

Print Edition of the Transactions to Stop Publication

The IEICE Transactions first became available in electronic format in August 1999. Since April 2006 individual members have received access to the online edition, the print edition being optional. In April

2009 Institutional Members began being granted a site license. As a result the Transactions are now generally read online, and ever fewer members request the optional print edition. At present the IEICE is taking steps to enhance services for users and improve online access to academic information. These include developing IEICE Knowledge Discovery (I-Scover), a new system for searching publications, and overhauling the existing system for refereeing and publishing articles.

With the gradual diminution in our membership base due to, among other factors, Japan's declining population, it will be essential to concentrate resources effectively in order to support the Institute's activities.

As one means to that end, the Board of Directors decided, in its meeting of April 15, 2013, to stop publishing the print edition of the Transactions from the April issue 2014. Members who still take the print edition will be asked to read the online edition instead.

We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.

Reprints from the Transactions will still be printed.