--------- Joint Special Section on Opto-electronics and Communications for Future Optical Network ---------

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The purpose of this Special Section is to present a collection of original papers that give an overview of current progress of research, development, and applications of optical communication systems and optoelectronics. Submission of the paper presented at OECC/PSC 2022 is strongly encouraged. However, presentation of the paper at OECC/PSC 2022 is not mandatory for its inclusion in this Special Section. Presentation at the Conference does not ensure the acceptance of the paper. Note that the regular reviewing process will be performed for this Special Section.

1. Scope
The major topics of interest include:

- Core/Access/Data Center Networks and Subsystems (O1)
- Transmission Systems and Subsystems (O2)
- Optical Fibers, Cables and Fiber Devices (O3)
- Optical Active Devices and Modules (O4)
- Optical Passive Devices and Modules (O5)
- Photonic Switching Devices, Systems, and Networks (P1)
- Photonics for Computing and Deep Learning Applications (P2)

Papers in categories O1, O2, O3, P1 and P2 should be submitted to The IEICE Transactions on Communications, and papers in categories O4 and O5 to The IEICE Transactions on Electronics.

2. Submission Instructions
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