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MINUTES OF THE 1ST (2021-22) MEETING OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE HELD AT 1400 HOURS ON 25TH DECEMBER 2021 THROUGH ZOOM

The Members of the Committee:

Prof (Dr) A K Saini	Chairman
Dr R R Deshmukh	Co-Chairman
Dr K Seetha Ram Babu	Member
Dr D S Bormane	Member
Dr M H Kori	Member
Dr Shiv Kumar	Member
Shri Parag Walinjkar	Member

Secretariat:

Mrs Sandeep Kaur Mangat	Asstt Secy
Shri M P Kesarwani	Member Staff
Shri Sanjay Setia	Member Staff

The following member was unable to attend
Prof Dr (Mrs) Ashwnini Kunte Member

ITEM-1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 3RD (2020-21) MEETING OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE HELD ON 30TH JULY 2021 THROUGH ZOOM

1.1 The Minutes of the 3rd (2020-21) Meeting of the Publication Committee stand approved as no comments were received.

ITEM-2 ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING AND PROGRESS MADE

2.1 Automated Reviewing Certificates & Few Relevant Issues. The Chairman stated that the T&F had been asked to configure the system to automatically generate e-certificates rather than sending them in response to individual peer reviewer requests. According to T&F's response, automation is contingent on S1M system updates, which would enable them to automatically send reviewer certificates. As a result, the current method of providing certificates in response to requests will continue until further time.

2.1.1 The Chairman stated that T&F has brought the issue of plastic on IETE's journals to the attention of the organisation. IETE stated in its response that it uses the bare minimum amount

of plastic lamination on the covers of its journals and envelopes, which was necessary given that IETE does not provide replacement copies for damaged copies. T&F acknowledges the IETE's discretion in distributing copies. They would, however, like IETE to join their plastic-free initiative, which entails a slight risk of damaged copies during the postal process.

2.1.2 Regarding T&F's request to have all content removed from the outside back cover (C4) of IETE journals, IETE informed T&F that, in accordance with the RNI mandate, the imprint line at the bottom and the RNI Registration number at the header must appear on all C4 pages of all publications, and that leaving the middle section blank for subscribers who subscribe for multiple copies would incur additional operational and financial costs. As a result, no modifications to this request are currently possible.

2.2 **Procuring Advertisements for IETE Publications.** It was informed that IETE Publications has begun contacting all potentially relevant sources to solicit advertisements. Additionally, they are contacting any members who have volunteered to assist with this subject.

2.3 **Seeking more Articles in IETE JE.** An email soliciting contributions to the IETE Journal of Education was sent to a select group of Governing Council members. In response, the IETE Journal of Education received following submissions for the January-July 2022 issue:-

SI No	Paper ID	Titled	Author(s)	Status
1	TIJE-2021-0053	Antenna Design requirements for modern compact devices	Karthikeya G. S and Shibani Koul	Under review
2	TIJE-2021-0052	Automatic Pancreas Medical Image Segmentation by Deep Learning Bottom-Up Approach	Dr.S.N. Kakarwal & Pradip Paithane	Under review
3	TIJE-2021-0049	How to time Logic - Primer for Static Timing Analysis: Part I	Deekshith Krishnegowda	Under review
4	TIJE-2021-0042	Design and Fabrication of and Electric Two Wheeler for last Mile Urban Mobility	P. Rashmi and N. Prabhu Shankar	Under revision
5	TIJE-2021-0035	Cyber Ethical Behavior among Digital Natives...	Ranie B. Canlas and Reymond Q. Fajardo	Under revision
6	TIJE-2021-0011	Making Residential Houses Healthy Using Indigenous Microprocessor VEGA ET 1031	Akshit Kumar , Arjun Thappa and Soliya Showkat	Under revision
7	TIJE-2021-0054	Intelligent Reflecting surfaces Modelling Characteristics and Applications	Dr Venkateshwara and Charu Jain	Under revision

2.4 The Committee noted the information and after examining all of the facts, made the following recommendations:-

- (a) Advertisements requesting information be prominently displayed on the IETE website and in IETE publications.

