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MINUTES OF THE 2ND (2015-16) MEETING OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE HELD AT 1030 HOURS ON 8TH APRIL 2016 AT CHANDIGARH

The Members of the Committee:

Prof (Dr) K S Nayanathara

Chairperson

Prof D Narayana Rao

Co-Chairman

Prof K Laxminarayana

Dr D C Pande

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

Shri K Subbi Reddy

Dr Neeta Shah

The following member was unable to attend:

Dr R N Lahiri

Secretary:

Mrs Sandeep Kaur Mangat

Asstt Secy(AP&SDC)

ITEM-1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 1ST (2015-16) MEETING OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE HELD ON 13TH DEC 2015 AT HYDERABAD

1.1 As no comments were received, the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.

ITEM-2 PUBLISHING SCHEDULE OF THE IETE PUBLICATIONS

2.1 The Chairperson apprised the Committee Members about the status of publishing schedule of IETE Journals.

2.2 The members discussed the pending backlog of articles in the IETE Journal of Research and the IETE Technical Review. After due deliberation, members recommended that the staff should try to efficiently control the backlog in IETE TR/JR and also explore the possibility of increasing either the number of pages per issue or to increase number of issues after seeking approval from respective EICs. It was advised to explore the financial implications first.

2.3 This is for the information of the Governing Council

ITEM-3 REVENUE GENERATED FROM THE SECTION

3.1 The Chairperson informed the Committee members about the extra revenue generated under various heads by the publication section:

- From Subscription of IETE Journals 2016-Rs 19,67,095/- (Dec 2015- 05 April 2016)
- From extra pages published in our journals-Rs 3,07,955/ (Dec 2015- 05 April 2016)
- Royalty from the Book Series- Robots & Robotics by Prof Chidambaram- Rs 1,932
- Royalty from T&F towards gross sales receipts for any IETE Journal above \$12,000- as per MoU -Rs 1,36,688.

3.2 This is for the information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-4 IETE JOURNAL OF EDUCATION - PRINT ISSN NUMBER

4.1 The Chairperson informed the Committee members about the newly obtained PRINT International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) for IETE Journal of Education & about the other existing ISSN Numbers of IETE publications for PRINT and ONLINE versions:-

- IETE Journal of Research - Print ISSN 0377-2063; E-ISSN 0974-780X
- IETE Technical Review - Print ISSN 0256-4602; E-ISSN 0974-5971
- IETE Journal of Education-that has been using the Print ISSN Number (0974-1664) of Students' Journal (the earstwhile name of IETE Jr of Edu) but had only its E-ISSN 0974-7338 number. Now IETE Journal of Education has its own New Print ISSN 2455-4383.

4.2 The Committee was informed that this new Print ISSN 2455-4383 for IETF Journal of Education, has been forwarded to NISCAIR, CSIR, New Delhi, for change in their official records.

4.3 IETE Journals (Technical Review, Journal of Research and Journal of Education) will hereafter project these Print and Online ISSN numbers at top right hand corner of the respective journals.

4.4 This is for the information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-5 PUBLISHING IETE CONFERENCES PAPERS FROM IEEE XPLORE

5.1 The Chairperson apprised the committee members that if IETE thinks of getting its conference papers uploaded onto IEEE Explore platform then IETE will first need to have the sponsorship of local IEEE Section, where the event is to take place and if there is no local section at that region then the permission is to be taken from IEEE Delhi section. Secondly, it would also mean that IETE conferences, symposiums, conventions will not remain its very own functions.

5.2 After this the members deliberated on the issue and recommended that let IETE Conference papers may first be published in IETE Journals through proper publicity like putting 'Call for Papers' well in advance in the journals and then it may be submitted in IETE Journals for its standard checks/ procedure. The publicity may also be done through IETE website. If the conference papers pass the originality checks, then these conference papers may be published in the form of an issue in IETE journals. But it was suggested to take the views of EICs first.

5.3 This is for the approval of Governing Council.

ITEM-6 PROPOSAL FOR PUBLICATION OF A BOOK BY PROF S C DUTTA ROY

6.1 The Chairperson apprised the Committee that the matter was pursued vigorously with the Mg Editor of the Universities Press, Pvt Ltd, Hyderabad, Mrs Sreelatha Menon, who was also the past Mg Editor of IETE. Further, the Chairperson said that Mrs Sreelatha had sent the articles from the proposed Book "Circuits, Systems and Signal Processing" to a set of reviewers, to determine the market potential of the book, which took some time. But eventually, the Universities Press, Hyderabad, came out with the final view that it was not practical to take up the project because it had no market potential.

6.2 The members after deliberations suggested contacting more local publishers (2 to 3) and get their feedback on the salability of this book, before final communication is conveyed to Prof Dutta Roy, DFETE.

6.3 This is for the information of Governing Council.

ITEM-7 PROPOSAL FOR SPECIAL ISSUE ON ADVANCED TRANSMISSION AND NETWORKING TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE 5TH GENERATION (5G) WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS AND NETWORKS

7.1 The Committee was told about the mail that was received from Prof Jagadesh Kumar, VC, JNU and EIC - IETE TR, wherein he had asked for IETE's decision on the request of the proposer- Prof Zhixiang HOU, Changsha Univ of Science & Technology, China, who was also the Chairman of the 8th International Conference on Measuring Technology and Mechatronics Automation (ICMTMA2016) held on March 11-12, 2016. Professor Zhixiang HOU's request to Prof Jagadesh Kumar is to consider taking out a Special Issue on 'Advanced Transmission and Networking Technologies for the 5th-Generation (5G) Wireless Communications Systems and Networks' in IETE Technical Review. Prof Jagadesh Kumar had asked for IETE's resolution on the suggestion of charging 50 US\$ per page, if a special issue in IETE TR on the mentioned subject is finally decided.

7.2 After due deliberations, it was decided that a special issue on '5G Wireless Communications Systems and Networks' can be considered with the best selected papers by the EIC and few more papers on the subject from other authors may be included as well. The publicity for the issue could be done in advance by publishing 'Call for Papers' in our journals and on IETE website.

7.3 The member recommended that the authors from China could be asked to pay 50 US\$ per page, while the authors (not from the Conference) may be allowed to pay standard extra page charges (US\$ 50 per page after normal 6 page length of their paper).

7.4 This is for the approval of Governing Council.

ITEM-8 PROPOSAL FROM T&F FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF IETE JOURNALS

8.1 The Chairperson apprised the members that Publication section has received a document with bunch of proposals from T&F on various unsettled issues related to IETE Journals. The proposals were reviewed and deliberated upon. The points within the purview of Committee members were immediately decided and given go ahead signal, but points that required the perspective of EICs, are to be referred to them to seek their views.

8.2 This is for the information of Governing Council.

ADDITIONAL POINTS

ITEM-9 DST PROPOSAL FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR IETE PUBLICATIONS

9.1 The Chairman informed the Committee members that IETE HQ had submitted a proposal for Grant-in Aid to DST, SERB for assistance of Rs 42 lacs for publishing of IETE Journals (IETE Technical Review, Journal of Research and Journal of Education). The DST meeting shall be held in April for the consideration of such request applications.

9.2 This is for the information of Governing Council.

ITEM-10 E-FILING OF IETE JOURNALS

10.1 The Committee members were given the update on timely e-filing of IETE Journals and Newsletter for the year 2016.

10.2 This is for the information of Governing Council.

VOTE OF THANKS

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

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Date: 24 May 2016


Maj Gen P K Jaggi, VSM (Retd)
Secretary General

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