

# Announcement

EVER-INCREASING costs for printing and mailing and virtually fixed income have caused the MTT Society to adopt a modified page-charge policy similar to that of the American Institute of Physics.

Henceforth, each issue of the MTT-S TRANSACTIONS will have a budgeted minimum percentage of pages for which page charges must be paid. The remainder of each issue is allocated to papers whose charges are not honored. Thus on completion of the review cycle a paper whose supporting organization agrees to pay page charges will be placed in the next scheduled issue. A paper whose supporting organization is unable or unwilling to pay page charges will be placed in the next issue for which "free" space is available. A waiting list for such papers will be maintained, and papers will be published in order of clearance of the review cycle as governed by available space in the free quota.

Page charges will remain voluntary for papers whose length is 5 printed pages or less, and if the supporting organization agrees to honor the page charges, the author will receive 100 free reprints of his paper. For overlength papers (papers exceeding 5 printed pages), there is now a mandatory page charge of \$100/page for the pages in excess of 5. The author of an overlength paper has three alternatives.

1) If the author's supporting organization agrees to honor the total page charge, which includes the voluntary charge on the first 5 pages plus the mandatory charge for the excess pages, then the *author will receive 100 free reprints of his paper.*

2) If the supporting organization will honor only the mandatory portion of the page charge, then no reprints will be sent.

3) If page charges cannot be honored, then the paper will be placed on the waiting list until "free" space is available. The author will be encouraged to reduce his paper to the 5-page limit. In the case of exceptional papers and extenuating circumstances the Editor will have the right to waive the mandatory page charges.

In order to implement this new policy, a letter from the Business Editor will accompany the letter of acceptance sent by the Transactions Editor to the author. This letter will give the approximate length of his paper, list the associated voluntary and/or mandatory page charges, and have a space where the author can indicate his intent to honor or not honor page charges. The letter from the Business Editor must be signed and returned to the Business Editor so that he can initiate billing procedures and the Transactions Editor can properly budget the TRANSACTIONS' pages.

It should be emphasized that the review and acceptance of a paper is in no way influenced by page-charge payment. All papers judged technically meritorious will be published, subject only to the overlength paper restrictions already discussed.

These policy changes will enable the MTT-S TRANSACTIONS to remain on a firm financial footing.

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