(b) To examine the feasibility of advertising on the home page of IETE journals on the T&F platform. (However, it was stated that the circulation of IETE journals was relatively low, whereas journals with 50,000 page impressions per month (or more) were commercially viable. However, the Committee desired a re-examination of this subject.)

(c) A letter is sent to all Governing Council members, Centre Chairpersons, ORG Members, and ISF Colleges soliciting articles for the IETE Journal of Education. Additionally, the IETE Newsletter will feature a call for papers for the IETE Journal of Education.

2.5 This is information of Governing Council.

ITEM-3 PUBLISHING SCHEDULE OF IETE PUBLICATIONS

3.1 The Committee was informed of the latest IETE Journals which were in following stages:-

Publications	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
IETE Newsletter	Vol 23 No 2 (May-Aug) despatched				Vol 23 No 3 (Sep-Dec) under Compilation			
IETE Jour of Res					Vol 67 No 5 despatched		Vol 67 No 6 under final stage of publishing online	
IETE Tech Review					Vol 38 No 5 despatched		Vol 38 No 6 under final stage of publishing online	
IETE Jour of Edu	Vol 62 No 1 despatched		Vol 62 No 2 under final stage of publishing online					

3.2 The Committee was informed that in 2021, there have been a total of 407 subscribers, down from 418 in 2020; whereas the number of e-subscribers increased to 27 in 2021 from 20 in 2020.

3.3 It was informed that the Editorial Board of IETE Technical Review has been expanded by six new members: Prof Vikram M Gadre, Dept of EE, IIT Bombay; Dr Indrani Kar, Dept of EEE, IIT Guwahati; Dr Zakir H Rather, Dept of Energy Science and Engineering Dept, IIT Bombay; Dr Rahul Sharma, School of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering, University of Queensland, St Lucia; Dr Santanu Kapat, Dept of EE, IIT Kharagpur; and Dr Anandarup Das, Dept of EE, IIT Delhi. There are a total of 37 editorial board members on the IETE Technical Review and 33 on the IETE Journal of Research.

3.4 The Committee members praised the publication section for delivering timely publications and managing tasks efficiently.

3.5 This is for the information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-4 REVENUE GENERATED FROM THE SECTION

4.1 According to previous practice, the income collected in 2021 against revenue accrued in previous years, shown was as follows:-

Particulars	Amount (Rs) 2022 (as on 23 Dec 21)	Amount (Rs) 2021	Amount (Rs) 2020 (Jan-Dec)	Amount (Rs) 2019 (Jan- Dec)
Subscription	1,70,300.00	22,76,375.00 (as on 10 Dec 2021)	21,84,950.00	29,70,495.00
Extra page charges (Jan-Dec)		12,63,539.00 (as on 22 Dec 2021)	6,99,116.00	10,73,875.00
Grant-in-Aid (DST) (TR/JR)	3,00,000.00 (TR) JR- Grant awaited	5,00,000.00 (for JR-2 lakhs ; TR- 3 lakhs)	4,00,000.00 (for TR/JR)	4,00,000.00 (for TR)
Royalty (Prof SC Dutta Roy's Books) Total revenue from Books recd as on 31 st Mar 2021 CSSP : Initial Amt - 74,439.77 Royalty - 41,129.00 SP: Initial Amt - 69,166.28 Royalty - 25,184.81 <u>2,09,919.86</u> =====		CSSP 6,326.00 (Royalty for 2020) Rcvd on 18-3- 2021 SP 9,441.06 (Royalty for 2020) Rcvd on 18-3-2021	CSSP 16,877.57 (Royalty for 2019) Rcvd on 28-4-2020 SP 15,743.75 (Royalty for 2019) Rcvd on 28-4-2020	SP 69166.00
Royalty (NBT, Robot & Robotics)		39,088.00 (2/3 given to author)	53,205.00 (2/3 given to author)	18157.00
Royalty on IETE Publications from T&F for previous year		4,28,386.00 (Rcvd on 12 th Feb 2021)	3,65,444.00 (Rcvd on 2 nd Mar 2020)	4,57,289.00
Editorial Fund rcvd from T&F for the year mentioned above		3,56,495.00	3,48,250.00	2,13,995.00
Advertisement		10,500.00	63,000.00	
Total	4,70,300.00	48,90,150.06	41,46,586.32	52,02,977.00

4.2 The subscription amount for year 2022 informed was Rs 1,70,300/- (One lakh seventy thousand and three hundred rupees) till 23 Dec 2021.

