

IEEE-ES Publications

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This report covers activity from June 2017 to October 2017

1.- IEEE-RITA

The IEEE-RITA PRAC meeting was held in New Orleans on 9 February. The meeting was attended by EiC Martin Llamas, co-EiC Manuel Castro, the president of EdSoc Claudio da Rocha Brito and the secretary Melany Ciampi, and past president Jim Sluss through teleconference. Additional information was requested by the PRAC and was collected during February and March and finally presented in April. PRAC's final response was finally taken by the Periodicals Committee and TAB at the June 2017 IEEE OU meeting series, and it was satisfactory: PerCom requests that the periodical have the next review following the normal PRAC 5 year review cycle.

The final report approved by the Periodicals Committee and TAB include some recommendations that are being implemented:

- Specific guidelines are being developed in order to insure the consistency of the Spanish/Portuguese (S/P) and English versions of accepted papers.

Moreover, the publication of both papers is being synchronized and emphasized that the original paper is the English version one (IEEE-RITA) and the S/P (VAEP-RITA) is only an open version of this original paper. In this sense:

- a) The Open Version of the paper in S/P states in the footnote of the first page that this is a Spanish or Portuguese version of the corresponding paper of IEEE-RITA, including a link to this original paper.

- b) The way on how these open S/P papers are referenced (this is a key aspect in order to include IEEE-RITA in JCR Index): the reference is the original paper published in IEEE-RITA, including the link where the open S/P version is.

- c) The published paper in IEEE-RITA includes in its footnote of the first page the link to the open S/P version.

- Specific guidelines are being developed to insure that journal versions of conference papers contain expanded content.

- We (the EiC and co-EiC) finally could contact with the officer responsible of the JCR in IEEE and we hope that IEEE-RITA can be included in JCR next year 2018.

- The structure of IEEE-RITA is moving to a traditional one, with EiC and Associate Editors. It is being studied the implantation of a Steering Committee and the election of the EiC. This would be done after the inclusion of IEEE-RITA in the JCR Index. For example, if IEEE-RITA is included in JCR next year 2018, the constitution of the Steering Committee and the launching of the new EiC would be during 2019 in order to start the term of the new EiC at the beginning of 2020.

- IEEE-RITA has a very low-cost open access publication for the original S/P (currently is 150 euros) as recognized by the PC and TAB. It is being studied the possibility of cover this low-cost fare with the surplus of IEEE-RITA, starting in the first phase with the papers whose authors come from latin-american institutions.

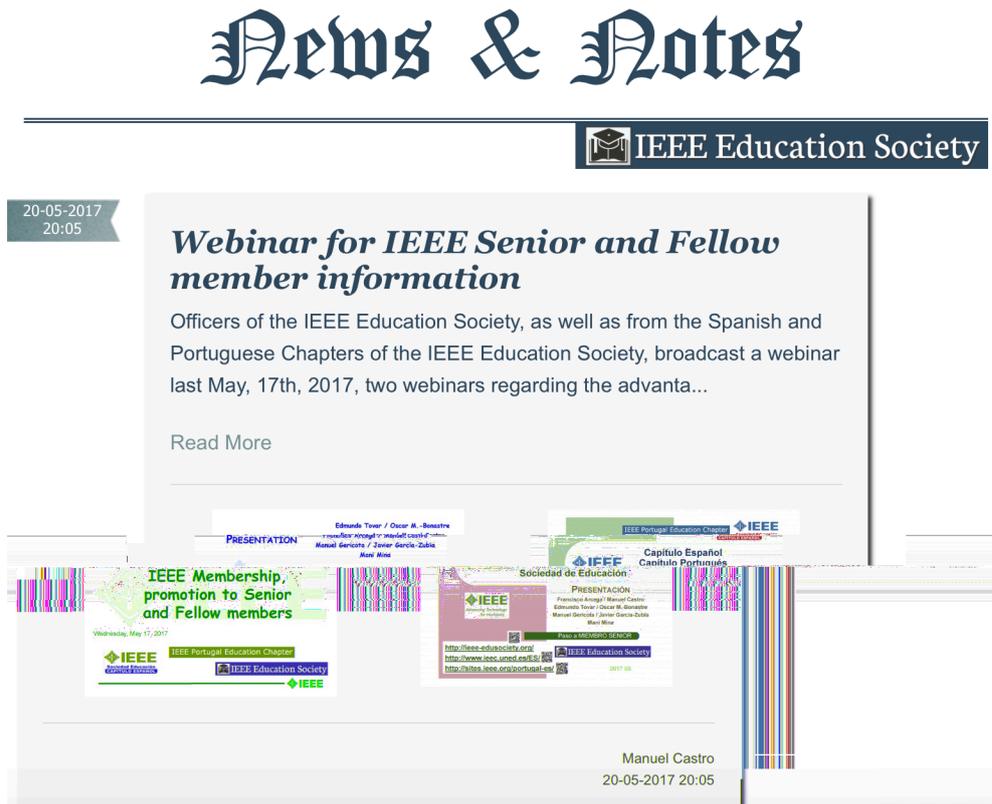
- It is being examined the possibility of submissions of papers in English. At the moment, it is only for extensions of papers published in English in Conference Proceedings. In this case there will be an S/P version of the paper.

- The migration to ScholarOne has finished and all reviews on IEEE-RITA are operating completely through ScholarOne. There are some problems ought to the characteristics of IEEE-RITA papers (two versions of the same paper) that are being fixed.

2.- News & Notes

The new News & Notes has successfully tested and is being integrated on the EdSoc website. It was designed to facilitate the introduction of news by the editors and so to show the several activities of the EdSoc throughout the world. The objective now is to select at least one editor for each continent. Volunteers are welcome!

Here is a screenshot of the new News&Notes:



3.- IEEE-TLT (Transactions on Learning Technologies)

The details of the economic situation were presented in the June2017 report, and the process of integration of this journal will finish at the end of this year. EdSoc has approved a 100 extra pages for this year (\$5,467.50) in order to reduce the backlog.

As this journal was initially cosponsored by EdSoc (40%) and Computer Society (60%), it was decided to maintain the Steering Committee with one member of the Computer Society, one non-vote member of the Circuits and Systems Society and four members of the Education Society. The current members by the Education Society are Edmundo Tovar and Hamadou Saliah-Hassane. So, other two members will be covered by the EdSoc and other member by the Computer Society. Before the end of this year the new Steering Committee will be completed. The addendum and the SC-Charter documents are attached to this report. The modifications with respect the original are put in red. Comments and suggestions are welcome. The Steering Committee will be the responsible of the selection of the new EiC of IEEE-TLT (the current term expires in December 31, 2018).

4.- IEEE TE (Transactions on Education)

The current term of the EiC (Jeff Froyd) expires next year (October 23, 2018), so the EdSoc has to think about the selection process of the new EiC. The idea is that the TE can have a Steering Committee as the IEEE-TLT whose main functions would be similar to the TLT one: reporting, nominations for EiC, and Editorial Board. The TE-SC will be constituted before the end of this year 2017, in order to start the election process of the new EiC.

4.- IEEE-ITEE (old IEEE-MEEM)

It seems that this journal is not working. I think that the EdSoc has to open a reflection period about the convenience of the survival of this journal.

5.- LACCEI

I attended last LACCEI in Boca Ratón, FL, USA, July 2017. I attended a meeting with the guest editors of LACCEI in IEEE-RITA in order to a better coordination in the special issues of LACCEI in IEEE-RITA, and also attended a meeting with LACCEI officers in order to improve the collaboration between both institutions.