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The IEICE will celebrate its 100th anniversary on May 1, 2017. Science and technology in the fields of electronics, information, and communication have changed significantly over the last 100 years, particularly since the advent of the Internet, which has enabled science and technology to transcend national borders, thereby accelerating globalization of our community. Toward the anniversary, the IEICE has been addressing interdisciplinary activities, new social value creation, and institutional reformation targeting reinforcement of IEICE’s international status, in order to enhance our activities. Open access publishing of Transactions is one of our considerations. It will allow people in any country to read articles free of charge. This should lead to a significant increase in circulation and improvement of the quality of not only IEICE Transactions but also interdisciplinary activities and new social value creation. It is also expected that expansion of the IEICE and a consequent increase in its international visibility will advance all activities of the institute. As an important step toward such advances, the Information and Systems Society, which has examined the issues ahead of other IEICE Societies, will initiate open access publishing* of “IEICE Transactions on Information and Systems” in January, 2017. Through this pre-trial, we will validate the effectiveness of open access publishing, together with its effects on society finances.

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