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**MINUTES OF 1ST(2009-2010) MEETING OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE
HELD ON SATURDAY, THE 05 DEC 2009, at 1030 HOURS AT IETE HQ**

The following were present:

Shri M L Gupta	Chairman
Shri K Babu Rao	Co-Chairman
Brig Lakshman Singh, VSM(Retd)	
Shri T V Partha Saradhi	
Col Balraj Anand(Retd)	
Shri R V Datar	
Shri P P Khare	
Dr KTV Reddy	
Prof M Jagadesh Kumar	Co-opted
Shri K M Paul	Co-opted
Prof Ranjan Bose	Spl Invitee

Secretariat:

Cdr A P Sharma, IN (Retd)	Dy Managing Editor
Wg Cdr K K Verma(Retd)	Asst Secretary(Pubs)

The following were unable to attend:

Shri R R Prasad	
Prof S K Koul	Co-opted
Prof S C Dutta Roy	Spl Invitee

**ITEM-1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 4TH(2008-2009)
MEETING OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 11 JUL
2009 AT BHOPAL**

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

ITEM-2 PUBLISHING SCHEDULE OF IETE PUBLICATIONS

2.1 The Committee was apprised of the latest status of publishing of various IETE publications.

2.2 The Committee noted the progress.

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ITEM-3 **FELICITATION OF EDITORS-IN-CHIEF**

3.1 As per decision of the Council, all the Editors-in-Chief of IETE Journals including Prof S C Dutta Roy, ex-chairman of Editorial Board of Journal of Education, were felicitated during the Foundation Day Celebrations on 02 Nov 2009 at IETE HQ. This gesture was greatly appreciated by all present on the occasion.

3.2 The Committee placed on records its appreciation of the Editors-in-Chiefs for their zeal, efforts and honorary services for making IETE Journals of international standards. Their singular contribution and guidance for making the indigenous Online System a success were commended by the Members.

3.3 This is for the information of the Council.

ITEM-4 **SPECIAL ISSUES OF IETE JOURNALS - MODALITIES**

4.1 After detailed discussions, the Committee concluded that as per the accepted International practice special issues of IETE journals of TR & JR in lieu of regular issues should be decided by the respective Editor-in-Chief in consultations with their editorial Boards. Prof M Jagadesh Kumar, Editor-in-Chief of Technical Review, mentioned that lead time of at least 12 months is required to bring out quality special issues. The details of the special issues as and when decided by the Editors-in-Chief would be intimated to the Chairman Publications Committee for information.

4.2 On the specific query regarding IETE special issue on the theme of IETE Annual Technical Convention (ATC), the Committee discussed the time frame required by the EIC for a special issue and recommended that ATC theme related articles should be published as the proceedings of ATC by Technical Programmes Committee (TPC) as was done for ATC-2009. However, invited quality papers could also be considered for the regular issue of TR by EIC.

4.3 The Committee recommended that the decision about special issues of Technical Review and Journal of Research should rest with respective Editors-in-Chief.

ITEM-5 **PREFIXING OF RANK/DESIGNATION BEFORE INDIVIDUAL NAMES - IETE JOURNALS**

5.1 The Committee examined the practices adopted by various International and National Journals of repute and also the fact that IETE had been following this practice since 1993, it recommended to maintain the status quo especially in view of IETE journals getting into the International arena. Brig Lakshman Singh, VSM(Retd) recorded his reservation about this recommendation.

5.2 The Committee recommended to maintain the status quo for IETE journals in line with the accepted International practice.

ITEM-6 OBTAINING ARTICLES OF GENERAL INTEREST

6.1 The Committee discussed in detail about the publishing of articles of general interest in Technical Review. The Committee Members expressed interest in areas such as current relevant issues, industry related problems and the review of current technology. Prof M Jagadesh Kumar informed that at his level he had been approaching authors for suitable articles. He would greatly appreciate if Committee Members could suggest names and topics for his further exploratory efforts. It was agreed that members of the Committee should help in identifying the authors for such articles so that they could be pursued by Editor - in - Chief to contribute articles of topical interest for Technical Review through the on-line system.

6.2 The Committee requested the assistance of the Council Members to identify authors of repute who could be persuaded to contribute articles of general interest for Technical Review.

ITEM -7 PRINTING OF IETE - JOURNAL OF EDUCATION THROUGH MEDKNOW

7.1 Prof Ranjan Bose, EIC of JE, outlined the efforts being made to make JE "student friendly" with articles of immediate relevance to them. He expressed the need to improve the quality of paper and printing through the online system to be at par with the other two journals. It was informed that due to financial considerations the Council had reconsidered its earlier decision to use art paper in lieu of maplitho paper for the text. The JE is presently printed locally at Delhi with text on maplitho paper. Notwithstanding this, the Committee felt finances should not come in the way of quality and appeal of the journal and concluded that in view of enhancing the visibility and status of IETE as a global institution, there was a need to improve the standard of JE which reaches to all IETE students and IETE-Students Forums (ISFs) at engineering colleges. Thereafter, the Committee discussed in detail about the option of printing of IETE Journal of Education either through Medknow Publication or locally to of same standard as IETE Journal of Research and Technical Review. However, since the printing paper required for the next two issues of Journal of Education have already been procured, this issue may be brought-up in Feb 2010 meeting.

7.2 This was for the information of the Council.

ITEM - 8 STRATEGIES TO SUSTAIN POPULARITY OF IETE JOURNALS

8.1 The Committee appreciated the growth of IETE Journals and members were satisfied with the progress of working of the online system for the last one year. However, a need was felt for formulating the pragmatic, short, medium and long term strategies to sustain growth and the popularity of IETE Journals. The Committee agreed to prepare the strategy plan to sustain the growth of IETE Journals in the long run.

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ITEM - 9 ENHANCING THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF PUBLICATIONS SECTION.

9.1 The Editors-in-Chief emphasized that for the successful and efficient operation of the on-line system, required software, hardware and soft skills must be continuously available with the Publications Section of IETE including the standby arrangements. The Committee deliberated the issue of infrastructure and manpower support to Publications Section in view of the change from offline to online system. To maintain the momentum of growth of IETE Journals there was a need of attitudinal change amongst all the stakeholders of IETE Journals. The infrastructure in the publications section needed to be upgraded on regular basis to manage the system. It was agreed to prepare a comprehensive report in this regard in consultations with the EICs to be put up in the next meeting of the committee.

9.2 This was for the information of the Council.

VOTE OF THANKS

10. There being no other points, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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