Let's Publish Your Paper through Prompt Electronic Media in English “ComEX”

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One of global academic activities by IEICE Communications Society (IEICE ComSoc) is to promote R&D activities on ICT through the publication of IEICE Communications Express (ELEX) and IEICE Express, an electronic media for prompt paper publication on the Web. It has been evolved with continuous service improvement since it was set up in 2012, to provide world level papers with excellent quality for the general readers over the world. I would like to summarize the background and current situation of the media as Editor-in-Chief, Editorial Committee of ComEX, so that ComEX will be more familiar to you and useful for the earlier publication of your papers with less loss of time. The homepage of ComEX is available at http://www.comex.ieice.org/index.html. Your access and paper submission are welcome.

Background
For the priority reservation of papers in the worldwide competitive R&D environment, IEICE Communications Society decided to launch the new online journal of English Letters, ComEX. The first edition of ComEX came forward in March, 2012 and successfully published on June 1, 2012 (Please refer to the prior article at http://www.ieice.org/eng/global_plaza/2013/07.html). Simultaneously, IEICE ComSoc terminated the category of Letters in the monthly IEICE Transactions on Communications. Thus, ComEX had the role of early publication and priority reservation in the field of communication technologies. In comparison with the other on-line journals like IEICE Electronics Express (ELEX), ComEX is based on the same scheme of early publication as in ELEX but ComEX is independent of any other journals to make easy and promote the paper submission.

The Editorial Board of ComEX created the scheme of annual “ComEX Best Letter Award” to encourage world general researchers toward their early publication. The first paper selection was completed in the beginning of 2014 and the Letter entitled “Simple analytical method for wireless distributed networks considering contending and hidden nodes” submitted by Dr. Hiraku Okada and Prof. Kenichi Mase (ComEX, vol. 1, no. 3, pp. 101-106, 2012) was selected as the Award winner out of many Letters published from June 2012 to the annual terminal month for the Award screening, September 2013. You can download the abstract or the whole paper at http://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/article/comex/1-3/1_101/_article.

Advantages of ComEX
The features of ComEX in paper submission are summarized as:
1. Papers are published immediately after acceptance. The 50% of authors received the notification within 20 days after submission.
2. All the published papers are archived on the Web page of ComEX and anyone can access each of them.
3. Papers with multimedia files including movie files can be published.
4. Papers are attached with Digital Object Identifier (DOI) so that anyone can access the paper of interest from all over the world.
Additionally, all the materials contained in the first several years will be free of charge for anyone to read, download or print out the paper of interest on the Web.

Current Trend of Contributions
Before the drastic change of publication scheme in the monthly Transaction in English in 2012, the ratio of Letters included in each volume of the Transaction had reached around the half of all papers. However, the number of Letters in ComEX doesn’t reach the former situation of paper submission yet. It will be required to not only intensify the advertisement of ComEX but also improve the citation of Letters published in ComEX. Since the Editorial Committee of ComEX already applied to the Science Citation Index Expanded (SCI) service managed by Thomson Reuters Professional Ltd., after the publication, we hope ComEX will come out in the authorized journal list in due course and be more attractive to general researchers and students over the world in submitting their papers. Additionally, IEICE launched the IEICE Knowledge Discovery (I-Scover) which would be a global scale of database for the free-of-charge search of published papers including letters across multiple publications of IEICE, so that it will be much effective for the enhancement of citation index to the authors. (See the issue at http://www.ieice.org/eng/global_plaza/2013/08.html)

Evolving Prompt Publication System
The Letters in ComEX are classified into the three categories:
- Prompt report of research results in real time
- Discussion through Letters
- Problem statement
Especially, the first category will lead a great advantage of priority reservation for authors that they can publish their R&D results without time-lag in the growing competitive R&D environment.
For the categories, ComEX has kept the following rules:
- To authors
  (1) Specified format in paper description
  Any manuscripts to ComEX can be submitted only on the ComEX Web site, through a specified LaTeX form or Microsoft Word template.
- To Editors
  (2) Limited size of manuscript
  The allowable size of manuscript does not exceed six pages of an A4-sized PDF file in principle. The first page must contain the paper title, author list, affiliation (s), 100-word abstract, keywords and reference list. The size of the main text is limited to approximately less than 1,500 words and 3 additional figures or tables.
- To Reviewers
  (3) Early circulation of publication with excellent quality
  The early circulation of publication with excellent quality is the most important for both authors and readers. All the reviewers are requested to precisely examine manuscripts and report the review results in one week after the delivery of papers from the Editorial Committee. All manuscripts are evaluated to be either “Accepted” or “Rejected” without “Conditional acceptance” for publication.
- To Public Relations Officers
  (4) Updated Statistics of Editorial Works
  The updated trend of cumulative days required to review, notify the review results of either acceptance or rejection, and publish a manuscript has been surveyed during one and half year from March 2012 to November 2013. The result of this surveillance is summarized as follows:

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The 50% value of cumulative distribution of days required to review a paper in editorial works stands around 45 days. The most of the difference 25 days are required for the final editorial process just before printing and delivery.

The monthly number of paper submission stands on (72 + / − 49) paper submissions and the monthly number of published papers stands on (72 + / − 29) paper submissions. The ratio of accepted paper is 32.6% in average in 2012, and 39.8% in average in 2013. Since the quality of paper review has been kept to be constant, it means the quality enhancement of 39.8% in average in 2013. Sincethequalityofpaperreviewhas been kept to be constant, it means the quality enhancement of 39.8% in average in 2013. Since the quality of paper review has been kept to be constant, it means the quality enhancement of 39.8% in average in 2013.

### Hot Topics

#### 2014 IEICE Society Conference Will Be Held at University of Tokushima Josanjima Campus.

**IEICE TFIPP**

2014 IEICE Society Conference will be held at the University of Tokushima Josanjima Campus on September 23-26, 2014. It is located in Tokushima City, Shikoku Island, the south of Japan. The consecutive complete English Session BS−6 entitled “Network and Service Design, Control and Management” will be provided in the Conference. This Session was originally established by Technical Committee on Information Communication Management (ICM) of IEICE Communications Society in 2004 and it has been set up every year, without interruption. It has contributed to the globalization of IEICE through positive participation of international researchers and students staying in Japan adding to IEICE overseas members.

This Session will provide 36 English paper presentations in total to the participants during the four days of the Conference and take the initiative of useful discussion in English between the speakers and participants. The main topics covers wireless LANs and mobility issues, performance issues of wireless networks and ad-hoc networks, cloud computing, disaster recovery, disaster prevention, and next generation mobile network issues. The award will be given to the best papers in the Session. (Cf: [https://www.pakhh.com/ieicetfipp/](https://www.pakhh.com/ieicetfipp/))

### Call for Papers

**2015 IEICE Information and Communication Technology Forum “2015 IEICE ICTF” Will Be Set Up at Manchester in UK**

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The 2015 IEICE Information and Technology Forum (IEICE ICTF 2015) will be held in Manchester, United Kingdom on June 3-5, 2015. This event, now traditionally held every year, will be organized by IEICE Europe Section with the sponsorship of IEICE and VNU Journal of Computer Science and Communication Engineering (JSCCE). If any, please contact one of TPC Chairs, Assoc. Prof. X.T. Tran, IEICE ICTF 2015 TPC Chair via Internet at ttx@vnu.edu.vn

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