4.3 The Committee took note of the above, but requested that the existing list of paid subscribers be shared for everyone's benefit, so that colleges from various regions, if not covered by the list, and Committee members, if they know them, can be approached to subscribe to IETE journals.

4.4 This is information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-5 GRANT-IN-AID FROM SERB (DST) FOR IETE JR AND IETE TR

5.1 The Chairman informed the Committee members that the Scientific & Engineering Research Board (DST), Government of India, had approved Rs 3 lakhs in aid for printing the IETE Technical Review 2020-21, which had been delayed due to the ongoing pandemic and was given due to IETE's regular follow-up. IETE Publications has now successfully raised an additional Rs 3 lakhs for the journal's recently submitted 2021-22 proposal.

5.2 Similarly, a proposal for a grant in aid for the printing of the IETE Journal of Research for the year 2021-22 has been submitted and is awaiting DST approval.

5.3 This is for the information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-6 STATUS OF RNI RENEWAL CERTIFICATES FOR IETE PUBLICATIONS

6.1 The Chairman informed the Committee members that the long-awaited RNI certificates for three IETE publications, namely IETE Technical Review, IETE Journal of Education, and IETE Newsletter, had been received from the Registrar of Newspapers, Govt of India, in the name of the IETE's former Secretary General, Col Dipanker Sen, while the RNI certificate for IETE Journal of Research remains pending.

6.2 The renewal process for these most recent RNI certificates will begin once the pending certificate is received (IETEJR), which means that the Secretary General's name will now be changed from Col Dipanker Sen to Gp Capt Sonpal Singh (Retd), the institution's newly appointed Secretary General, w.e.f. 01 December 2021.

6.3 This is for the information of Governing Council.

ITEM-7 EXTENSION OF PRINTING CONTRACT

7.1 It was informed that the contract with M/s Dolphin Printo Graphics for the printing of IETE Journals/Newsletters would expire on 30 June 2022 and their current rates for printing IETE Publications were as follows:-

Sl No	Specification of Publications	No of Copies	Rate per copy	No of pages
1	IETE Technical Review	473	103.70+12%GST Including cover page	122
2	IETE Journal of Research	487	91.20+12%GST Including cover page	114
3	IETE Journal of Education	276	63.50 +12%GST Including cover page	50
4	IETE Newsletter	70	310+12%GST	32

7.2 After careful consideration, the Committee recommended that the printing contract with M/s Dolphin Printo Graphics be extended from 01 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, owing to the vendor's excellent service. Additionally, it was discussed that as IETE would be applying for renewals in RNI applications using updated data, the printer's name must remain static to facilitate the processing of IETE forms. Therefore, it was recommended that the Vendor be requested to carry on at the same rate for the same work.

7.3 The number of copies to be printed per publication next year would vary based on the number of new paid subscriptions received, with a 10% margin for anticipated copies for the entire year of 2022, as previously approved at meetings.

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

ITEM-8 STATUS OF SPECIAL /SUPPLEMENT ISSUES IN IETE JR

8.1 The status of the Special/ Supplement Issues in IETE Journal of Research informed was as follows:-

Sr No.	Type of issue	Name of the Issue	Status	Publishing schedule
1	Special Issue(unpaid issue)	"International Conference in Tech, Mgmt & Design for achieving Sustainable Development Goals (ICSDG-2020)	Already printed & despached	Sep-Oct 2021 issue
2.	Supplement issue @ US\$ 1350 per accepted article on sharing basis with T&F	"Machine Learning for Energy Efficient Electronic Circuits and Computing Systems"	Articles submitted- 37. Accepted -12. Rejected -8. Withdrawal- 2 Under review-15	Will be published online as and when completed
3.	Supplement issue@ US\$ 1500 per accepted article on sharing basis with T&F	"Federated Learning for Blockchain Systems and Industrial Internet of Things"	Articles submitted- 23. Accepted-6, Rejected -3. Under review- 14.	Will be published online as and when completed

8.2 The deadline for submissions in the Supplement issue, "Federated Learning for Blockchain Systems and the Industrial Internet of Things," has been extended from December 31, 2021 to

January 31, 2022, as per the Guest Editor's request. T&F was notified, and they agreed to extend and update the website dates as well.

