges by the authors/article was put up. Authors had agreed for OA payment at US\$ 750 per article. T&F had recommended designation of such issues as 'Supplements' instead of Special issue and their condition of 50:50 revenue sharing from this supplement.

6.3 "Call for Papers" for 1st supplement-i.e. "5G Wireless with Cognitive Radio and Massive IoT" has been hosted on the website of IETETR home page. For 2nd supplement the dialogues has been initiated.

6.4 After due deliberations the Committee approved the process of the 1st supplement, i.e "5G Wireless with Cognitive Radio and Massive IoT", but didn't recommend the processing of the 2nd Supplement Issue on "New Energy & Future Energy System (NEFES-2017)" primarily because of its theme not falling under the direct scope of the journal.

6.5 This is for the Information & approval of the Governing Council.

ITEM-7 RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH T&F

7.1 The Chairman apprised the Committee of the validity for co-publishing agreement between IETE & T&F for a period of 5 years, i.e. from 2014 to 2018.

7.2 After discussions it was decided that since IETE has gathered good momentum with T&F and it will not be right to experiment with other publishers like Springer / Elsevier at this stage.

7.3 Committee recommended going ahead with the renewal of the Co-Publishing contract with T&F for next 3 years.

7.4 The Committee suggested preparation of a draft MoU in consultation with T&F which could be circulated amongst the Committee members for their perusal by April end.

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



ITEM-8 **PROPOSAL FOR PUBLICATION OF A BOOK BY PROF S C DUTTA ROY**

8.1 Current status of MoU with Springer for publishing of a Book by Professor Dutta Roy was apprised to the Committee members. Final draft is to be vetted by Springer's legal team.

8.2 The articles, presently in pdf format would need to be converted into editable format. This conversion is not possible in house due to image distortion in diagrams and equations while conversion.

8.3 The Committee recommended release of Rs 40,000/- for outsourcing this conversion work.

8.4 This is for the approval of the Governing Council.

ITEM-9 **NEW PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF IETE JOURNALS WITH T&F**

9.1 The Committee was apprised of the proposal received from T&F for adoption of Open Researcher and Contributor ID (ORCiDs). T&F has recommended IETE to encourage its authors to create ORCiDs to help integrate their professional activities. It would help the researcher gain credit for his work and allow institutions to track and evaluate his research outputs.

9.2 The proposal had been approved with the condition that it should not be made mandatory.

9.3 Members noted that another proposal from T&F for insertion of advertisements on IETE journal home pages to generate revenue is under progress.

9.4 This is for the information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-10 **RENEWAL OF PRINTING CONTRACT FOR IETE JOURNALS & NEWSLETTER**

10.1 Existing printing contract with M/s Dolphin Printo Graphics expired on 31 Dec 2016. In response to call for quotations, four vendors responded. Of these, rates of M/s Dolphin Printo Graphics were found to be the lowest. Negotiations were held for further reduction. Their services being satisfactory, they were given the printing contract with paper for the next two years (2017-18) for IETE Journals and IETE Newsletter.

10.2 This is for the information of Governing Council.

ITEM-11 WRONG DATA OF EMAILS

11.1 The Committee members were apprised about the wrong e-mail IDs of 55 Org Members and 944 corporate members, which had bounced back while sending IETE Newsletter through emails.

11.2 To provide satisfactory service to the members & reduce cost for despatch of printed versions, Publication Section is now assuming the responsibility of maintaining the database by itself.

11.3 The Committee noted the above.

ITEM-12 PUBLISHING of CONFERENCES PAPERS BY IETE

12.1 Dr Navin Kumar, Amrita University, Bangalore, has suggested publishing of conferences proceedings by IETE. He had conveyed information for Conference proceeding criteria from M/s Elsevier to help IETE get started.

12.2 Subsequently, IETE went through the selection criteria for the conference papers and other formalities and found that it would not be possible to comply with some of the mandates required in the submission forms. Besides, the decision of the Governing Council in the matter was to follow the normal procedure of peer-review for acceptance of papers whether from any conference or direct submissions. Dr Navin has been informed accordingly.

12.3 The Committee recommended IETE to circulate the selection Criteria form to all the members for their information.

12.4 This is for the information of Governing Council.

ITEM-13 SISTER SOCIETY AGREEMENT BETWEEN IETE AND IEEE

13.1 The Members were apprised of the Sister Society Agreement between IETE & IEEE-MTT-S that was renewed on Dec 07, 2016 during Asia Pacific Microwave Conference at Hotel Pullman, Delhi. The validity of the agreement is for the calendar years is 2016-2020.

13.2 This is for the information of Governing Council.

ITEM-14 AN INT'L JOURNAL- QUANTUM INSPIRED INTELLIGENT SYSTEMS

14.1 Prof (Dr) Siddhartha Bhattacharyya, Dean (R&D), RCC Institute of Information Technology, Kolkata, proposed for partial funding to launch a new International journal titled "Quantum Inspired Intelligent Systems". Members & EICs were skeptical of its narrow scope and doubted its success in the long run.

14.2 In view of absence of such provision of partial funding in the past and with negative views of EICs, the above proposal was not accepted.

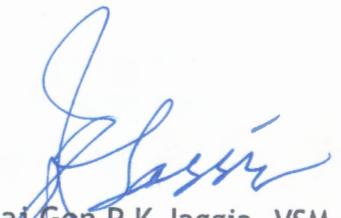
14.3 This is for the information of the Governing Council.

VOTE OF THANKS

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

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Maj Gen P K Jaggia, VSM (Retd)
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