8.3 This is for the information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-9 MEETINGS FOR OUTSTANDING ISSUES IN PUBLICATIONS

9.1 The Chairman informed the Committee members of an internal meeting held on 21 Nov 2021 with the Co-Chair, Prof Hoda, and the Secretary General of IETE to bring several critical points to the attention of the local Members. The following topics were debated: -

- (a) IETE and T&F Revenue Sharing of APC Fees for IETE Journal Supplement Issues.
- (b) Peer review turnaround times in IETE journals.
- (c) Review of the current IETE Publishing Agreement.
- (d) Discussion in light of Prof Koul's recent comments indicating his decision to resign from the position of EIC IETEJR.
- (e) Methods for publishing backlog in IETE Journals more quickly.

9.2 Following discussion, it was decided to convene an urgent meeting with T&F to obtain clarification on the issues impeding the progress of IETE Publications. Additionally, the Chairman informed that he spoke with Prof S K Koul and convinced him to continue as EIC, IETEJR. It was promised that the Publications section would be strengthened and that exclusive staff would be assigned to monitor IETE JR.

9.3 The Chairman told the Committee members that a meeting with T&F was then held on 13 December 2021 at 5 pm (IST) and included the Chair, Co-Chair, Prof Hoda, and Secretary General of IETE, as well as Prof S K Koul, EIC IETE Journal of Research, Alexa Flood, T&F's Global Portfolio Head for IETE Journals, and Richard Delahunty, T&F's Global Portfolio Director.

9.4 Points discussed are attached at Annexure "A". The discussions were amicable. The exact outcome of the negotiations however, will only be known, after T&F returns from their Christmas vacation. But as discussed, IETE provided its perspectives and potential solutions on the unresolved issues following the meeting. (Email attached as Annexure-"B.")

9.5 This is for the information of Governing Council.

ITEM-10 INCREASE IN SUBSCRIPTION RATES AND EXTRA PAGE CHARGES FOR IETE PUBLICATIONS

10.1 The Chairman informed Committee Members that the new rates for IETE journals have been announced and publicized via IETE journals and the IETE website in accordance with the Governing Council's 4th (2020-21) meeting decision of 07 August 2021. Around 28 subscriptions at the new rates (totaling Rs 1,70,300) have already been received, and two e-subscribers have been added to the list for the year 2022.

10.2 Discounts for multi-year subscriptions have also been publicized, with only one query received for a five-year subscription.

10.3 Additionally, increased rates for additional pages beyond the standard page length of articles published in IETE Journals have been announced, i.e, from Rs 1000 to Rs 2000 for Indian authors and from US\$ 50 to US\$ 75 for foreign authors.

10.4 This is for the information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-11 ANY OTHER POINT WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

11.1 It was unanimously decided that

- (a) Beginning with the next meeting, all EICs would be invited to Committee Meetings to provide expert advice on various IETE Publications issues.
- (b) Guidelines for Special Issues / Supplement Issues in IETE Journals be put on www.iete.org after receiving clarifications from T&F regarding the terms & conditions agreed to.
- (c) To prioritise determining how to get IETE Conference papers/papers presented at flagship events published, either in IETE Journals or on a separate digital platform. Additionally, previously established guidelines for the IETE Digital Library 'IETE Horizon' should be shared with Committee Members.

11.2 This is the approval of the Governing Council.

ITEM-12 VOTE OF THANKS

12.1 The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Ref: IETE/J-266/1st (2021-22)/PUBS
Date: 10 Jan 2022


Gp Capt Sonpal Singh, (Retd)
Secretary General

Distribution:
Chairman and Members of the Publications Committee
President and Members of the Governing Council

(Refers to Para 9.4)

Annexure-"A"

1. IETE and T&F Revenue Sharing of APC Fees for IETE Journal Supplement Issues.

Issue(s)	IETE	T&F	Decision arrived at
1. APC(Article processing charges) Fee Revenue Allocation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prior Supplement Issue agreements allocated <u>50% of revenue collection to IETE.</u>- Delays in processing the present agreements are affecting IETE's standing and causing it to lose out on good proposals.- Issues in Progress -2- Proposals in hand but response awaited from proposers -5- lost opportunities -3- Yet to be approved by EIC-2	The revenue from the supplement would count towards the journal's total revenue and a <u>portion would be returned to IETE in line with the royalty terms.</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <u>Agreements of Supplementary Issues in hand to be revised & signed.</u>		
2. Publishing agreement due for review	The current Publishing agreement is due for review in 2021; <u>any necessary changes can be made now.</u>		

2. Peer review turnaround times for IETE journals.

Issue(s)	IETE	T&F	Remarks
1. Point reviewed during the T&F meeting in March 2021.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <u>Average speed of article publication needs to be improved</u> (submission time from first decision to final decision and then online publication)- <u>Mechanisms & processes should be devised and proposed deadlines integrated into the S1M</u> such that after the due date, the article is unassigned from the Editor/reviewer via a courteous email and another expert is picked to complete the assignment.	Assured assistance in the development of some sort of mechanism	

3. Support provision at the T&F Delhi office.

Issue(s)	IETE	T&F	Remarks
2. Point reviewed during the T&F meeting in March 2021.	Need for Contact person at T&F Delhi Office	Assured to provide one shortly	-
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4. Increase in the page budget of IETE Journal of Education from 100 to 150 pages/ year.

Issue(s)	IETE	T&F	Remarks
Present Page Budget- 100	EIC desires it to be increased to 150	Will be addressed in 2023, as page budget planning for 2022 has already been completed.	-

5. Methods for expediting the publication of online published article backlog.

Issue(s)	IETE	T&F	Remarks																
TIJR published papers in Backlogs: - 929 articles (10,851 pages) in IETEJR ready to be assigned to the issues	IETE will pursue any feasible solution for resolving the massive backlog.	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4">BACKLOG REDUCTION</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Total Backlog reduction target</th> <th>2022 Backlog pages to be published</th> <th>2023 Backlog pages to be published</th> <th>2024 Backlog pages to be published</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>9800</td> <td>3267</td> <td>3267</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>658</td> <td>658</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	BACKLOG REDUCTION				Total Backlog reduction target	2022 Backlog pages to be published	2023 Backlog pages to be published	2024 Backlog pages to be published	9800	3267	3267	3	658	658			-
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(Refers to Para 9.4)

Annexure-B

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Flood, Alexa <Alexa.Flood@taylorandfrancis.com>

Date: Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 3:09 AM

Subject: RE: T&F and IETE journals discussion

To: A.K Saini <aksaini1960@gmail.com>, Delahunty, Richard <Richard.Delahunty@tandf.co.uk>

Cc: Prof Shibhan K Koul <shiban_koul@hotmail.com>, secretary general IETE <sec.gen.iete@gmail.com>, 2.

Prof M N Hoda <mca@bvicam.ac.in>, Prof. Ratnadeep Deshmukh <rrdeshmukh.csit@bamu.ac.in>,

Ratnadeep Deshmukh <ratnadeep_deshmukh@yahoo.co.in>

Dear A K,

Thank you very much for providing this detailed summary of our meeting. I agree it was great for all of us to speak together on these issues.

Richard and I are both out of the office now for a couple of weeks. When we return in January, I will follow up with you in order to progress these matters.

Thank you in advance for your patience, and I wish you a very happy new year!

Best,

Alexa

From: A.K Saini <aksaini1960@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 1:06 PM

To: Flood, Alexa <Alexa.Flood@taylorandfrancis.com>; Delahunty, Richard <Richard.Delahunty@tandf.co.uk>

Cc: Prof Shibhan K Koul <shiban_koul@hotmail.com>; secretary general IETE <sec.gen.iete@gmail.com>; 2. Prof M N

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Subject: Re: T&F and IETE journals discussion

Dear Alexa,

We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to you, Richard and Prof Koul for volunteering your time and expertise to assist IETE in resolving a few outstanding issues that were impeding our daily work.

Yesterday's online meeting produced a more positive outcome than our regular email communication. We appreciate Prof Koul's brilliant middle-ground solutions, which, if implemented, could benefit both parties.

- Consequently, IETE proposes the following few prepositions in relation to our most contentious issue, the revenue sharing percentage for Supplement issues of IETE journals.

1- IETE and T&F both adhere to the previous pattern of 50 percent revenue sharing with a minimum of ten articles in each agreement. This would be the most agreeable format for us because this way IETE could impose restrictions without any guilt on the papers that arrive and pile up, thereby increasing the backlog and preventing our efforts to reduce it. IETE journals are not financially supported, and you are all aware of our subscription rates. However, we would like to add here that, as we previously stated, IETE will increase the additional page charges and subscription rates beginning in 2022, but according to Prof Koul, that increase was insufficient and should be increased again.

2- IETE is also prepared to alter the page length and provide T&F with sufficient material to publish a supplement of at least 15 or 18 or 20 articles, as T&F determines. We already bear the costs associated with soliciting, collecting, peer reviewing, editing, and compiling these works.

3. Since IETE and T&F have agreed to co-publish our journals for a minimum of five years beginning in 2019, and this Agreement will automatically renew for an additional three years, unless either party provides the other party with a twelve-month written notice of its intention not to renew or revise this agreement prior to the expiration of the renewal term. Additionally, the Agreement states that in 2021, both parties will review the terms of the agreement for 2022 and 2023, based on the journal's performance. As a result, we wish that the clauses governing the control of Supplement agreement in *the main publishing agreement be amended to allow IETE to retain a 50% stake in revenue collection from Supplement agreements*. Though IETE believes that Supplement issues are excluded from the Royalty terms specified in our primary Co-Publishing Agreements because they include only those paid supplements to the journal that are not open access. Additionally, IETE's Supplement Issue is open access and is subject to a separate assessment by both parties.

4. Getting the share vide Royalty clause of the primary Co-Publishing agreement, it would be disadvantageous to IETE after it has assumed all roles & responsibilities for OA SI. We have already accumulated 21 articles that have been accepted by the EIC/ GEs for publication in IETEJR under the agreed-upon OA SI entitled, "Machine Learning for Energy Efficient Electronic Circuits and Computing Systems" of Dr Alireza Souri. There are 6 additional articles in it that are currently undergoing peer review. Similarly, another ongoing OA SI of Dr Dhiman, titled, "Federated Learning for Blockchain-based Industrial Internet of Things Systems", has 5 accepted articles and 14 are still undergoing peer review.

Additionally, I'd like to share that we have four proposals awaiting approval response from proposers regarding the amount to be paid, excluding two proposals that are awaiting EIC approval, while three opportunities have been wasted in the process of finalizing this issue.

As a result, opposing this influx of funds via IETE Supplement issues will be detrimental to both parties.

- Peer review turnaround times for IETE journals. - The point was reviewed during the T&F meeting in March 2021. IETE wants the average speed of article publication needs to be improved (Time from submission to first decision to final decision and then online publication); Mechanisms & processes should be devised and proposed deadlines integrated into the S1M such that after the due date, the article is unassigned from the Editor/reviewer via a courteous email and another expert is picked to complete the assignment.

- **Support provision at the T&F Delhi office-** We are pleased to learn that we will now have a single dedicated point of contact for all editorial-related inquiries previously handled by Vikram from the Delhi office.
- **Increase in the page budget of IETE Journal of Education from 100 to 150 pages/ year:** This request is subject to review and adjustment beginning in 2023, as the schedule for 2022 has already been released.
- **Methods for expediting the publication of online published article backlog:** Though you have already shared your plan for reducing the backlog, Prof Koul wants that this backlog be accommodated and published within two years at the most. Could we consider any other possibilities?

We appreciate your time and consideration and look forward to receiving your feedback and resolutions that will assist us in moving this equitable relationship forward in a more beneficial direction.

Best Regards and Wishing you a very happy and merry Christmas.

A K Saini